My dear Friends,

Easter this year comes at a very awkward time for the magazine both in publishing the issue and in the contents. You will find that on this occasion you will not have received the magazine until after the first Sunday in April (normally it is always published in time for the first Sunday in the month) - this is something I do not like but sometimes it cannot be helped at holiday times such as Christmas and Easter.

Secondly some events which happen too late for this issue will be very stale news by the time the May magazine is in your hands. So may I, in advance, thank all those who gave lilies at Easter and all our many decorators both at Bere Regis and Winterbourne Kingston who by their so freely given efforts adorned our Churches for the lovely Easter Festival.

I will not say anything about the Annual Church Meeting as I hope a report of this may appear next month.

I am glad to know that the Youth Club has made a new start, and are making such a good effort in raising money to acquire their own room. Congratulations to all those young people who made such a success of the Salisbury walk. It cost a lot of us who were sponsors a good deal of money! but was a real joy to see the youth of the village really doing something worthwhile for themselves. Congratulations also I think to Mr. Seymour who organised it and instilled the enthusiasm into the members.

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Archdeacon Maddock who, as I expect you have heard, is to be Consecrated the Bishop of Dunwich in Suffolk at St. Paul's Cathedral on June 29th. May God bless him as he takes up his so important a task.

Finally, but by no means least, our most grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Rawbone who have very generously presented to the Church two most beautiful Festival offertory bags. These were used for the first time on Easter Sunday and we are all most grateful for a lovely gift.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
Paul Tranter.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

April 2nd.  Mrs. Janes  Mrs. Poore
April 9th.  Mrs. Carter Jones  Mrs. Applin
April 16th.  Mrs. Roffey  Miss R. Barnes
April 23rd  Mrs. Applin  Mrs. Woolfries
April 30th  Mrs. Howard  Mrs. Tadman
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SIDESMEN’S ROTA FOR APRIL

2nd 10. Mr. W.F. Lys & Col. A. Barne
7. Service at Affpuddle
9th. 11. Messrs. I. Mullins & K. Woolfries
6. Messrs. J. House & R. Barnes
16th. 11. Mr. M. Lys & Brig. D. Tadman
6. Messrs. M. Barnes & L. Bartlett
23rd. 11. Messrs. K. Woolfries & I. Mullins
30th. 11. Messrs. A. Harding & W.F. Lys
6. Messrs. R. Barnes & M. Barnes

MAY
7th. 10. Messrs. J. House & D. Poore

VILLAGE CALENDAR

April
6. Thurs. 3. Mothers’ Union Deanery Festival, Piddlehinton
May
29. Mon. Bank Holiday
June
10. Sat. Congregational Garden Party at the Cedars 3 p.m.
15. Thurs. 7.30. Deanery Missionary Festival, Alton
    Pancras Church.
26. Mon. 2.45. School Managers Meeting
July
    Tues. Arrangements. Culeaze. 2.30 p.m.
12. Wed. Bere Regis Rural Deanery Coffee Morning at
    Culeaze in aid of Diocesan Moral Welfare.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS’ UNION

As the Deanery Festival Service was held at Piddlehinton on
Thursday April 6th and as the Vicar and Mrs. Tranter will be away on
a short holiday on Wednesday April 12th (the usual day of meeting)
there will be no Corporate Communion on this occasion. Will members
please make a special note of this.

BANK HOLIDAY

Will our readers please note there is no Whitsun Bank Holiday
this year but there is to be a Bank Holiday on Monday May 29th instead.

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FRIENDS OF BERE REGIS CHURCH

We hope to hold the second Annual Service and Supper of the
‘Friends’ on Ascension Day, May 4th. Invitations to this happy
casion will be sent out in due course. In the meantime, will
‘Friends’ please keep this evening free.

BERE REGIS
REMEMBRANCE LILIES FOR EASTER

Given by
Mrs. J. Miller
R. F. Barnes
Mrs. R. Barnes
Mrs. R. Poore
Mr. R. Poore
Mrs. H. Rawbone
Mr. E. Rawbone
Mr. & Mrs. Rawbone
E. & A. Lys
Lorna Mahoney
K. M. Clarke
M. Llewellyn
Mrs. M. Cheeseman
Mr. R. Cheeseman
Mr. A. E. Barnes
Mr. M. Barnes
Mrs. F. Marsh
Mrs. A. Broxham
Mrs. E. Hawkins
D. & G. Tadman
Mrs. Sharman
A. Harding
Mrs. K. Woolfries
Mrs. G. Hewitt
Mrs. Smith and Family
Mrs C. Stickley

In Memory of
Husband
Mother and Father, William and
Ethel Barnes
Mother & Father, Kate and John Pitfield
Father, Mother and Edith
Father, Mother and Elsie
Percy
Margaret
Arthur Pinnow (son in law)
George and Nora Lys
Dorothy Drake
W.J. & M.K. Clarke
W. W. L. & J. J. L. & M. M. D.
Arthur Pinnow (Dad)
B. Cheesman (Mother)
Richard Barnes (Father)
Jane Barnes (Mother)
Frank and Jane Hewitt (Parents)
Mrs. G. Clements (Mother)
L. A. Hansford (Mother)
Joyce Tadman
Mr. Farthing (Father)
Richard and Philip
John & Florence Mary Joyce (Parents)
Lewis Joyce (Brother)
Husband
Francis C. Smith and Edwin Pollard
Cecil Richard Victor Stickley
(Husband)
(Father) Walter Ernest Marsh
(Husband) George
(Son) John
Norman Mitchell (nephew and cousin)
In Memory of
Mother and Father and
Grandparents
Jack Ricketts (Brother)
Edwin & Florence Ricketts (Parents)
Mother and Father
Mother and Father
Mrs. Hoare
Wife Nellie
Mother
Husband Reginald
Father and Brother
Father, Husband and Son
Charles Shrimpton (Son)
Charles Shrimpton (Grandson)
William Toms (Son)
William Toms (Brother)
Frederick Hewitt (Husband)
William James Hewitt (Father)
William James Hewitt (Father)
Reginald Mintern (Husband)
Reginald Mintern (Father)
Elizabeth Ann Clarke (Mother)
Mrs. Langdown
Mrs. Langdown
Mrs. Langdown
Emma Lampitt Murray
Albert Higgins
Adrian Tranter.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

On Tuesday, 11th April, Mrs. Ottaway is coming from Chippenham to visit our Group. She will demonstrate "Economical Flower Arranging incorporating Driftwood" which should prove of great interest to all members. We are extremely fortunate in our Group in being able to call on one of our many talented members when an emergency arises. When Mrs. Egerton-Bird could not be with us last month, we had the pleasure of watching Mrs. Herridge give a delightful demonstration of Line Arrangement. All members appreciated the time and trouble taken to make this such an enjoyable demonstration.

M. A.

PARISH MAGAZINES (continued)

1910 In the March magazine a laundry at Culeaze is mentioned. Referring to the small amounts contributed in the church collections, it was stated that at an average Sunday evening service, when the congregation numbered about 200, the collection usually amounted to only five or six shillings.

In July the choir outing was to Lulworth when... "boating was popular, and stone throwing more so. One boy paid off an old score by landing a stone on the Vicar's head..."

Cricket remained popular, there being as many as 200 spectators at a match on 1st August.

The Society of Oddfellows held a Hospital Sunday in October... "they got together two bands and such a concourse of people as we do not remember to have seen in Church or in the village."

1911 On the Wednesday before Easter there was a serious fire when "Mr. Marsh's premises" were burnt to the ground. Fire fighting methods it seems, were primitive... "let us hope that... some arrangement will be made by which a fire engine can be secured more quickly than is at present possible. In these days it is almost beyond belief that any place should exist so far behind the times, that it relies for the extinction of fire upon water pumped, or even wound up, from a well."

The Coronation of King George V was celebrated on 22 June in spite of rain most of the day. The celebrations took the usual form of church service, children's sports, tea for about 600 and dancing, with a torchlight procession to Woodbury Hill where a bonfire and firework display were staged. Altogether, these events cost £40, 14s. 3d. all of which was raised by voluntary subscription.

1912 On Lady Day Mr. H. Farr resigned as keeper of the clock and curfew ringer, a post he had held for many years, and was succeeded by Mr. Arthur Janes. (Mr. Janes continued to do this work until 1956)

The magazine circulation was 177 copies per month.

The Bishop first inaugurated the custom of presenting the Easter collections to the Vicar, when the amount was £7. 18s. 10d., and Bere Regis was the only parish in the Deanery to carry out the Bishop's request.

Canon Langford, a previous vicar (1876-1886) presented a new silver chalice and paten in memory of his wife who had recently died.

Sir Douglas Scott resigned as curate at Kingston, and was succeeded by the Rev. D. M. Cann.

As Woodbury Hill Fair fell on a Saturday and Monday, open air services on the hill were held on the Sunday, when the choir were mounted on a platform "outside Mr. Chipperfield's booth."

1913 At the Easter Vestry, sidesmen were elected for the first time.
There were six of them and they made their first appearance as such at a Confirmation Service on 12th April.

An Arts and Crafts Class was being run by the Vicar's wife, Mrs. M. A. Bere, and several of the members had entered exhibits at the Albert Hall Exhibition in May . . . "Queen Alexandra bought one of the smocks and a blue pinafore made by Miss Ethel Sheppard. Lord Brownlow . . . who was conducting Her Majesty round the Exhibition, told her that Mrs. M. A. Bere's class was, he believed, the only class in England at which the real Old English Smocks were reproduced."

The Diocesan Quota system was first introduced, when this parish had to contribute £12.17s.6d. and this sum was raised by a door to door collection.

F.P.P. (to be continued)

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The monthly meeting will be held in the Primary School Hall on Tuesday April 18th at 7 p.m. when there will be a talk with film given by a Butcher. We are planning to hold a Spring Sale also during April - please watch for posters. New members are always welcome at the monthly meeting.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

7.30 p.m. Tuesday 4th April in the School. All interested in our Church are warmly welcomed at this meeting when the Church Council will be elected and the accounts will be presented.

SPRING CLEANING

At a meeting of the Church Council, it was agreed that as work on the interior of the Church has been completed an all out effort to spring clean the Church should be made. Accordingly it was decided to commence this on Tuesday, 18th April, any time from 10 o'clock onwards. Voluntary help has been promised, but more would be appreciated, and if any reader wishes to join in this great effort they will be most welcome.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

EASTER - THE RESURRECTION

"Sing the joy of Easter Day,
The Easter triumph tell,
Jesus rose on Easter Day,
The Lord Who loves us well."

Easter is the Queen of all the Festivals, for it is the most joyous of all Christian Festivals. How lovely that here in England it falls in Springtime, when the world around is waking to new life. The joy of spring is for those who have come through the dark days of winter. Spring, you see would lose so much of its meaning if there was no Winter.

In the same way we enter into the joy of Easter through the sad happenings and suffering of Our Lord on Good Friday. Some of you may think this day should be called Bad Friday, yet it is really a very good Friday, for it speaks to us of the wonderful love of God, Who loved us so much that He sent His Son to die for us on this day. When the Son of God died upon the Cross the world was shown the worst that the power of evil could do, the utter awfulness of sin was shown forth. But this was overcome in a wonderful way, there was a splendid, a glorious change, the Resurrection. Through the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, God has overcome evil and suffering, good has triumphed over evil. So we too can conquer evil, it will not always be easy, it may mean doing what we do not like. But our Lord's Easter Victory, can be ours too.

The Message of Easter is that given in the words of an Easter greeting "Christ is risen", "He is risen indeed". It means something great and wonderful. The real wonder of the Resurrection is that Jesus is alive, and it means that He is alive for ever and with us now, that He has overcome death. We are only beginning our life while here on earth, and we should not fear death which is the gateway to a fuller life. This may be difficult for our youngest readers to understand but as we grow, so we grow in the greater meaning of our faith. It is because of Easter that our creed in the Service of Holy Communion has its splendid ending, "I believe in ... the resurrection from the dead and the life of the world to come."

The existence of the Christian Church, more than nineteen hundred years after the first Easter Day, bears witness to the truth of the Resurrection. Christians all over the world are sharing with us the joy of Easter. "Christ is risen." "He is risen indeed."

E. M. S.

REMEMBRANCE LILIES FOR EASTER

Given by
Mr. and Mrs. Lemon
Mrs. E. Legg
Mr. and Mrs. M. Rolls
Mr. and Mrs. Symes
Mr. and Mrs. Bracewell
Mr. and Mrs. J. Pitman
C. Sheppard
Edna M. Sheppard
Mrs. Nute and Vera
Mr. & Mrs. J. C. E. Terry & children

In memory of
Daughter
Husband
Parents and Brothers
Parents
Parents
Grandparents and Parents
Ethel M. Sheppard
My dearest Mother
Dad and Husband
Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller
Given by
Mr. and Mrs. E. Vincent
Mary Bentley
Dennis Bentley
Martin Bentley
G. Thrush
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Murray

In Memory of
Parents
Jessie Kime
Amelia F. Bentley
Samuel Kime (Grandfather)
My dear Uncle Alex
Parents.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION

Owing to the fact that the Deanery Festival Service was held on Thursday April 6th at Piddlehinton and that the Vicar and Mrs. Tranter will be away for a short holiday on the following Thursday - there will be no Corporate Communion of the Mothers' Union this month. Will members please make a careful note of this.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM

Feb. 19th. Jane Ann Richmond
Lucinda Jane Shrimpton.

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