THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

We have a Confirmation Service at Bere Regis on May 30th and I shall be commencing Classes soon after Easter. I shall therefore be glad to have the names of intending candidates in the not too distant future. Candidates must normally be at least 12 years old but the Bishop is always willing to consider exceptional cases on their merits. Attendance at classes does not mean that candidates must be Confirmed or that I must present them to the Bishop, but it is a wonderful opportunity for us to talk together about things that matter. Again if there are any adults who would like to proceed to Confirmation, I will gladly arrange special classes.

I am most grateful to Mr. John Jesty for repairing a vital part of the works of the Church clock. Most unfortunately when the part was replaced and Mr. Woolfries commenced to wind up the weights, the wire rope broke, and so we are still without the chimes until a new rope can be fitted. I tell you this as so many miss the clock striking properly and I have had so many enquiries about it.

You will find Lenten and Easter arrangements in this issue. Please make a special effort during Lent to make a regular contribution to the Church’s worship.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. Miller, such a familiar figure in Bere Regis for so many years, and we send our sympathies and thoughts to her son and daughter.

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 at the back of the Church.

I hope that we shall be able to obtain arum lilies again this year, but if not, we shall certainly be able to get the longiflorum variety as we did once before.

The names must be down by Passion Sunday, March 23rd. The list will be removed on the evening of that day, and once it is removed no name can be accepted for inclusion. Please make no attempt to pay until you are actually asked for the money. The price will be announced at the earliest date possible.
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

There will be no Flowers during March as it will be Lent. Miss E. Lys has kindly agreed to act as Secretary/Treasurer of the Guild while I am away. Members of the Sanctuary Guild are again making themselves responsible for collecting the Easter Lily Money. C.T.T.

(We wish Brigadier and Mrs. Tadman a most enjoyable trip. We shall miss them while they are away and shall be looking forward to their safe return. Ed.)

SIDESMEN’S ROTA FOR MARCH

| March | 2. | 11. Messrs. K. Woolfries & F. Marsh |
| 9. | 11. Mr. M. Lys & Lt. C. Maunder |
| 6. | Messrs. R. Smith & R. Barnes |
| 16. | 11. Messrs. I. Mullins & K. Woolfries |
| 6. | Messrs. J. House & M. Barnes |
| 23. | 11. Mr. W.F. Lys & Col. A. Barne |
| 6. | Messrs. F. Marsh & D. Poore |
| 30. | 11. Messrs. F. Marsh & K. Woolfries |
| 6. | Messrs. R. Barnes & P. Wyatt |

April 6. 11. Mr. W.F. Lys & Lt. C. Maunder

The Sidesmen’s Quarterly Meeting will be held on Monday, March 10th, at 8 p.m. in the Vicarage.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

| March | 4. | Tues. British Legion Jumble Sale, 3.00 p.m. Drax Hall |
| 6. | Thurs. 3.00 p.m. Evensong |
| 10. | Mon. 3.15 p.m. School Managers Meeting |
| 8.00 p.m. Sidesmen’s Quarterly Meeting |
| 17. | Mon. Electoral Roll Committee Meeting |
| 8.00 p.m. Vicarage |
| 20. | Th. 3.00 p.m. Evensong |
| 27. | Th. 3.00 p.m. Evensong |

| 9. | Wed. Annual Church Meeting, Drax Hall 7 p.m. |

May 3. Sat. Women’s Institute Spring Sale |
| 5. | Mon. R.D. Conference, Puddletown |
| 8. | Th. Mothers’ Union Festival Service, Salisbury.... |

| 30. | Fri. 7.00 p.m. Confirmation Service |
| 31. | Sat. St. Nicholas Garden Party |

June 3. Tues. 3.00 p.m. Sanctuary Guild |

June 28. Sat. Bere Regis Garden Party


BERE REGIS AND WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS’ UNION

The monthly joint Meeting of the Mothers’ Union will be held on Thursday March 13th at 7.30 p.m. in the Drax Hall. The Speaker will be from the Marriage Guidance Council and will be speaking on the new Divorce Law. This is a most important subject of immediate topical interest and all members should make it their duty to attend.

MORTON CHANTRY CHAPEL

We are most grateful to Mrs. Harding for a generous gift of £15 towards the Chantry Chapel Fund in memory of her husband, Allen Harding.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER

On Thursdays during Lent there will be a course of Addresses on ‘When Religion comes in’. Services at 3 p.m. on Thursdays, March 6th, 13th, 10th and 27th.

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE March 16th at 2.30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

| Monday | March 31, 7.00 | Compline |
| Tuesday | April 1, 7.00 |  |
| Wednesday | April 2, 7.00 |  |
| Maundy Thursday | 7.00 | Holy Communion |
| GOOD FRIDAY | 11.00 | Devotional Service |
| | 7.00 | Stainers’ “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 |
| 8.00 p.m. | Family Service |
| 6.00 p.m. | Evensong |

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

On Good Friday at 7 p.m, the Church Choir will sing the sacred Cantata "The Crucifixion" by Stainer.

OXFAM

I would like to thank all those who have given wool for Oxfam knitting. Last year 17 woollen garments were sent off to a children's home, 2 cot blankets were sent to Biafra with others, I would like to continue this work. Any wool please, or if you have any old children's patterns. No matter how small. Please leave at the Vicarage or give to me.

Mrs. R. Poore, Culeaze.

BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

There will be a Sale in the Drax Hall on March 4th, at 3 p.m. stalls will include, cakes, grocery and jumble, competitions and teas. Admission 3d. Gifts for stalls may be brought to Drax Hall in the morning or given to Mrs. Coles.

March Branch Meeting on 19th at 2.30. There will be a demonstration of Soft Toy making by Mrs. Maunder.

A.L. Coles, Hon. Sec.

CANCER RESEARCH

A 12-Class Exemption Dog Show will be held in the evening on Tuesday, March 11th at Bloxworth Village Hall in aid of the above. Show opens at 7 p.m, judging starts at 7.30 p.m. Entries taken on arrival, there will be four Pedigree and eight Novelty Classes. Light refreshments. This should be a very entertaining evening and we hope for great support.

BERE REGIS GUIDE DOG

News from Mr. Derek Freeman at Leamington Centre reads - The Puppy, Guidewell Neana of Bere Regis, is in a home in the North London area. The Puppy Walking Supervisor's report is that she has settled in very well - eating fine - very bold and friendly. We trust this good progress continues.

BERE REGIS SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL FUND

Sponsored Walk - this will be held on Sunday March 30th and anyone wishing to take part should contact Mrs. Carlyle immediately, for details. Helpers with cars will also be needed and names for this should also be handed in either to Mrs. Carlyle or Mr. Stacey.

"KNOW YOUR ONIONS"

I read the other day that if you wish to avoid a cold you cut an onion in half, cover it with brown sugar and put it under the grill, The moment the sugar bubbles, eat the onion and your cold will have vanished the next day.

This reminded me of an occasion when this humble vegetable saved a man's life. It was during Scott's last Expedition in the Antarctic. Lieut. Edward Evans and Petty Officers Lashly and Crean had formed the Last Supporting Party to Captain Scott and his four companions in their dash for the South Pole. During the party's return to base in February, 1912, Evans went down with scurvy and became so weak that his two companions had to strap him to a sledge and drag him along. On the 18th, with Evans near death and one day's provisions left, they decided, though Evans begged them to leave him, that Crean should try and get help from Hut Point 35 miles away while Lashly stayed with Evans. The starving and exhausted Crean reached Hut Point where by the grace of God he found Atkinson, the expedition's doctor. The latter set off at once and reached Evans and Lashly on the 20th. He had brought with him some onions and these were boiled and fed to Evans. As a result his life was saved. Five years later he was to achieve lasting fame as "Evans of the Broke".

Do I eat onions? Not if I can help it .... They give me dreadful indigestion!

A.W.

P.S. My wife has just read this through and has asked me to point out that if the liquid in which the onions are boiled is twice renewed even I suffer no harmful after-effects.

NURSERY SCHOOL

Our Winterbourne Kingston Nursery School-cum-Play Group will have a few vacancies for the coming Summer Term. We are always pleased to have visitors, prospective parents or anyone else interested in the occupations and activities of the under fives.

Transport from Bere Regis to Kingston is always tricky, so we would be delighted to have parents willing to help with this. Many thanks to Mrs. P, House and Mrs. Comben for all they have done and are still doing to help ferry the children.

As our numbers are strictly limited, it is advisable to contact us well in advance should you wish a three or four year old to join
the group.

Phone Bere Regis 246

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The March meeting will be held on the 18th. The speaker will be Mr. Jones, about Gardening.

M.E.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES GROUP

The meetings are held at 7.30 in the Congregational Church Hall on the 11th March there will be a wine making demonstration by Mr. Snell, and on the 25th a talk on Child Welfare.

M.E.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

On Tuesday, 11th March, Mrs. Inglis will be speaking on "Flowers around the Home" and will give a demonstration combining miniature arrangements.

Members are asked to make a special note of Thursday, 19th June, when Mr. George Smith is giving a very special demonstration in Bere Regis. Mr. Smith is as well known overseas as he is in this country for his original approach to flower arranging.

Tickets will be available for members on 11th March - all seats reserved. Each member may bring one visitor, members 3/6d. Visitors 6/-d. Tickets will be offered to other Groups in April, and members are advised to reserve seats in March.

There will be a Bring and Buy Stall in aid of funds. Please bring something - jam, marmalade, cakes, flowers, containers, plants.

M.A.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER AT WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

MOTHERING SUNDAY, March 16th, 3, 15, special Family Service
(No Sunday School at 11 a.m.)

GOOD FRIDAY April 4th.
11.00 a.m. Sunday School
6.00 p.m. Devotional Service

EASTER DAY April 6th.
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Sunday School
7.15 p.m. Evensong

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Annual Sunday School and Church Party was a delightful occasion. A grateful word of thanks goes to the members of the Mothers Union, who arranged an excellent tea, and our thanks to those who contributed towards it. The Vicar distributed attendance prizes in the form of books and other book gifts to the children. Prizes for the best kept Stamp Album for 1968 were awarded to: Dawn Wellstead, Elizabeth Scott and Susan Ames. The attendance at Sunday School, Sunday by Sunday is a great encouragement and we are most grateful to have the help of Miss Sylvia House, Miss Brenda Puckett and Mrs. Percy.

E.M. Sheppard

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

CHRISTIAN ARMOUR

THE GIRDLE OF TRUTH

Last month we were thinking about the Christian road of life, and now in the next few issues of the Magazine I would like us to consider the kind of Christian Armour that we need to wear as we travel along this road.

Let us go on an imaginary journey with a young lad as he journeys on his way through this world. One day he arrives at a great house which is called the Palace of Armour. He had read stories of fighting and wars and how that in olden days men fought clothed in armour from head to foot. Now here he was entering by the door to see what this palace had to show him.

This boy found himself in the great hall, the walls of which were covered in various kinds of armour and weapons. There were breastplates and helmets, swords and shields, darts and spears. In the middle of the hall, however, there was a special display of old armour, there he saw dented shields, helmets that had been battered, swords broken, weapons rusty and some stained. The young lad could not understand why these pieces of armour were specially treasured and guarded, why in fact so much care was taken of what appeared to be of no use.

The Keeper of the Palace looked kindly at the lad and promised to be his guide, for he knew the boy had still to learn why the old battered armour was so greatly treasured and valued. Shall we, then go along with them and learn also?

In the first show case we see a strangely worked girdle, all manner of words appear to be embroidered on it, and as the lad turns it over in
his hands he finds it difficult to read the woven message, for it is in many languages, but in English he reads, "This is the girdle of truth". The guide tells him a man must put on this girdle to hold more closely about him the clothes that he is wearing, before he can fasten on his armour. There were some in the days of Our Lord who put on the armour without the girdle and the armour fell off, as in the case of Judas Iscariot.

This is the girdle of a man who has resolved that he will serve the Lord his God, the guide tells the lad. The boy replies that he will have this girdle, but the Keeper says, "Remember those who would not pay the price".

This then is our first piece of Christian armour, let us make sure that we each one has this girdle of truth fastened securely around us.

The season of Lent, which the Church is now keeping, is an especially good time to make this girdle even more secure and to give more thought to the wearing of it.

E.M.S.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM

January 26th. Bryan William Edwards

BURIAL

February 4th. Hannah Louisa Miller, aged 77

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

HOLY BAPTISM

February 16th. Jonathan James Meakin
Carolynne Berry
Gillian Berry

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