THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

Confirmation Classes will start after Easter with the first preliminary meeting at the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. on Monday April 14th. I shall be glad if all those who wish to be Confirmed on May 30th will come to that meeting when I shall be taking down particulars and arranging the most convenient times to hold Classes. If there are adults who wish to come forward I shall be glad if they will come to this meeting but I shall, of course, arrange to take them in quite separate Classes.

Congratulations to the Mothers' Union on their team winning the Quiz Competition organised by the School P.T.A., for the second year running. This is a notable achievement and a remarkable effort.

Will readers please note that the Annual General Church Meeting is being held on Wednesday April 9th, the first Wednesday after Easter, our usual day, at 7 p.m., in the lower Drax Hall, I do hope that many will come to this meeting and show a real interest in the business side of their Church. It is always a most interesting meeting and we do need a representative gathering if the business is to be conducted satisfactorily. At this meeting we elect the Parochial Church Council and our Secretary, Mrs. Howard, would be pleased to receive nominations before the meeting.

A happy Easter to you all,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

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SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR APRIL

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BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

The Quarterly Corporate Communion will be held in the Church at 7, 30 p.m. on Thursday April 10th.
We do hope that in spite of the proximity of the date to Easter there will be a good attendance.

GENERAL ELECTION AT BERE REGIS

WHEN AND WHERE? On Wed, April 9th at 7 pm in the Drax Hall

WHOM DO WE ELECT? Two Churchwardens, Members of the Parochial Church Council, Sidesmen,

WHO CAN STAND FOR ELECTION? Communicant members of the Church who are over 21 and whose names are on the Electoral Roll of the Parish,

WHO NOMINATES FOR ELECTION? Any two members of the Electoral Roll, either in writing previously or verbally at the Meeting. The consent of the person to be nominated should be obtained,

WHO CAN VOTE? Anyone who is a Baptised Member of the Church of England and over 17 years of age, whose name is on the Electoral Roll,

HOW DO YOU JOIN THE ELECTORAL ROLL? By filling up the form provided on the table at the back of the Church or obtainable from Mr. Smith or Mr. Marsh,

WHAT DOES THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL DO? It co-operates with the Vicar in the initiation, conduct and development of Church work, both within the Parish and without. What could be more important? WHAT DO WE WANT ON THE COUNCIL? A stimulating mixture of the adventurousness of youth and the wisdom of age.

IF I SIGN THE ELECTORAL ROLL, DO I HAVE TO PAY? No, it costs you nothing.

AS AN ORDINARY CHURCH MEMBER WHAT CAN I DO? You can volunteer to visit the Sick and the Old, so that no one is left out. You can call on newcomers to the Parish and make them feel at home and sure of a welcome if they wish to come and join the Church life of the Parish. You can bring acquaintances into personal touch with the Vicar, if you think it would be helpful, and you can help in many other ways.

GOOD FRIDAY April 4th, 11.00 a.m. Devotional Service

7.00 p.m. Stainer's 'Crucifixion' will be sung by the Choir.
EASTER DAY

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Mattins
12.00 noon Holy Communion
3.00 p.m. Family Service
6.00 p.m. Evensong

N.B. The monthly Family Service is transferred from April 13th to Easter Day.

BERE REGIS PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Official Opening of the Swimming Pool will take place on Saturday June 14th. We are very lucky, and highly honoured to have the services of the Band of the Junior Leaders’ Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps, for this occasion. Many Organisations within the Village are busy preparing the Floats which will form a procession, depicting Bere Regis through the Ages and there will be other interesting happenings at the School during the afternoon. Further details in future copies of the Magazine.

SWIMMING POOL FUND

The Pancake Day Race caused a great deal of interest and there were seven runners. We congratulate Miss Christine Carlyle, who was the winner and thank all the other entrants for their good sportsmanship. A profit of £2.12.9d. was made from a collection.

Knock-Out Quiz - this was a great success again and hearty congratulations to the winners of the Cup for the second year running, the Mothers’ Union. A total of fourteen teams took part and there were many spectators. An overall profit of £29 was made for the Fund.

Sponsored Walk - Details of this will be in next month’s magazine.

There will be a Coffee Morning at Acorn Cottage, North Street on Thursday, April 17th. Everyone welcome and gifts for a Bring and Buy Stall will be most welcome. On Friday 9th May at 7 p.m. there will be a Jumble Sale at the School and gifts of Jumble, White Elephant, Furniture and any other unwanted items will be very gratefully received.

M.C.

BRITISH LEGION WOMEN’S SECTION

The Sale for Women’s Section Funds held on March 4th raised £24.14.2d., in spite of bad weather and closure of North Street to vehicles. The members are grateful to all those who supported the effort by giving or buying!

16th April Meeting 2.30 Drax Hall, Talk - Film by a Fire Officer.

Four members of the Women’s Section were runners up in the recent Quiz Competition (held at the School in aid of the Swimming Pool) and were awarded book tokens.

A.L.Coles Secretary.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

There is a change in the programme for Tuesday 8th April.

Mrs. Parkes is changing places with Mr. Mitchell whose visit is postponed until July. Mrs. Parkes will demonstrate the making of Swags and Placques.

There will be a Group Competition which Mrs. Parkes will judge.

There will be a Senior Section, and a Novice Section (for those who have never won a first Prize). Arrangements are to be done at home - space allowed not more than 2 feet. It is hoped that all members will bring a "SPRING ARRANGEMENT" - the title of the competition.

Mrs. Herridge, our Chairman, wishes to thank all members for their support of the Bring and Buy Stall which made £3.12.6d. M.A.

CANCER RESEARCH

At the Exemption Dog Show held at Bloxworth on March 11th the sum of £9 was raised for the above Fund. This was handed to Dr. and Mrs. P. Benjafield at the end of the Show.

Grateful thanks to all who helped in this effort.

YOUNG WIVES

The above Club are giving an afternoon at Woodberry Rise on April 24th, 3.30 - 7.30 p.m. Entertainments. Bring and Buy. Tea etc. Proceeds to Chapel Funds.

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall, Butt Lane, at 7.30. On 8th April there is to be a talk about Studland Nature Reserve, and on the 22nd a talk by Mrs. Cripps on her work as a Magistrate.

M.E.

BERE REGIS WOMEN’S INSTITUTE

The April meeting will be on the 15th in the Youth Club Hut.
The speaker will be Mrs. Carver about the U.S.S.R.

M.E.
WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION

The Quarterly Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday April 9th at 2.45 in the Church.

The M.U. has been invited to tea afterwards at Notting by the kindness of Miss Sheppard.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON
ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

The Annual Church Meeting will be held in the Church on Thursday 17th April at 7.30 p.m.

The election of the Church Council, the adoption of accounts and other business will be transacted at this meeting.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

CHRISTIAN ARMOUR

THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Come along boys and girls, let us continue in thought the imaginary journey upon which we set out last month.

We now come to a collection of breastplates in the Palace of Armour, carefully guarded in case anyone should handle them thoughtlessly. Here we see the breastplate worn by Stephen, the first martyr. It is much dented where the stones have fallen upon it, but it is not broken, for even those who stoned Stephen were compelled to admit that he was a righteous man. Nearby is another breastplate, much barred and stained, which has been worn by the Apostle Paul. Here is another, that worn by Saint Peter, with an inscription on it: "Who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?" These words you can find in the first Epistle of Peter.

The young lad was interested in all these breastplates, but one thing he particularly noticed, and that was, that while these breastplates are worn at the front there is no armour for the back, so that if a Christian warrior flees from his foes he has no protection. It simply means that a soldier must never turn his back to the enemy. That needs courage.

The breastplate that the Christian soldier has is that of righteousness. What do you think that that word really means? We can get some idea of the meaning from the beginning of the word: what is right. Maybe a shorter word for it, justice, or fairness, makes it easier for us to understand. It means of course playing fair all the time, in our work and in our games.

The Roman soldier wearing a breastplate could face the enemy without fear. The soldier of Christ who always plays fair can stand and face the enemy just as bravely.

The happening of Good Friday was not one of turning back. Our Lord did not turn back to escape crucifixion. It would have been so easy for Him to have done so, but if He had then there would have been no Easter Day, with its glorious message, "Christ is risen", and all that it means. The proof of the Resurrection is the existence of the Christian Church today.

As those of the early Christian Church needed the Breastplate of Righteousness, so we in our turn today, need to put on this breastplate as one more part of our Christian Armour. Shall we make this our aim?

E.M.S.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

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23rd February
Mark Cheeseman

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