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BERE REGIS,
DORSET.

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Organist: MISS G. B. SMITH, A.T.C.L.

SUNDAY SERVICES.
Holy Communion . . 8 a.m. except 1st Sunday
and 2nd Sunday after Matins.
Family Communion . . 10 a.m. 1st Sunday
Matins . . . . . . . . 11 a.m. except 1st Sunday
Children’s Service . . 2.30 p.m.
Evensong . . . . . . . 6 p.m.
Family Service . . . 3 p.m. 2nd Sunday

St. Nicholas
WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

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MR. A. V. SIMPSON, The Stores.

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MISS SHEPPARD, The Nottings.

Organist: MISS E. SHEPPARD.

SUNDAY SERVICES.
Holy Communion 2nd Sunday, 9.30 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Evensong 3.15 p.m. 1st and 3rd Sunday; 7.15 p.m. 2nd and 4th Sunday
Matins 10 a.m. 4th Sunday. Family Service 3.15 p.m. 5th Sunday


THE VICAR’S LETTER

My dear Friends,

Dr. Samuel Johnson who was a very learned and good old man, used to write down his vows and resolutions as he wrote down prayers for his own use in the diary that he kept. And again and again this vow appears when he is trying to make a fresh start, as every Saint is continually doing, namely, that he will rise early.

Unfortunately, he was very fond of his bed and found this vow too hard for him to keep. And in the year 1781 when he was seventy two years of age we find him still pathetically entering among his vows for the New Year “to rise at eight o’clock”.

“Well” you say “that’s easy, I’m up before eight every morning anyhow”. Obviously then, you must have something harder than the old doctor!

What about some words of Sir James Barrie in “The Little White Bird” - “Shall we make a new rule from today, always to be a little kinder than is necessary?”

That, I think, you will find quite hard enough a Resolution to keep for 1967 - but what a good one.

Jesus says that if we try to love one another we are children of the Highest! Now it is easy to be kind to nice people, those we like and those who appreciate it, but it is very hard to be kind to the unthankful and unattractive people.

Yet that is what God does and if we are to be his true servants we must try to follow him, because we know and love Him.

A happy New Year to you all from Mrs. Tranter and myself.

Your sincere friend and Vicar.

Paul Tranter.

EASTER LILIES

Easter is very early this year so we shall soon have to be thinking of our Lily List.

This year there will be one or two alterations in the method of ordering and paying for the Lilies. We now have to obtain our Lilies from Holland and this means we have to order the exact number considerably earlier than in the past. Consequently the lists will be removed from the Church after Passion Sunday, March 12th and after that date no name can be accepted for inclusion.

So those who wish to order Lilies must remember to put their
names down on or before March 12th.
Secondly, we are proposing to alter the method of payment.
Instead of bringing your money to the Church or Vicarage it will be
collected from you by a member of the Sanctuary Guild. So do not pay
any money until you are asked for it.

We hope this new arrangement will save you considerable trouble
and anxiety over paying for your Lilies.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

January 1st. Miss E. Lys Miss A. Lys.
January 8th. Mrs. Barne
January 15th. Mrs. J. Jesty Mrs. Cahill
January 22nd. Mrs. Cobb Mrs. Sharman
January 29th. Mrs. Roffey Mrs. Terry

The half yearly meeting of the Sanctuary Guild was held in the
Vicarage on Thursday, December 8th at 3.15 p.m. The rota for the
next six months was made out, and can be seen in the Church Porch.
It was agreed that in future the money for the Easter Lily Fund will be
collected from those ordering Lilies by members of the Guild.

(We all should be most grateful to Mrs. Tadman for the hard work
she puts in on behalf of our Church flowers. Ed.)

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR JANUARY

January 1st. 10. a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries & F. Lys
6. p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & R. Barnes
January 8th. 11. a.m. Mr. M. Lys & Brig. D. Tadman
6. p.m. Messrs. L. Bartlett & J. House
January 15th. 11. a.m. Messrs. I. Mullins & K. Woolfries
6. p.m. Messrs. D. Poore & P. Wyatt
January 22nd. 11. a.m. Mr. A. Harding & Col. A. Barne
6. p.m. Messrs. F. Marsh & M. Barnes
January 29th. 11. a.m. Brig. D. Tadman & Mr. F. Lys.
6. p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes & I. Mullins
February 5th. 10. a.m. Messrs. R. Smith & K. Woolfries

VILLAGE CALENDAR

Jan. 11. Wed. 7.30. Winterbourne Kingston Mothers' Union
Corporate Communion.
12. Thur. 7.30. Bere Regis Mother's Union Corporate
Communion.
Feb. 15. Wed. 3.00 p.m. School Managers Meeting.
3.00 p.m.
June 3. Sat. Winterbourne Kingston Garden Party
24. Sat. Bere Regis Church Garden Party

BERE REGIS MOTHER'S UNION

The Quarterly Corporate Communion will take place at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday January 12th. I very much hope that all members will do
their best to be present on this occasion to make a good start to the New
Year.

BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

A Jumble Sale will be held on Thursday, February 23rd at 3 p.m.
Drax Hall.
A Garden Party, White Lovington (kind permission of the President)
at 3 p.m. on May 18th.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The January Meeting will be held at the School Hall on the 17th
and will include a talk (with Slides) on "Brownsea Island". New
Members very welcome and we all extend best wishes to everyone
for 1967.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

At the Annual General Meeting on 13th December the following
were elected to serve for the coming year :
Chairman: Mrs. Cobb. Vice-Chairman: Mrs. Herridge.
Secretary: Miss A. Lys. Treasurer: Mrs. Tadman.
Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Anderson.
It was disappointing that so few members came to see Mrs. Herridge and Mrs. Cross demonstrate Christmas decoration arrangements using new and original material. This made an enjoyable afternoon for those present. It was agreed to donate surplus funds to the following:

- **Victoria Home for Crippled Children**: £5.
- **Cheshire Home (Dorchester)**: £5.
- **Star and Garter Hospital for Disabled**: £5.
- **Florence Famine Relief Fund**: £5.

Slides of Church Flower arrangements will be shown at the next meeting on 10th January, including many of the Flower Festival in Bere Regis Church.

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**FOR AMUSEMENT ONLY!**

The horse and cow live thirty years,
And nothing know of wines or beers,
The goat and sheep at twenty die,
And never taste of Scotch or Rye,
The bull drinks water by the ton
And at eighteen is nearly done
The dog at fifteen cashes in
Without the aid of rum or gin
The cat in milk - water soaks,
And then in twelve short years it croaks
The modest spoken bone dry hen
Lays eggs for years and dies at ten
All animals are strictly dry
They sinless live and swiftly die
But sinfull, gittull rum soaked men
Survive for three score years and ten
And some of us - the mighty few
Stay pickled till we're ninety two.

"On his 82nd Birthday, from an R.C. son to a Scottish Presbyterian Father, now published in a C. of E. Magazine!" (Origin unknown.)

(Highly ecumenical) Ed.

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**OXFAM**

I would like to thank all those who have given wool and woollen garments to be used for the benefit of Oxfam. Fifteen woollen garments and two knitted cot sheets have been sent to this Society during the past year. If anyone has odd wools or woollen garments that could be re-knit would they kindly hand them to Mrs. Tranter or myself so that this work may continue. Mrs. R. Poore, Culeaze.

(Well done! Mrs. Poore. Ed.)

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**HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 67**

PARISH MAGAZINES (continued)

1903 At this period, Bere Regis was very much "with it" as far as entertainment was concerned, for they saw what must have been a very early movie film, although the typical Victorian type description is amusing. "On Thursday, January 15th Mr. E. Baker, of Salisbury, gave us a fine exhibition of Cinematograph Pictures of the Coronation, of Seaside Scenes, of a Cricket and Football match, and views of Foreign Countries, diversified with musical performances on a phonograph"... During this year a new organ (the present one) was built and installed, using parts of the previous one, at a cost of £380. The County Council took over the administration of the three parish schools from June 1st., and from this date the only financial responsibility of the school managers was to be the maintenance of the buildings. There were 200 children attending Sunday School.

1904 A fund had been raised and an association formed for the training of a nurse to work in Bere Regis and the surrounding villages, and Nurse Duke duly arrived to take up her duties. Unfortunately, a dispute of some sort arose, and it was... "found advisable to terminate our agreement with Nurse Duke"... "The salary was necessarily a low one, inasmuch as the entire cost of the 10 months training had been defrayed by the Association". The parish seems to have lost heavily on the deal, and was required to pay for, in addition to the salary and other items, lodgings, washing, uniform, bag and requisites, disinfectants and a bicycle. In July, a cricket club was started with about 40 members. Each year there seems to have been a Club Feast Day in the summer, when each of the village clubs took turns to act as host and organise the event. This year the Garibaldi Lodge of Oddfellows were hosts to the Court Progress of Foresters, when the festivities took the usual form of a procession of 80-100, dinner for 162, sports from 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. and dancing till 10 p.m.

1905 Another "cinematograph display" was given by Mr. Baker of Salisbury to the older Sunday School children on 13 January. The oak screen to the south side of the vestry was erected in this year, and dedicated to the memory of George Hibbs who had died 12 January 1903 and who had been a choir member for 45 years and a churchwarden from 1884-1903. There had been an outbreak of Scarlet Fever during December 1904, causing two deaths.

The salary of the organ blower seems to have been increased from
10s. 0d. to 15s. 0d. per year, presumably due to the greater volume of air consumed by the larger organ.

The Rev. W.E.H. Sothery left the parish in July, and his successor, the Rev. M.A. Bere, arrived in October. The Rev. W.A. Newman, curate of Kingston, left at about the same time and as the new Vicar was unable to maintain a curate, it was arranged to have the assistance of a lay reader.

During the winter, work had been progressing on converting two or three fields at Townsend into a recreation ground.

(To be continued) F.P.P.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON
SAINT NICHOLAS MARKET
2nd December 1966.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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PAYMENT TO BANK - CHURCHYARD TREES ACCOUNT -£114. 0. 1.

The Vicar expressed sincere gratitude to all helpers and to those who by their support made such an excellent result possible. As you will already know, the money is being devoted to the Churchyard Trees Account, as we are faced with a bill of £125 in respect of the felling of the trees in the north east corner of the Churchyard. Another gift of £5.11.11. has been added to this fund as the result of the collection taken at the Winterbourne Kingston Primary School Carol Service, held in the Church just before Christmas. The support of our friends is greatly appreciated.

E.M.S.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS.

THE FEAST OF THE EPHPHANY - 6th JANUARY

Bethlehem today has its great Church of the Nativity, the oldest church in the world, and on a silver star before the altar is the inscription 'Here Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary'. Bethlehem, the most sacred place on earth, for it was at Bethlehem that Jesus was born, and to where the Wise Men journeyed led by a star, and the feast of the Epiphany recalls this great event.

The word 'Ephphany' means manifestation - making known to bringing to light. It was the first making known of Christ to the Gentiles - the coming of the Wise Men from the East to worship Him. These men were Gentiles, as we are, and Christ is thus shewn to be the Saviour of Gentile as well as Jew. Let us follow these Wise Men before and on their great pilgrimage. In a far land across the eastern deserts from Bethlehem was the house of Balthasar the wise, who watched the stars in the skies and by their coming and going learned many things. To this house came Caspar who was also an astronomer, asking what the new star meant that he had seen. Melchoir who was much younger than Balthasar, for he was old and learned, came saying a new star had appeared and what meaneth it? It must mean said Balthasar, the coming of One who shall be King of Kings. And these Wise Men, whose names are traditional, began to set out on their journey to find the King.

They began to talk of the presents they would bring, for they would not go and do honour to a King without a gift. Melchoir, the younger, had purchased ornaments of gold, most finely wrought. Caspar, was taking a casket of hammered silver, through the holes pierced in it came the sweet scent of frankincense. Balthasar took a small box of gold, which when the lid was opened revealed myrrh. Myrrh, an unusual gift to offer to a King, for it is for those who weep, but he could see sorrow in His star.
The three Wise Men set out, with their servants, on their journey following a star which went towards the west. They travelled on camels, for they had to journey over the sandy desert to look for the King. Camels have big soft feet and they do not sink in the sand: also they can go a long way without drinking and of course there is very little water in the desert. Over the sandy desert and high mountains they travelled, until at last they rode into Jerusalem. They went quite naturally to the palace of King Herod, but no King had been born there. The star still shone above them as they journeyed further on their way until it eventually stood over the town of Bethlehem and shone down on the house where the Baby Jesus was. The Wise Men made their camels kneel down upon the ground, dismounted and entered the little house, where they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down before Him and worshipped Him, opening their treasures they presented unto Him gifts, 'gold, and frankincense, and myrrh'. The gifts which the Wise Men offered symbolize today the gifts which the Christ Child would have us bring to Him as Christians: To Love Him - Gold. To Worship Him - Incense. To Serve Him - Myrrh.

E.M.S.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION

The quarterly Corporate Communion will be held on Thursday, January 12th. Will members please note that as a try out it will be held at 7.30 in the evening instead of in the afternoon.

OIL PAINTING. The winner of the Oil Painting Competition was Mrs. Symes of Winterbourne Kingston.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

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