My dear Friends,

This year, for the first time for many years, we are having a Confirmation Service in St. Nicholas, Winterbourne Kingston at 7 p.m. Tuesday May 23rd. In particular this, of course, applies in the first instance to those who live in Winterbourne Kingston and I very much trust that those eligible and desirous of Confirmation will take this wonderful opportunity of being Confirmed in their own Church. This should be a most inspiring occasion as the Bishop of Salisbury himself is coming to take the Service and together with this, by May St. Nicholas should be in its glory of the new decorations, as the Church is in the process now of being lime washed for the first time probably for 50 years.

I am hoping to commence Confirmation classes in the week commencing March 18th. Time and place of the first meeting will be announced later. I shall be glad to have the names of those who wish to be Confirmed on or before this date. I shall be quite willing to prepare for this Confirmation any from Bere Regis who do not wish to wait till 1968 when we shall have a Confirmation in the Parish Church.

By the Bishop's Regulations young people must be at least 12 years of age though exceptions can be made in special circumstances Confirmation is the final step to becoming a full member of the Church and the door to the Holy Communion.

I shall also be very glad to have the names of any adults who may wish to be Confirmed. And for such I shall be pleased to arrange separate classes.

Finally I fancy the clocks go on one hour on Saturday March 18th, but it would be advisable to double check on this!

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.

P.S. Please support our Lenten preachers, all of whom will be coming some distance.

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. This is because we now have to
order the Lilies from Holland. Make no attempt to pay until you are actually asked for the money.

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**SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD**

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**SIDESMEN’S MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15th. 8 p.m. VICARAGE**

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**BERE REGIS MOTHERS’ UNION**

The monthly meeting will be held at the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday March 9th when the speaker will be Mrs. Gooch from Dorchester.

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**CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This most important meeting when Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councillors will be elected, when the Church accounts will be laid before the meeting and other business transacted, will take place at 7 p.m. in the Drax Hall on Wednesday, March 29th. All those whose names are on the Electoral Roll are eligible to take part in this meeting. The Vicar sincerely hopes that all who have the welfare of their Church at heart will make a determined effort to be present.

Is your name on the Electoral Roll?
Are you coming to the meeting?

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**BANK HOLIDAY**

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

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**ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF LENT AND FOR EASTER**

**MIDWEEK SERVICES AT 3.00 p.m. on Thursdays**

- March 9th: "The Body of Jesus"
- March 16th: "The Voice of Jesus"

**SPECIAL PREACHERS DURING LENT**

| Lent IV | March 5th   | 11.00 a.m. Rev. H. A. Johnson.  
|         |             | The Vicar of Affpuddle.  
| Palm    | March 19th  | 11.00 a.m. Rev. C. H. Hampton. The Rector of Piddlehinton. |

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

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Sung by the combined choirs of Bere Regis, Puddletown and Piddlehinton.
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**CHURCH CANTATA**

On Good Friday at 7.30 p.m. (N.B. change of time) in Bere Regis Church, the combined choirs of Bere Regis, Puddletown and Piddlehinton will render the Sacred Cantata "The Crucifixion" by Stainer.

**BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP**

Mrs. Egerton-Bird, who has an original approach to demonstrations, is coming to talk on "Line Arrangement" at our next meeting on 14th March.

The Chairman would like to thank all members, and their visitors, who supported February’s Bring and Buy Stall. The meeting was the best attended for many months, and with all the good advice given by Miss Sunderland on Bulb Growing, members should be able to produce superb blooms for next year’s Bulb Show. Our Chairman, Mrs. Cobb, presented the Group with a lovely copper bowl to be competed for each year at the Bulb Show. It will be held this year by Mrs. Anderson whose bulbs were judged best grown, closely followed by Mrs. D. Keith’s and Mrs. Tranter’s.

Our Secretary, Miss A. Lys, would like all members to write ‘December 12th - A.G.M.’ on their programmes, as this date was omitted in the printing.

M.A.

**HISTORY OF BERE REGIS – 69**

**PARISH MAGAZINES (continued)**

1908 In May the Cricket Club took over the administration of the recreation field, and other organizations were required to hire it from them. A cricket pavilion was erected in July, 1908 and remained in use until a few years ago.

The Rev. C.A. Hailey became curate at Kingston in February but stayed only until July, when he was replaced by the Rev. Sir Douglas E. Scott.

In June the Vicar received a letter from Upwey offering for sale the old barrel organ which had been used in the church before 1865. No one seems to have been interested in buying it, and it is now in the County Museum at Dorchester.

160 Sunday School children went on an outing to Swanage on 28 July. They travelled from Wareham to Swanage by train, and made their way from Bere to Wareham by means of "one motor, six cycles, four waggonettes, and six waggons."

I do not know what the people of Bere Regis had been up to in 1908, but in the October magazine there was published a letter from the Bishop directed personally to the parishioners, referring to a forthcoming mission, in which he wrote: "I have interest in and love for Bere, and have many happy memories of visits to it. But I have lately had reason to fear that some have yielded to temptation, and that there is great need for penitence and humiliation among you."

The Flower Show on 27 August had a difficult start when the tent was blown down during the night.

For the Harvest Festival on 30 September "Four dozen large red earthenware vases had been purchased from a pottery at Verwood. These took the place of the pickle jars on the pillars, and were stood in the windows. It seems generally agreed that they were a successful innovation. A lady motorist, who visited the church about that date, wanted to purchase the lot." (These pitcher type vases are still in use.)

The choir outing on 5 October was to London, and included a visit to the White City Exhibition.

Sunday School stamps and albums first came into use here on Advent Sunday, 1908.

1909 During the first week in February a mission was held, and "on February 7th, Services were nearly incessant." The Bishop and Mrs. Wordsworth motored over from Lulworth in time for his Lordship to celebrate at 8.30. They stayed with us all day. The Bishop attended six services, preached four times, and confirmed two grown up persons in the afternoon."

An oak reredos in memory of Mr. Drax, who had died in April 1907, was installed and unveiled at a dedication service on the 18th April, 1909. It had been made and carved by Mr. H. Parsons of Dawlish to the design of Mr. A. Troyte Griffith, an architect of Great Malvern.

The cricket club members had been equipped with green and white caps and ties "to match the pavilion," and a flag had been given to be flown when home matches were in progress. The team seems to have been very successful at this time, their biggest triumph being on 3 July when they beat the Blandford 1st. eleven at Blandford with the largest score they had ever made ..." and created quite a sensation among the cricket enthusiasts in the town."

Canon Warre, who was vicar of Bere Regis from 1865 to 1876, visited the church and vicarage during the autumn.

(to be continued) F. P. P.
BERE REGIS and DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB

On Saturday, 18th February, the re-formed Bere Regis and District Youth Club held a Sale in the W.I. Hut and raised £40 to go towards paying for the hut and equipment. Donations of £50 and £5 have also been received to help the funds.

All members of the Committee of the Youth Club would like to thank everyone for their generous support.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER AT ST. NICHOLAS

Mothering Sunday, March 5th. 3.15 Special Family Service.

GOOD FRIDAY
March 24th.
11.00 a.m. Sunday School
6.00 p.m. Devotional Service

EASTER DAY
March 26th.
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Sunday School
7.15 p.m. Evensong

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS’ UNION

The monthly meeting of the Mothers’ Union will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday March 8th at Winterbourne Kingston School, when the speaker will be Mrs. Garrad who will be speaking about the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Will members please take particular note that the meeting is being held in the School and not in the Reading Room.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Annual Sunday School and Church Party proved to be a very happy occasion, as well as a large family gathering.

Most grateful thanks to the members of the Mothers’ Union, who organised the excellent tea, and thanks also to all those who contributed so generously towards it.

The Vicar distributed attendance book prizes to the children of the Sunday School, and there were special awards for the best kept Stamp Albums.

Our sincere thanks go to Miss Sylvia House, Miss Brenda Puckett and Miss Margaret Vincent for their help in the Sunday School. We do value and appreciate this useful and practical service for the Church.

Sunday by Sunday.

Your gift to me was very sweet in more senses than one! Please accept my thanks.

E. M. S.

CHURCH MEETINGS

There will be a meeting of the St. Nicholas Church Council in the School on Monday, 13th March, at 7.30 p.m.

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4th April, at 7.30 p.m.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

MOTHERING SUNDAY 5TH MARCH

This Mid-Lent Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent is a remarkable day. Sometimes it is called Refreshment Sunday, for by the time it comes we may be in danger of forgetting the resolutions we made for Lent, and it is an opportunity, part way through the Lenten season, to refresh our memories and renew our resolutions. It is also thought that the name for this Sunday, is so called Refreshment Sunday, because the Gospel for the day is the story of the feeding of the five thousand by our Lord Jesus, with the five barley loaves and the two small fishes, which a boy had brought with him for his own meal.

But it is more widely known as Mothering Sunday and what a truly lovely name for it.

From the Epistle for this day we get the idea of thinking of our Church, as Mother Church, and in days gone by people brought gifts to the Church, as they would to their Mother.

Then another lovely thing grew out of all this. Boys and Girls who had left home and gone away to work made an effort to get home to see their Mothers, bringing with them gifts. One gift would have been a very rich cake, known as a Simnel Cake, and because few other flowers could be found at this time of the year, another gift would be a bunch of violets. There is an old saying, "He who goes a-mothering finds violets in the lane." All the family would also go together to Mother Church, to worship and to pray together.

The fourth Sunday in Lent is kept by people all over the world as Mothering Sunday, they think about their Mothers, visit them and honour them. The lovely custom of giving flowers and gifts still survives.

In an old magazine for children there was once a rhyme about
a family of two girls and a boy, who assured their Mother all together that each loved her best. The boy shouted his love very loudly:

"And then he ran off to play in the swing,
And left her the wood and the water to bring."

One of his sisters, as soon as she had delcared she loved her Mother, got into a temper because she could not have her own way:

"She fumed and she fretted the whole of the day,
Till her Mother was glad when she ran off to play".

The youngest child showed her love in a different way:

"'I love you Mother,' said little Fan,
'And so I will help you all I can.'"

And she did it as well as saying it.
The rhyme ends with a question which you can answer for yourself:

"How do you think the Mother guessed
Which of them really loved her best?"

We honour our Mothers by caring for them and helping them, and also by the way we live. Let us try always to be a credit to them, for in that way we shall honour them, and that is the honour they desire. That is the way we can repay their great love.

E.M.S.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

MARRIAGE

21st January  
David Anthony Berry and Margaret Valerie Meakin.

4th February  
Alexander Donaldson Innes and
Eileen Barbara Handsford.

'SMALL ADS'
(2/6 every three lines)

BERE REGIS ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS. - SPARE TIME RECRUITS URGENTLY NEEDED. MEN AND WOMEN 16 - 59. CONTACT C/OBS. D.W. POORE, FRENSHAM, WOOL ROAD, CHAMBERLAYNES, BERE REGIS.

LADIES HAIRDRESSING. PERM FOR A POUND, SHAMPOO AND SET 6/6d. FOR OLD AGE PENSIONERS. EASTER WEEK ONLY FROM 20th to 30th MARCH APPLY MISS P.M. APPLIN, 63 BUTT LANE, BERE REGIS.