THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

The Annual 'Friends of Bere Regis Church' Service takes place as usual on Ascension Day, May 15th at 7 p.m. After the Service there will be Refreshments in the Drax Hall and we very much hope that all 'Friends' will both come to the Service and join us in the Drax Hall afterwards. This is a very happy occasion when all those who look on our Church with affection meet together to thank God for the heritage that has been passed down to them through countless generations and to plan for the future, so that we may pass on to succeeding generations what we have inherited from the past.

This too is, I think, the appropriate moment for me to express my thanks and gratitude to all 'Friends' for their generosity and help. It has enabled the Fabric Committee to plan a budget for the building in an organised way and to keep it in nearly excellent repair without perpetual appeals for large sums to deal with various parts of the structure. The 'Friends' Society has now been running for some five years without the necessity for any follow up campaign, a wonderful record. But I fancy the time is upon us when we shall launch an appeal for new 'Friends' to come forward and help us. I do hope that when such a campaign is launched many who are not already 'Friends' will decide to join the Society of those who care for our lovely old church in a practical way.

How lovely our Churches looked over the Easter Festival, May I say how grateful we are to those who gave lilies at Easter. A full list appears in this issue of the names of all donors and the names of those in whose memory the lilies were given. Many have remarked on the splendid quality of the blooms which were specially imported from Holland for us.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

May 4th. Mrs. R. Barnes Miss Combes
May 11th. Mrs. Woolfries Mrs. Applin
May 18th. Mrs. Howard Mrs. Terry
May 25th. WHIT SUNDAY Mrs. Tranter

A meeting of the Guild will be held in the Vicarage at 3 pm on Wednesday, 4th June. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend, and any new members will be welcomed.
SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR MAY

May 4.
11. Lt. C. Mauder & Mr. F. Marsh
6. Messrs. R. Barnes & M. Barnes

May 11.
11. Mr. K. Woolfries & Col. A. Barne
6. Messrs. J. House & D. Poore

May 18.
6. Messrs. F. Marsh & D. Wyatt

May 25.
11. Mr. M. Lys & Lt. C. Mauder
6. Messrs. J. House & M. Barnes

June 1.
11. Brig. D. Tadman & Mr. K. Woolfries

VILLAGE CALENDAR

May 3.
Sat. Women's Institute Spring Sale,
3. Youth Club Hut,
5. Mon. 7.30, R. D. Conference, Puddletown
8. Thurs. Mothers' Union Festival Service,
Salisbury Cathedral
9. Fri. 7. Jumble Sale at School
15. Thurs. Ascension Day, 9.30 Holy Communion
7 p.m. 'Friends of Bere Regis Church' Annual
Service
25. Whit Sunday
28. Wed. Coffee Morning 10.30 - 12. at 'The Bower'
North St. for 'Action for the Crippled Child'
30. Fri. Confirmation Service
31. Sat. St. Nicholas Garden Party

June 4.
Wed. 3. Sanctuary Guild, Vicarage
7. Sat. 3. Congregational Church Sale, The Cedars
10. Tues. Young Wives Summer Market, Broadwater
12. Thurs. Visit of Salisbury Cathedral Choir to Bere Regis
Church
14. Sat. 3. Gala Opening of School Swimming Pool
28. Sat. Bere Regis Church Garden Party

July 9.
Wed. Deanery Missionary Festival, Piddlehinton

BERE REGIS & WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON
MOTHERS' UNION

For their Monthly Meeting both Branches will be going to Salisbury
for the Festival Service at the Cathedral. Those going in the afternoon
will be taken by car and if there are any others who wish to go, who
have not already given in their names, it is urgent they should let Mrs.
Miller of Bere Regis or Mrs. Bracewell of Winterbourne Kingston know
without delay.

"ACTION FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD"
(The National Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases)

There will be a Coffee Morning in aid of the above fund at
"The Bower" North Street on Wednesday 28th May 10, 30 - 12 noon.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

"Maytime" is the theme chosen by the Group for decorating
"Culaeze" on Tuesday 13th May. The house and garden will be on
view from 2.30 p.m. and everyone interested will be welcome to
come and bring their friends. A charge of 3/6d will be made - this
will include afternoon tea. There will be a Raffle and Bring and Buy
Stall. Any member who is doing an arrangement in the house will be
able to start from 2.30 p.m., onwards on Monday when it is hoped that
all arrangements will be completed. Any member unable to come on
12th May can arrange their flowers on the morning of Tuesday, 13th
May from 9.30 a.m.

M. A.

BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Branch Meeting in Drax Hall 2, 30 p.m. May 21st. Speaker
Mr. Sayers, Lloyd's Bank, Dorchester on Decimal Coinage. This
meeting is an open one - anyone interested in the subject will be
welcome.

A. L. Coles

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be held on the 20th May in the Youth
Club Hut. The speaker will be Mrs. Furniss from the Countryside
Committee.

M. E.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall at
7.30. On the 13th May there will be a talk about decimal coinage,
and on the 27th May a talk about the R.S.P.C.A.

M. E.
BERE REGIS SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Plans are going ahead for the opening of the Swimming Pool. This will take place on Saturday June 14th and will start with a procession of floats, depicting Bere Regis through the Ages. The procession will move off from Sitterton at 3 p.m., making their way to the School where prizes will be presented to the winning floats. The Band of the Junior Leaders' Regiment, R.A.C., will be in attendance and will play during the afternoon at the School. Classrooms will be open for visitors and parents to see the work done by the children and in one of the classrooms there will be photographs and other items of interest, showing former pupils and the type of work they did.

SWIMMING POOL FUND

The Sponsored Walk was a great success. Fifty Walkers took part and left the School promptly at 7 a.m. The route was marked out every mile and this was a wonderful encouragement for some, to reach the next marker and the next. Although a few needed no such encouragement and ran from Wareham back to the School, The first Walkers to finish reached the School at approximately 10.30 a.m. There were many cars in attendance to pick up the stragglers but due either to physical fitness, youthful exuberance or sheer determination, the biggest majority finished the course. The Committee of this Fund do thank everyone, most sincerely, those who walked, provided cars or acted as Sponsors. It is not possible to say yet how much was raised as all the cash has not been handed in but I hope to have this information by next month.

There is to be a Jumble Sale at the School on Friday May 9th at 7 p.m. All gifts of Jumble, White Elephant or Groceries very gratefully received.

BERE REGIS & DISTRICT BRITISH LEGION OUTING TO THE CELEBRATIONS, SOMERSET LEGION HOUSE - 21st ANNIVERSARY 18th MAY 1969, BEING HELD AT WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

Anyone wishing to attend these Celebrations or visit Weston-Super-Mare, please give your names to Mr. J. Selby, 15 Egdon Close, Bere Regis, or Mr. J. Munro, Post Office, Bere Regis.

BERE REGIS REMEMBRANCE LILIES FOR EASTER

Mrs. K. Woolfries
Mrs. Cahill
Brenda Pitfield
Mark & John Pitfield

John and Florence Joyce (Parents)
Lewis Joyce (Brother)
Albert Higgins
Bertram John Wright (Father)
Bertram John Wright (Grandad)

E. Hawkins
M. W. Kircher-Smith
Mrs. R. Barnes
Mr. R. Barnes
Rachel Murray
Lorna Mahoney
E. & A. Lys
Mrs. Osmond
Mrs. Davis
Toop, S. G.
Toop, E. J.
Mrs. D. E. Parsons
Toop, R. W.
Toop, H. J.
Mrs. Muriel Toop

R. M. Clarke
Mrs. P. Howard
Mrs. H. Rawbone
E. W. Rawbone
K. M. Lawes
Mary Llewellyn
Hilde Harding
The Vicar and Mrs. Tranter
Mrs. F. Marsh
Mrs. Day
Mrs. Smith & Family
Miss B. H. Comben
Mrs. C. Stickley
Mrs. W. Legg
Mrs. R. Ricketts
Madge & John Shrimpton
Mr. & Mrs. G. R. Griffin
Mr. & Mrs. G. E. Norman and family

Mr. & Mrs. G. E. Norman and family
Mrs. C. Toms

Mrs. F. Hewitt
W. E. Mintern
P. R. Mintern

L. Hansford (Mother)
Winiffred Kircher (Mother)
Ada Keens (Mother-in-law)
John & Kate Pitfield (Mother and Father)
William & Ethel Barnes (Mother & Father)
Emma Lampett Murray (Mother)
Dorothy Drake, Maud Bedford
George and Nora Lys
Husband (George)
Husband (William) and Son (John)

Arthur Toop (Father)
Mabel Rosetta Toop (Mother)

Barnes, John Arthur (Father)
Barnes, Florence Kate (Mother)
W. V. & M. K. Clarke
Father
Percy - Arthur Pinnow (Son in law)
Margaret
Reginald (Husband) (Sister)
Hilary Wilson (Nephew) also family
Allen, Richard, Phillip
Adrian Tranter
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hewitt (Parents)
E. C. Day (Husband)
Francis C. Smith & Edwin Pollard
Mrs. M. E. Comben (Mother)
Cecil R. V. Stickley (Husband)
Walter Ernest Marsh (Father)
Mr. & Mrs. J. Scadden (Parents)
Charles (son)
Charles (Grandson)
Parents and
Grandparents
Norman Mitchell
(Grandson)
(Cousin)
C. Toms (husband) and
William Toms (son)
Frederick Hewitt (husband)
William James Hewitt (Father)
Lily and Reginald Mintern (Parents)
express his thanks to those who had worked for the Church throughout the year in so many various ways. The Church Accounts were presented in detail and adopted. The Restoration Fund Account is being built up to meet heavy expenses which will occur in the future, when further work will have to be carried out to the fabric of the Church. During the year a new Rotary Mower has been purchased for use in the Churchyard. Churchwardens and Council for 1969-70 were elected, also representatives to the Bere Regis P.C.C. General Church matters came under discussion as well as the forthcoming Garden Party. The Vicar was thanked for his work in the Parish and good wishes sent to Mrs. Tranter.

E.M. Sheppard, Sec. St. Nicholas Church Council

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

at THE OLD PARSONAGE
through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. B. Lloyd Jones.

on SATURDAY - 31st MAY

to be opened at 3.0 p.m. by

MRS. GOOCH

Children’s and Adults Fancy Head-Dress Parades
Various Stalls. Many attractions. Teas.

SKITTLING - FRIDAY - 30th MAY - continuing SATURDAY

Stallholders will be glad to receive gifts of any kind.

COME AND JOIN US IN THIS DELIGHTFUL ENGLISH GARDEN

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON SCHOOL, SWIMMING POOL
FUND The Annual School Fete will be held on the school field on
Saturday, June 21st, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

CHRISTIAN ARMOUR. THE SANDALS OF PEACE

You are still with me, I hope, as we continue our journey together through the Palace of Armour. Now the guide shows us some sandals. Sandals are cool and light and the soldier could move swiftly and quietly in them. Here then were many shoes that had been worn in many centuries, and in many lands, by those who had carried good tidings of peace. As the young lad stood looking at them, and read their story, he saw the shoes of those who had first brought the Gospel
of peace to our own land. He had forgotten that there had ever been a
time when this land had not known that Gospel. He also found that the
names on some of the shoes were of men and women of our own day.

The word 'Gospel' means, good tidings, good news. Good news
should travel quickly and of course the messenger must be swift. The
angels sang on the first Christmas night, 'In earth peace'. A soldier is
trained to be swift in battle; the soldier of Christ should be a swift
messenger of peace. He should be a peacemaker, and peacemakers are
those who bring quarrels to an end.

I would like to tell you about 'The Bishop's Shilling'. This is not a
story of someone who tried only to bring quarrels to an end, but did his
best to prevent them happening. There was once a Bishop and when he
was quite an old man, it was discovered by a friend that he always
carried in his pocket a shilling, very old and worn through being there
so long a time. When the Bishop was a young man he was hot-tempered
and knew that he should not give way to his temper. So he put a shilling
in his pocket and made up his mind that he would give it to the first
person with whom he lost his temper. When he was still an old man he
still had it in his pocket; the shilling reminded him to pray to God daily
to ask His help to fight against that temptation, and he overcame it.
The sandals that he put on, were sandals of peace.

Here then, is another very important part of armour that we need to
wear. It may not always be easy to be peacemakers, not always easy to
bring quarrels to an end, not always easy to prevent them happening,
but it is well worth the effort of trying. There they are the sandals of
peace - let us make every endeavour to have these sandals on our feet.

E.M.S.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY MATRIMONY
22nd March Terence Michael Vine and Maureen Rose Crocker
12th April Alan Robert Rowley and Diana Margaret Maw

HOLY BAPTISM
30th March Brenda Christine Watkins
7th April Deborah Ann Tranter

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

HOLY BAPTISM
30th March Mark Antony Campbell-Beil

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Settee; Large Sideboard; Telephone Bere Regis - 424. Nottings,
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