THE PARISH CHURCH OF
BERE REGIS

WITH S. NICHOLAS
WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON
Parish Church of St. John Baptist
BERE REGIS,
DORSET.

Vicar and Rural Dean: THE REV. PAUL TRANTER, B.A.

Churchwardens:
MR. R. SMITH, Heath View.
MR. F. MARSH, Southbrook.

Mr. J. House, Lower Stockley Farm, Deputy Warden.

Sidesmen:
LT. COL. A. BARNE, M. BARNES, R. BARNES, J. HOUSE, W. F. LYS, M. LYS
LT. C. MAUNDER, R.N., I. MULLINS, D. POORE, E. RAWBONE, BRIG. D. TADMAN.
K. WOOLFREES, P. WYATT

Secretary of the P.C.C.: MRS. G. HOWARD
Treasurer of the P.C.C.: MR. S. BORTON
Parish Clerk and Verger: Mr. E. RAWBONE.
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 . . . 11 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

Churchwardens:
MR. C. SHEPPARD, The Nottings.
MR. A. V. SIMPSON, The Stores.

Treasurer:
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, 3rd and 4th Sunday; 7.15 p.m. 2nd Sunday.
Matins 10 a.m. 5th Sunday. Family Service 3.15 p.m. 5th Sunday.


THE VICAR’S LETTER

My dear Friends,

Again we come to the commencement of a New Year.
With all the wonder of modern science none can tell what the year
will hold for any of us. We can, of course, predict the course of some
events both in the world and in our own private lives but it can never
be anything more than a prediction.

It will be wise, however, if we make such preparations
as we are able, to meet all eventualities.
There is only one thing of which we can be quite sure
and that is the continued love of God for us all and His help, comfort
and presence in all that may happen to us, whether good or ill.

It is with this in mind that I have chosen two words
from Scripture which might well serve as a motto for 1970. They are
the words on which I should like to preach in the not too far distant
future and which I feel can be a tremendous comfort and help in whatever
may befall us.

The words come from Psalm 73 and are simply "But
God". You say "But how can they be applied to my daily life"; and
I would reply that it is simple, because whatever may happen to you,
if you place these two words after it, they give a new meaning. For
instance, you have some great sorrow to face - 'But God' will give you
the courage to carry on. You have lost your dearest, 'But God' has
them in his keeping. You have failed and fallen into sin, 'But God'
has redeemed you through Jesus Christ. You fear the future 'But God'
will protect you, and so on through every eventuality of your daily life.

I sincerely trust that these words may be a kind of
motto through the whole of the year and may be a comfort and
inspiration to you all so that through all the changes of this mortal
life you may be able to remain steadfast and undismayed and happy
in your allegiance to God who is the Father of all mankind.

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

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

A meeting of the Guild was held in the Vicarage on Wednesday,
December 3rd. The rota for the next six months was made out, and
can be seen in the Church Porch for those members who were not able
to be present. Six of the kneelers for the Moreton Chapel which are being embroidered by members of the Guild have now been completed.

January 4th. Miss E. Lys Miss A. Lys
January 11th. Mrs. Terry Mrs. Harding
January 18th. Mrs. Woolfries Mrs. R. Barnes
January 25th. Mrs. Howard Miss Murray

**SIDESMEN’S ROTA FOR JANUARY**

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**VILLAGE CALENDAR**

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**PLough SUNDay**

Sunday, January 11th. (The first Sunday after the Epiphany)
2.45 p.m., PROCESSION behind Plough leaves the Old Barn Service Station
3.00 p.m., SERVICE in Church.

Please come and join in the procession and help to keep alive this ancient County tradition.

**SUNFLOWER GUILD**

A few boxes which did not come in in July have been opened and a further sum of £1.13.6d. sent to the Children's Society. I am sure that I need not say how grateful the Society is for the continued generosity of members.

In future boxes will be opened some time in July.

J. A. Drew, Hon. Box Sec.

**BERe REGIS YOUNG WIVES**

On January 13th there will be a talk on Photography by Mr. Day and on the 27th Hairdressing Tips and Wig demonstration by Mrs. Hewitt.

M. E.

**BERe REGIS WOMEN’S INSTITUTE**

The meeting will be held in the Youth Club Hut on Tuesday, 20th January. The speaker will be Mr. Sheppard about Dorset Crafts.

M. E.

**FOR OLDER FOLK**

A suggestion has been made that some sort of meeting or club would be welcomed by pensioners, where they could meet together for fellowship, companionship and relaxation.

If you are lonely or feel that such an organisation would bring fellowship to those who do not have many friends and if you think there would be support for such a venture, will you please have a talk with the Vicar.

**BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP**

Mrs. Herridge (Chairman) would like to thank members who by
their generous gifts to the stalls, and their presence on the day, helped to make the Christmas Fair such a success.

At the Annual General Meeting the following were elected:

Mrs. Tadman (Treasurer) would be glad to receive membership subscriptions in January. Members wishing to receive "The Flower Arranger" may pay for it in January - subscriptions must be paid in advance.

At our next meeting on 13th January, Mrs. Morrison will be showing her slides of flower arrangements in Churches and Country Houses in Dorset. Many of these were done by our members, and it should make an afternoon full of interest for old and new members.

M.A.

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**WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON**

**ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH MARKET**

The Eve of St. Nicholas was a most appropriate evening to hold the Saint Nicholas Market. The weather was good and friends from near and far gave their support. Mrs. A.T. Scott, who has recently taken up residence in the Parish, opened the Market, and it was a pleasure to welcome her in this way. Owing to the heating at the hall being out of order, a last minute change had to be made, and we were accommodated at the school. Our grateful thanks go to those who helped to make this re-arrangement work so smoothly. Stalls looked very attractive and contained a variety of goods - and the Vicar congratulated all concerned.

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**

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Payment to Bank - Restoration Fund Account - £85. 16. 3d, E.M.S.

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**ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH. SUNDAY 4th JANUARY 1970**

3.15 p.m. Family Carol Service

There will be no Sunday School at 11.00 a.m. on this Sunday.
COURTESY

At this time it is the custom to wish our friends 'A Happy New Year' but we should not leave it merely as a wish, we should follow it up with action, never failing courtesy, and a kindly attitude to everyone else. This is true Christianity.

If we have not already made it and have been carrying it out, this would make a good New Year's Resolution. Courtesy pays big dividends in happiness and if everyone paid heed to it the world would be much happier.

In his book, C.A. Joyce says "I am quite sure that children brought up in a home where courtesy exists will stand far less chance of being affected by the lack of moral standards outside, and for this reason I would ask all young people who are thinking of being married to make one more promise to those they will make on their wedding day: 'I will never be less courteous to my own wife than I am to other people's wives', 'I will never be less courteous to my own husband than I am to other people's husbands.'

It sounds so very easy doesn't it? But let me show you what I mean: if I were in your house this afternoon I might say 'Mrs. So and So, I am awfully sorry to be a bother, but I have a train to catch, and I wonder if we could have tea a little earlier?' and you would answer 'Why, of course, Mr. Joyce, it is no trouble at all'. But if I am in my own home, do I take out my watch, gaze firmly at my wife, and say, 'Are we going to get any tea this afternoon or not?'

However, he adds a word of warning - "Don't introduce courtesy too suddenly". He quotes the example of a husband who was carrying home a bunch of flowers for his wife. A friend asks 'Is it an anniversary or something?' 'No' was the reply, 'I often do it. Why don't you? your wife will be delighted'. The friend thought he would try it. On the way home he bought a bunch of flowers and when he arrived, handed them over to his wife. To his astonishment, she burst into tears. Between her sobs, she said, "It's been a dreadful day, I've got an awful cold, I dropped the dishes, and now you've come home drunk!"

Courtesy does make a vast difference, and there is no home, no office, no works that could not fail to be improved by it.

It is the bringer of happiness.

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FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

1970 - "I SERVE"

We know the Prince of Wales' motto, Ich dien, which means I serve. It was first adopted by the Black Prince, the victor of Crécy. A remarkable motto for so masterful a commander to choose, and a most Christian one. It should be the motto of every Christian.

Saint Paul loved to describe himself as a "servant of Jesus Christ". This was also the ambition of the first disciples. As soon as they joined Jesus, they were eager to do something to help Him. Andrew ran off to find his brother, Philip fetched Nathaniel and we find countless instances in the New Testament of such eagerness to help.

We call meetings for worship, "Church Services". Real Church Service, as we all know, begins on Sunday morning and lasts till Saturday night, week by week, month by month and year by year. It means doing the things that Jesus wants done. Joining together in worship Sunday by Sunday is a preparation for such service.

You may well ask, how can we serve? By speaking up bravely against things that are wrong. We know what we mean by wrong thinking, wrong speaking and wrong doing. Let us pause a while and think; we shall find other ways in which we might serve Our Lord.

Have you ever thought of serving Christ by telling your friends what you learn in Church, in your Sunday School. Talking about your Church so that others will want to attend.

Serving Christ means helping those in want and trouble whom He wants to see helped. The legends of the Saints are full of stories illustrating this. Christopher heard a little child asking to be carried across the river. When he set him down on the other side, he found that he had carried the Christ-Child. Martin gave half his military cloak to a shivering beggar, and saw in a vision Christ wearing the half cloak in Heaven. In such ways we see true service for Christ.

We can serve Him with our gifts. Gifts given from love of Our Lord to help forward His work are a form of service that He delights to bless.

Here is a story of two fishermen who lived together. Every morning one got out of bed, and held a candle out of the window. If it blew out, he would say, "Us can't go to sea today, Bill, It's blowing a gale." If the candle was not blown out, he would say, " Isn't no good, Bill. There's not enough wind to sail a feather." Conditions you see are never quite right for lazy people. On the other hand there is the story of the new telegraph boy, very proud of his uniform and position. He rushes past other boys, saying, 'I can't waste time. I'm on Her Majesty's Service'. We should feel like him.

As we enter a New Year and a new decade, what better motto can
we have than that of the Prince of Wales - 'I serve'. Let us make it our motto, our intent.

E.M.S.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM

November 23rd. Tracy Jane Cheesmur
November 23rd. Lucy Charlotte Booth

HOLY MATRIMONY

November 22nd. Hugh Flavell and Selma Mary Jarvis.

BURIAL

November 6th. Arthur George Standfield, aged 76.

'SMALL ADS'

(2/6 every three lines)