My dear Friends,

You will find a full programme of the arrangements for Lent and Easter in a later page. Again we have arranged an exchange of pulpits in the Rural Deanery - mainly in the evening for the simple reason that in the various parishes Morning Service takes place at so many varied times that exchanges are very difficult. However, Mr. Hampton will be preaching on the morning of Palm Sunday - owing to illness he was unable to be with us last year, so this will be his first visit to Bere and we must extend to him a special welcome.

I do hope you will try and support all the Lenten Services. It may mean a special effort, but surely that is very good for us and is terribly rewarding. So do please make the extra effort during the six weeks of Lent.

I trust you read the note in last month’s magazine concerning Easter Lilies. The Lily list will be placed in the Church early this year to give everyone full opportunity of putting their names down before the list is removed on the evening of March 12th.

What a wonderful Christmas we had in the Church, with the Church packed on so many occasions - and thanks to those who by their efforts made the most moving Plough Sunday Service possible.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
Paul Tranter.

EASTER LILIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

Will those of you who would like to give a Lily at Easter in memory of some departed relative or friend please fill in the list which you will find on the table at the back of the Church. Remember. The names must be down by MARCH 12th. The list will be removed on the evening of that day, and once it is removed no name can be accepted for inclusion. Make no attempt to pay until you are actually asked for the money.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

Feb. 5th. Miss McFall Mrs. Lys
12th. LENT
19th. LENT
26th. LENT

SIDESMEN’S ROTA FOR FEBRUARY

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Feb. 12th.  11. Messrs. I. Mullins & M. Lys
              6. Messrs. J. House & F. Lys
              6. Messrs. R. Barnes & P. Wyatt
Mar. 5th.    10. Messrs. A. Harding & K. Woolfries

VILLAGE CALENDAR

Feb. 2nd.  Th. Purification of the B.V.M. 9.30 Holy Communion
5th.    Sunday. 10 a.m. Family Communion
8th.    Ash Wednesday. - See Lenten Arrangements.
9th.    Thurs. 7.30 Mothers' Union Meeting at the Vicarage.
        Jumble Sale Drax Hall. British Legion Women's Section
15th.   Wed. School Managers Meeting.
24th.   Fri. St. Matthias. 9.30 Holy Communion.
15th.   Wed. 8 p.m. Sidesmen's Meeting. Vicarage.
26th.   Easter Day.
Apr. 6th. 3 p.m. Mothers' Union Deanery Festival. Piddlehinton.
May 18th. 3 p.m. British Legion Garden Party. White Lovington.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

The monthly meeting will be held at the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday, February 9th.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER

ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8th.  9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
                          7.00 p.m. Evensong.

On Thursdays during Lent there will be a course of addresses on "A
Portrait of Jesus"
3 p.m.   Thursday Feb. 16th.  "The Face of Jesus"
3 p.m.   Thursday Feb. 23rd.  "The Eyes of Jesus"
3 p.m.   Thursday Mar. 2nd.   "The Feet and Hands of Jesus"
3 p.m.   Thursday Mar. 9th.   "The Body of Jesus"
3 p.m.   Thursday Mar. 16th.  "The Voice of Jesus"

MOTHERING SUNDAY March 5th 2.30 Mothering Sunday Service.

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SPECIAL PREACHERS DURING LENT

Lent I. Feb. 12th. 6 p.m. Rev. J.E.B. Cartell,
          The Vicar of Piddlethorne.
Lent II. Feb. 19th. 6 p.m. Rev. J.L. Baillie,
           The Vicar of Milborne St. Andrew
Lent III. Feb. 26th. 6 p.m. Rev. O.D. Harvey,
           The Vicar of Puddletown
Lent IV. Mar. 5th. 6 p.m. Rev. H.A. Johnson,
           The Vicar of Affpudle.

Palm Sunday Mar. 19th 11 a.m. Rev. C.H. Hampton,
          The Rectory of Piddlehinton.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Monday March 20th.  7 p.m. Compline
Tuesday March 21st. 7 p.m. Compline
Wednesday March 22nd. 7 p.m. Compline
Maundy Thursday.  7 p.m. Holy Communion.
GOOD FRIDAY  11 a.m. Devotional Service
             7 p.m. Stainer's 'Crucifixion'
Sung by the combined choirs of Bere Regis, Puddletown
             and Piddlehinton.

EASTER DAY
8 a.m. Holy Communion
11 a.m. Mattins
12 noon Holy Communion
3 p.m. Family Service
6 p.m. Evensong.

LENT BOXES

Lent Boxes will be available from the first Sunday in Lent. They
should be brought back on Palm Sunday. Your contributions will be
given to the C.M.S. to forward the work of the Church overseas.

CHURCH CANTATA

On Good Friday at 7 p.m. in Bere Regis Church the combined
choirs of Bere Regis, Puddletown and Piddlehinton will render the
Sacred Cantata 'The Crucifixion' by Stainer.

BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The Jumble Sale at Drax Hall will be on February 9th not 23rd
as previously stated.

Branch Meeting February 15th will be held at Broadwater, Roke Rd.
(by kind invitation of Mrs. Benjafield) Please bring own cup and plate.

A.L. Coles.
BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Miss P. Sunderland is coming to talk on "Growing Spring Bulbs" at our next meeting on Tuesday, 14th February. There will be a competition for the best Bowl of Hyacinths which will be judged by Miss Sunderland.

The cost of running the Group has gone up - mainly due to the increased fees and travel expenses of Demonstrators - and, to help meet these charges, it has been decided to have a Bring and Buy Stall at two meetings this year. The first will be at our next meeting - 14th February, and every member is asked to bring Something - anything - (please price it.)

M. A.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS 68

PARISH MAGAZINE (continued)

1906 From this year onwards, the style of the magazine changed in order to keep down the cost of production. Its size and shape were altered to accommodate a cheaper inset, and it was printed on a cheap blue paper.

In February, a visitors' book and collecting box were placed in the church for the first time, and contributions for the year amounted to £4. 14. 3. A rifle club had been started, and in the first match against Halifax, Bere Regis lost by 701 points to 686. The cricket pitch at the recreation field having been completed, the team was captained during the summer by the Vicar, the Rev. M. A. Bere.

The number of children attending the schools were: boys (Barrow Hill) 58, and girls (Sitterton) 94.

On September 1st, a retired clergyman took up residence at the Kingston Parsonage to take the place of a curate. He was the Rev. J. D. Warren who was described as a "Somersetshire Gentleman" who had been working for 20 years in Florida and the Bahamas, and who would assist at Kingston for "a very small stipend".

During the summer a number of London children had been on holiday in the village. These holidays were arranged by the Victoria Docks Committee, and altogether 43,442 children had been given holidays in this way at 18 holiday centres, one of which was Bere Regis.

1907 The roofs of the nave and south aisle let rain through in ten different places, and repairs were carried out at a cost of £112.10.0d. The 110 communicants at Easter made the largest number so far recorded.

The Oddfellows and Foresters held their annual fete in the recreation ground on Wednesday 19th June. The Vicar had this to say in the magazine: "We hope that the Committee that organizes next year's Fete will see its way to stop the sale of alcoholic beverages. We suggest that beer should be provided at the luncheon, but that there should be no drinking tent on the field during the afternoon."
Sahib (great white chief) gave me a hammer and said hit the wheels; so I have been hitting them ever since.

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**ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER AT ST. NICHOLAS**

**ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8th.** 11 a.m. Holy Communion
6 p.m. Evensong.

**Lent I Feb. 12th. at 7.15 p.m. Special Preacher:**

On Wednesdays during Lent at 7 p.m. there will be a course of Addresses by the Vicar on 'A Portrait of Jesus'. For details please see under Bere Regis.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY March 5th. 3.15 Special Family Service.**

**GOOD FRIDAY March 24th.** 11 a.m. Sunday School
6 p.m. Devotional Service
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
11 a.m. Sunday School
7.15. Evensong.

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**WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION**

As the day of the February meeting this year falls on Ash Wednesday members are asked to attend the Ash Wednesday Evensong at 6 p.m. at the Church, Wednesday February 8th. This will avoid having two religious gatherings on the same day and perhaps spoiling both as regards attendances.

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**WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON W.I.**

The Winterbourne Kingston W.I. met for their monthly meeting on January 4th at the Village Hall, Mrs. House presiding. A tea was given by the Committee, Miss Sheppard gave a very interesting talk on her visit to Denman College. Mrs. Wellstead and Mrs. E. Pitcher showed a film of 'The Countryside'. There was a very successful coffee evening given by Mrs. E. Pitcher on Friday 6th January, raising the sum of £4.10.3d.

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**FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS**

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**GROWTH IN LENT**

The three Sundays preceding the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, which this year is on the 8th February, are known by very long names. The Sunday before Ash Wednesday is exactly fifty days before Easter and so the Latin numeral, Quinquagesima, was given as its name. The other two Sundays are known as Sexagesima and Septuagesima, not exactly sixty and seventy days before Easter, but these numerals came to be used as their names - and so we come to Lent, which really is a time of preparation for Easter.

The real meaning of the word 'Lent' means Spring. Spring means for us growth. We see in our gardens, the wonder of new life coming into bulb, and seed, and tree; even now in the garden the green shoots of the lovely spring flowers are peeping through the cold dark earth, and did you know that the Lent Lily is the Daffodil?

Spring, therefore, can help us to learn what Lent should mean for us - it is a "growing" time. It is given to us as a time to try extra hard to grow like our Lord. We should always try I know, but sometimes it is difficult, so in Lent we can make a special effort to see if we can grow a little more like Him by the time Easter comes.

Our Lord loved to pray to His Father, He loved to help other people. Could we do something for God and for other people - giving...
more time to our prayers, using a special prayer each day of Lent, taking on some extra bit of work at home or helping someone in a special kind of way - will you try?

Prayer is really talking with God. It means just that, for when we pray we listen as well to what God has to say to us. If you meet a friend you do not do all the talking I am sure, but you listen to what your friend has to say to you, and it is just the same with God, for when we talk with Him, which is called 'prayer' we listen also to what He has to say to us, and He talks to us by putting His thoughts into our minds. We shall grow spiritually through prayer; and by service to others we shall grow in character.

Let us make this our special prayer for each day of Lent, it is adapted from the Prayer of St. Richard, and let us strive to "grow".

"Help me O Lord,
This lent and always -
To see Thee more clearly,
To love Thee more dearly
And to follow Thee more nearly,
Day by Day."

Amen.

E. M. S.

'SMALL ADS'

(2/6 every three lines)

WEDDING, BIRTHDAY CAKES, MADE AND DECORATED, ALSO CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY SPONGE CAKES, MODERATE CHARGES. MRS. B. COBB, HIGHFIELD, NORTH STREET, BERE REGIS. Tel: 365.

ALL DESCRIPTIONS OF TYPING UNDERTAKEN, MODERATE CHARGES. PROMPT SERVICES. MRS. M. H. RICKETTS, 'LAMORNA' TOLPUDDLE (Opp. CROWN INN).

FLOWERS

The December number of "The Flower Arranger", a magazine of nation-wide circulation, has the following in its notes from all quarters. "Members of the Bere Regis Group organised a flower festival in their beautiful 15th century Church, which was an outstanding example of perfect church decoration".

I think everyone will agree that this tribute expresses our own feelings.