My dear Friends,

The Annual Church Meeting will take place on Wednesday April 14th at 7 p.m. in the Drax Hall, when I hope that we shall have a large number of people present to elect members to the Parochial Church Council for the coming year and to take an interest in the other matters that will be discussed at this meeting including the most important questions of the Church Accounts. All those who are on the Electoral Roll are eligible to vote, and to ask questions. In the old days the running of a Parish Church was almost entirely in the hands of the Vicar and Churchwardens. This is no longer so and it is the elected representatives of the lay people who are now responsible for the day to day running of the Church. This is all most proper, but it can only be effective if the lay people of the Church are willing to play their part in taking a full interest in Church affairs. One of the ways in which they can show this is by taking the trouble to come to the Annual Meeting and taking an active share in the organisation of the Church.

So I very much hope to see many of you at our Annual Meeting. Please note the date again - 7 p.m. April 14th - the Wednesday after Easter.

I am sorry, as we go to press, to have to record the sudden death of Mr. Albert Legg of Winterbourne Kingston. Mr. Legg was a very well known and respected figure in the village. He was the head of a very large and united family and his loss will be felt over a large area. Mr. Legg did a great deal for the village including the Church in many ways and we shall all have him in affectionate remembrance. We send our warm sympathies to Mrs. Legg on her sudden bereavement.

I wish to thank all those who have responded so nobly to our 'Friends' appeal. The phenomenal success of this has enabled us to go ahead with the major part of the repair of our Church, i.e. the restoration of the wonderful Tower which has had nothing done to it for many, many years. I hope we may have a progress report in the Magazine from the Fabric Committee from time to time, so that you may read just what is happening.

It is, of course, by no means too late to become a 'Friend' as this is a continuous process. Please look out your form or
if you have lost it, let us know and we will see you have another.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

April 4th.     Lent
April 11th.    Easter Day    Mrs. Tranter
April 18th.    Mrs. Carter-Jonas    Mrs. Applin
April 25th.    Miss E. Lys      Miss A. Lys

Members of the Sanctuary Guild are again making themselves responsible for collecting the Easter Lily money.  C. T. T.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR APRIL 1971

April 4th.  11. Messrs. W. F. Lys & R. Smith
3. Messrs. D. Poore & M. Barnes

April 11th. 11. Mr. K. Woolfries & Col. A. Barne
6. Messrs. R. Barnes & J. House

April 18th. 11. Messrs. M. Lys & I. Mullins

April 25th. 11. Messrs. W. F. Lys & K. Woolfries

VILLAGE CALENDAR

April 4th. Sun. Palm Sunday
11th.  Sun. Easter Day
13th.  Tues. 7.30. Youth Club Annual Meeting
14th.  Wed. 7 p.m. Drax Hall, Annual Parochial Church Meeting
19th.  Mon. St. Nicholas Annual Meeting
28th.  Wed. Archdeacon's Visit Milborne St. Andrew
29th.  Thur. 7. Deanery Synod Tolpuddle

May 3rd. Mon. 7.30. Parochial Church Council, Vicarage
5th.   Wed. Coffee Evening at Vicarage for Flower Festival
12th.  3. School Managers
18th.  Tu. Diocesan Synod

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

Owing to the Annual Church Meeting being held on Wednesday April 14th the Quarterly Corporate Communion must be postponed to Wednesday April 21st when it will be held in the Church at 7.30 p.m. We apologise for the alteration having to be made but under the circumstances it is not possible to do anything else.

Please let everyone know the change of date. 7.30 p.m. Wednesday April 21st.

BERE REGIS CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

To be held in the Drax Hall 7 p.m. Wednesday April 14th for the election of Churchwardens, Parochial Church Councillors, the adoption of the Church Accounts etc., Please come and support this important meeting.

FLOWER FESTIVAL MAY 21, 22, 23

Volunteers needed to help in the serving of Coffee in the mornings and tea in the afternoons in the Marquee. Also helpers for washing up needed. If you are willing to help, please give your
**ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

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**SUNDAY SCHOOLS**

From Sunday April 18th and until further notice, Sunday School will be held in the mornings instead of in the afternoons. Full details of the exact times will be published later and will be given to the children. But at the moment Sunday School will commence about 10.15 and the children will be finished at approximately 11.15, having stayed for the first part of Morning Service.

The children will be divided into classes according to age, each class will be taken by a separate teacher and will receive individual attention.

I am glad to say we have recently had a great increase in the numbers of children coming to Sunday School, but we still have room for many more, and I do trust parents will try and see that their children do come forward for religious instruction week by week. We are always very pleased for parents to come with their children especially if they are very young and to stay with them during the school.

**BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP**

Next meeting April 13th, with Mr. Burdock. Also plant stall.

The winners of our Spring Bulb Show were as follows:

- **Bowl of Hyacinths**: 1st. Mrs. King-Wood
- **Pot-et-fleur**: 1st. Mrs. House, 2nd. Mrs. Tranter

Mrs. King-Wood won the copper Rose Bowl having had the most points.

On May 15th Mrs. Tranter is giving a coffee evening, in aid of the flowers for the Church Flower Festival which the Bere Regis group are doing in May.

**BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES**

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m. On the 13th April a talk by Mrs. Baugh on Psychoprophylaxis and Family Planning postponed from last month, and on the 27th April films by Mrs. Stone.

**BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

The meeting will be held in the Youth Club Hut On Tuesday 20th April. The speaker will be Mr. Hutchinson about music and Folk Songs.

**BERE REGIS & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB**

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday April 13th at 7.30 p.m. in the Youth Club. All parents of Club members and anyone interested in Youth activities are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

**BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION**

Isle of Purbeck Group Meeting at the Drax Hall Wednesday October 13th 7.30 p.m.

Thursday April 22nd Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m. by kind invitation of Mrs. P. House, Winterbourne Cottage Anderson for Blind Children.

Wednesday, April 21st Branch Meeting 2.30 p.m. Drax Hall Speaker K. F. Jay, Ph.D. "Stained Glass". M. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION**

The Quarterly Corporate Communion will be held at 2.45 p.m. on Wednesday April 14th and following the Service there will be tea at Nottings by the kind invitation of Mr. and Miss Sheppard.

**SISTER E. RIDD, C.A.**

Many parishioners will remember Sister Ridd, who as a Church
Army Sister worked in the Parish during the late 1920's and early 1930's. Although in failing health latterly, Sister Ridd was only confined to her bed for a short period, before passing to the Heavenly Home, and during that time was cared for by very dear friends.

We remember with gratitude her work for the Church, especially in this part of Dorset, and have happy memories of her life amongst us. She always maintained an interest in our Parish, was a regular reader of the magazine and contributed regularly to the St. Nicholas Market and Garden Party at Winterbourne Kingston, as well as remembering the Sunday School.

We send to her family and her friend Miss Dorrell, with whom Sister had been living at Gillingham since her retirement, our thoughts and our prayers.

E.M.S.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

Garden party at home of Miss Knight on WEDNESDAY, 30th JUNE at 3 p.m. Varied stalls...Refreshments... Proceeds for Methodist Church funds.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON. ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

ARRANGEMENTS FOR GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER TIDE

GOOD FRIDAY 9th April
11.00 a.m. Sunday School
6.00 p.m. Devotional Service

EASTER DAY 11th April
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Sunday School
7.15 p.m. Evensong

Gifts of flowers and help will be appreciated for the Easter decorations 10.00 a.m. onwards - Saturday 10th April.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING. The Annual Church Meeting will be held in the Church on Monday 19th April at 7.30 p.m. The election of the Church Council, the adoption of the accounts and other business connected with the Church will be transacted at this Meeting.

A COFFEE EVENING, which will also include the showing of slides depicting LOCAL SCENES, photographed by Mr. H. Bracewell, will be held, by kind permission, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Simpson, The Stores, Winterbourne Kingston, on Monday 26th April 7.30 p.m. There will also be a BRING AND BUY stall. Proceeds towards cost of a Sanctuary Carpet at St. Nicholas Church.

CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

SATURDAY - 12th June. To be opened at 3.00 p.m. by D. G. E. Hurd, Esq., M.A., Headmaster, Blandford School. Please keep the date free - more details next month.

The Garden Party will be held at the Old Parsonage by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones to whom we are most grateful.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

AMEN

If someone were to ask you for the best known word in the world, I wonder what your answer would be. Would it be God? For that is El in Hebrew, Theos in Greek, Dieu in French, Bokh in Russian. In fact almost every word you can think of is different in every language. There is one word, however, which is found in almost every language on the face of the earth, and that one word is 'Amen'.

Amen began life as a Jewish word, unknown at that time in any language except Hebrew. Translated it means, "So be it". In the Old Testament Book of Kings, we are told that when David had finished giving instructions for the crowning of Solomon, Benaiah, the Captain of the Bodyguard, "answered the King and said, Amen."

In New Testament times Amen had become the regular response in the Jewish Synagogues at the end of the prayers. The Rabbi prayed, then the people said, Amen - So be it - to show that they agreed with the prayer and wished to make it their own.

The Christian Church has carried the word into every land and language. Jerome said that the Amen's of the Christians in Rome resounded like a clap of thunder. Down through the ages the Church has taught that to get the help, comfort, and strength, from any of the prayers that are offered, we need audibly to make each our own by a solemn whole-hearted Amen. "As your Amen is", said Luther, "so is your prayer". Missionaries have carried this word into distant parts of the world, so that in some South Sea Islands, the Christians at one time, were called, "the Amen-folk".

The Amen means, this is what I believe, this is what I agree with. It is not just a word at the end of a prayer, it is something much more than that, and when we say "Amen" we are associating ourselves with the prayer and making it our own.

There is a story told of how a Chinaman and an Indian were fellow voyagers on a tramp steamer. Neither knew the other's language. The Chinaman took out a Bible, laid his hand on it, and said, Amen. The Indian at once laid his hand on it too, and said Amen, also.
It was the only word that was the same in the two languages, but it was enough to tell each of them that the other was a Christian. From that moment onwards they began to be friends.

Nearly every official document has a big seal at the bottom. The document is worthless unless the seal is there. In the same way the Amen is as it were a seal to our prayers, a seal to our Creed, and to make these our very own we have to affix our seal. Let us make sure that we do this, then we shall be saying -

"This is my belief sincere, to it firmly I adhere, Therefore I say loud and clear, Amen! I agree!

E. M. S.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM

28th February    Sarah Louise Lockyer

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

HOLY BAPTISM

31st January     Alexander David Rawson Lumby

BURIAL

28th February    Infant David Charles Coles. aged 1 day.

'SMALL ADS'

(15 NP every three lines)