THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

We have had a good deal of trouble lately with gangs of young people who have been using the Churchyard as a kind of playground. I am sorry to say that when those who work in the Churchyard have remonstrated with them, they have been met with some impudence I myself have had to chase gangs out of the churchyard, who disappeared rapidly in the direction of Egdon Close and across the fields at the back.

I am very anxious not to make a major issue of this, but it has got to stop; and I appeal to parents to make sure that their children do not make a nuisance of themselves in this way. These are all local lads so please help us to put an end to this without having to take stronger and more unpleasant measures.

We keep the churchyard gates open all the year round, with the exception of New Year's Day, for the convenience of villagers with prams and children so that they can avoid the Cross and have a short cut to the village and we are most anxious not to close them, please help us not to have to do this. Incidentally, of course, it is forbidden to ride bicycles etc. through the churchyard at any time.

Once again may I ask for the help of everyone in abating this nuisance.

The second thing I wish to write about this month is in connection with Sunday School work. There are many, many children in the village who ought to be coming to Sunday School week by week, and I am anxious to recruit as many of them as possible.

Again, I am afraid, I would appeal to parents. If you have a child will you please send or bring him or her to Sunday School at 2.30 in the Church every Sunday, with the exception of the 2nd Sunday in the month when in place of Sunday School there is a Family Service at 3 p.m.

When a child is Baptised, the parents promise that they will see that the child is taught the Christian Faith, and unless they are willing to make a point of doing this at home, the only way is by sending or bringing them to Sunday School. If your children are too young to come by themselves, bring them and sit with them for the duration, which is roughly 30 - 40 minutes.

It has been suggested to me that a better time for Sunday
School might be in the morning, say 10.30 a.m. For the children to have their Lesson first and then stay for the commencement of Morning Prayer, leaving the Church at approximately 11.15 a.m. If this idea appeals to you or you think it a more convenient time than the present 2.30 p.m. I shall be very glad to know.

Again this year it is with great pleasure that we shall be welcoming both the Methodists and the Congregationalists to the Remembrance Sunday Service on November 8th. If the weather is at all possible we shall keep the Silence at the War Memorial, commencing at 10.50 and shall then go into the Church to complete the Service.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

November 1st. Mrs Barne
November 8th. Mrs. Barne. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
November 15th. Mrs. Barne
November 22nd. Mrs. Barne
November 29th. ADVENT SUNDAY

There will be a meeting of the Guild in the Vicarage on Wednesday, December 9th at 3 p.m. If any members cannot attend will they please let me know so that convenient dates can be arranged for them to do the Church flowers during the first six months of 1971.

C. T. T.

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SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 1st. 11. Messrs. W. F. Lys & K. Woollfries

Nov. 8th. 11. Brig. D. Tadman & Mr. R. Smith
6. Messrs. R. Barnes & J. House

Nov. 15th. 11. Messrs. K. Woollfries & I. Mullins

Nov. 22nd. 11. Col. A. Barne & Mr. F. Marsh

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VILLAGE CALENDAR

Nov. 8th. Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50 a.m.
19th. Thurs. 7.30. Coffee Evening for St. Nicholas Market
at Winterbourne Cottage, Winterbourne Anderson

Dec. 4th. Fri. St. Nicholas Market
9th. Wed. 3.00 p.m. Sanctuary Guild, Vicarage.
20th. Sun. 6.00 p.m. Carol Service
23rd. Wed. Decorating for Christmas
25th. Fri. Christmas Day

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Mar. 17th. 2.30. British Legion Women’s Section Spring Sale,
Drax Hall.

May 23rd. Joint Service with Methodists and Congregationalists
at Kingston Congregational Church.

June 12th. Sat. Winterbourne Kingston Garden Party,
N. B. Change of Date.

June 26th. Sat. Bere Regis Garden Party

July 3rd. Sat. Bere Regis School Carnival and Gala

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MOTHERS' UNION

There will be a joint meeting of the Bere Regis and Winterbourne Kingston Branches at Winterbourne Kingston School, on Thursday 12th November at 7.30 p.m. when it is hoped to have slides of the Oberammergau Passion Play. Transport from the Vicarage at 7.10. Will those who are not already booked in a car please meet at the Vicarage soon after 7 p.m.
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 8th.

The Service of keeping the two minutes Silence will commence at the War Memorial at 10.50 a.m. (weather permitting) and afterwards in the Church.

We are looking forward very much to welcoming both the Methodists and the Congregationalists at this Service, when we can remember together men and women from the Village who gave their lives during the two World Wars.

The Last Post and the Reveille will be sounded from the Church Tower.

10.50 a.m. Service at War Memorial; Two Minutes Silence
3.00 p.m. Family Service
6.00 p.m. Evensong, Reading of Names of those on the Roll of Honour.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall, Butt Lane, at 7.30. On Tuesday 10th November there will be a Jewellery Party, and on the 24th Films of Dorset by Mr. Shepherd.

M. E.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Annual Meeting will be held on November 17th in the Youth Club Hut. The speaker will be Mrs Cummins. The chairman wishes to thank all those who supported the recent coffee morning at Mrs. Howard's, Sitterton. This raised £15.10.0d. which was divided between the Police Benevolent Fund and Shelter.

M. E.

BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Branch Meeting November 11th Drax Hall 2.30. Slides of Cornwall Wales and Lakes. Bring and Buy.

Dorset County Conference, Dorchester, 11 a.m. November 18th.

A. Coles

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Everyone starts preparing for Christmas in November, and members have the great opportunity of seeing original Christmas decorations when

Mrs. Jean Cox comes to the Group on Tuesday, 10th November. Mrs. Cox is much sought after at this time of year and Bere Regis members are privileged in being able to see her demonstration of Christmas Decorations. Mrs. Cox replaces Mrs. Norma Harris who will be with us next year.

Will everyone please remember that our Christmas Fair is on 24th November, 2.30 p.m. in the Drax Hall. There will be the following stalls, for which members support and help is needed.

Cake Stall. "Going for a Song" Tombola.
Christmas Decorations. Material for Decorations.
Raffle. (Christmas Cake, Chicken, etc.)

There will be an exhibition of "Christmas Magic" at Branksome Towers Hotel on 12th November - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. This is being opened by Mrs. Keith, County Chairman, and it should be a very pleasant occasion.

M. A.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

'Thou shalt not commit adultery'

We come now to this, the seventh Commandment, and throughout the Commandments we have found that they were given to the Israelites in order that they might gain a character, the character that God wants; and so this commandment is one of the Ten.

Each one of us has a servant, and it is a most obedient servant, for it will do exactly what we tell it to do. This morning, it washed your face, it cleaned your teeth, it could well have taken you to school, if you are reading this on a school day; if on the other hand, it is a Sunday on which you are reading this, this servant could well have taken you to church. Do you know who this servant is? Well, it is your body.

The servant of which I am writing, really belongs to God, for He has lent it to you, and to me. He created it. Just think how wonderful our body is. There are the digestive organs preparing for growth, the beating heart pumping blood through our veins and arteries, carrying strength and vigour to every nook and cranny.
The lungs drawing in supplies of fresh clean air. The network of nerves and muscles controlling every part of the body in obedience to the brain. The eyes, with their wonderful seeing apparatus, the ears with their wonderful hearing apparatus. The wonderful speaking apparatus of the voice, so that your servant can carry your messages to others. The strength to run, and jump, and play. This wonderful body is lent to us as our servant. What care we ought to take of it, for it is so precious.

The first duty of a good master, is to give wise orders, and not only to give them, but to see that they are carried out. Your body, as I have already said, is a very obedient servant. If you tell it to be clean, it will be clean, if you make wise rules for it, it will obey them.

Sometimes bodies that are not kept properly under control get into trouble and difficulty. They may get into the habit of taking drugs, which destroys their usefulness, and there are other bad habits which cause distress and suffering.

A story is told of how a gentleman advertised for a coachman, three applied for the post, and he asked them all the same question, "How near to the edge of a precipice can you drive?" The first one said he could drive within a foot, the second, that he could drive within an inch, the third said, he would keep as far away from the edge as possible; he was the one who had the job. Can you see what this story represents? Quite simply, that the safest way to treat any danger is to keep as far as possible away from it.

Do we insist on our servant, the body, keeping away from danger? Do we insist on it keeping itself perfectly clean?

Above all we must strive for clean thoughts, as well as clean ways and clean actions. If bad thoughts come into our mind, immediately try to think hard of something else - our body is ruled by thoughts, so you see how important it is to keep them clean.

In thinking of the Seventh Commandment, how better to end than by recalling those lovely words written by Saint Paul to the Philippians.

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Thessalonians 4:5.
FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM
September 27th. Melanie Cummings
September 27th. Russell Chaldecott

HOLY MATRIMONY
September 19th. Andrew Sydney Butler and
Katherine Mary Carlyle

BURIAL
September 18th. Reginald Standfield, aged 64.

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