My dear People,

This month has been overshadowed by two sad occurrences one at Bere Regis and the second at Winterbourne Kingston.

At Bere Regis we were all shattered at the death through a fall of one of our choir boys - Paul MacDonald, aged 9. He was an extremely regular member of the choir, he loved singing and the greatest punishment that could be given him was to keep him away from practice or singing in Church on Sundays. He was a bright cheerful chap and endeared himself to everyone. We shall miss him greatly. We send our very real sympathy to his parents in their tragic loss with our sincere prayers that they may find strength and comfort for the future.

Then just a week or so later at Winterbourne Kingston, we had to face the sudden and most unexpected death of Hector Burdett at a comparatively early age. He was a most regular member of the congregation at St. Nicholas and always so willing to help. He had been a Housemaster at Eton for many years, was a splendid classical scholar and a man of the greatest integrity. He must have been a wonderful influence on the boys of whom he had the care and charge.

Again we send our warm and sincere sympathy to Mrs. Burdett, who is held in affectionate regard by all in the Village.

As we say 'goodbye' to one young person and one older our comfort lies in the knowledge that young or old they are in the care and keeping of God who in his infinite wisdom has a place for them all in his everlasting arms.

And now to turn to happier things - I am delighted to be able to tell you of a most munificent gift to the Church.

When the pinnacles on the tower turret were examined they were found to be in a most dangerous condition and had to be taken down at once. The cost of replacing them (£300 approximately) would have been far more than the Church could have contemplated at the present time with all the other work on the tower in hand, and it would have meant leaving the turret without its pinnacles. The Griffin family are proposing to replace these four pinnacles with new ones in memory of Mr. A. E. Griffin who died just a little time ago. We are all most grateful for this magnificent gift to the Church, and they will be a most fitting memorial to a Master Builder and one who, though of a different denomination, loved his Parish Church dearly.

Our most grateful thanks to all the members of his family who are joining together in presenting the Church with this most
generous gift.

Finally a film came out some years ago with the title of 'The Flowers are not for picking' - This applies equally to the memorial roses in the Churchyard!

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
Paul Tranter

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

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VILLAGE CALENDAR

| Sept.  | 15th. | Wed. Sidesmen's Meeting, 8 p.m. Vicarage |
|        | 19th. | Sun. 6 p.m. Royal British Legion 50th Anniversary Service |
| Oct.   | 3rd.  | Sun. Bere Regis Harvest Festival |
|        | 9th.  | Sat. W. I. Sale of Work, Drax Hall |
|        | 18th. | Mon. 3. School Managers |
|        | 23rd. | Sat. Diocesan Synod |
|        | 31st. | Sun. The Bishop of Sherborne will preach at Winterbourne Kingston |

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1971
Jan. 9th. Sun. Plough Sunday

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HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

During August all Services will be the same as usual with the exception that there will be NO CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION at 8 a.m. on SUNDAY AUGUST 22nd.

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PAUL MACDONALD

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Macdonald wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbours for their letters and messages of sympathy in their recent bereavement. Also for the beautiful floral tributes, and they also wish to thank the church choir for taking part in the Service.

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BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

The results of the Group Competition were:

Senior Section, equal first : Mrs. Cross and Mrs. House.  Mrs. Over

No Meeting in August.
On September 14th Mrs. Mary Parkes will demonstrate Flowers, Fruit and Foliage.

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BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There will be no meeting in August.
BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

There are no meetings during August.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISABLED

The recent collection in aid of the Dorset Association for the Disabled amounted to £17.71½ and the total for the Wareham and Purbeck district was £117.36.

Mrs. Lys is grateful to the collectors and also to those who contributed.

B. H. Lys

CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

Below are printed the accounts of the 1971 Garden Party and they make very good reading. Again we have achieved an all time record - £235.36 as against £228.75 of last year. Congratulations to all those who worked so hard and with such enthusiasm to produce this remarkable result. It is especially meritorious, coming as the Garden Party did so soon after the Flower Festival.

Once again the weather committee made the right decision though it seemed impossible at 9 a.m. on the day of the event that we could be blessed with the glorious weather of the afternoon.

We are most grateful to Mrs. Gosney, the wife of our Schoolmaster, for opening the Party for us, which she did with much grace and charm.

Once again, many grateful thanks to Brigadier and Mrs. Tadman for the use of their lovely garden.

BERE REGIS GARDEN PARTY JUNE 26th 1971

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£235.36

HOLY BAPTISM

Last month it was stated that owing to the re-organisation of the Sunday School, Holy Baptism would be administered at 2.30 p.m. on the second Sunday in the month.

The second Sunday will stand but the Vicar is altering the time to 3.45 p.m. which he feels will be more convenient to parents of young children. So - from September onward:

Holy Baptism 3.45 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday in the month.

CHURCH CHOIR

Owing to the voices breaking of two of our senior boys, we now have two vacancies in the choir for boys who are able to read well, preferably of about 8 years of age.

Boys are expected to attend Choir practice and Church regularly and are paid 50p pocket money per quarter.

Applications to Miss Smith the organist or to the Vicar who will arrange for a voice test.

CARNIVAL AND GALA DAY

The Fund Raising Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed towards this very successful day. Those who gave so generously when our collectors called, those who entered exhibits in the Handicraft Show and everyone who helped in any way.

The nett profit at the moment stands at approximately £185 with some minor adjustments still to be made.

A very big 'thankyou' to you all.
RESPONDING TO CRISIS APPEAL

Over a quarter of a million pounds worth of goods and £343,000 in cash for local purchases has been supplied in the past month to help the victims of the India-Pakistan crisis, it was announced by the Disasters’ Emergency Committee.

The Committee comprises the British Red Cross Society, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Save the Children Fund and War on Want.

Principal items sent by the Committee include over two million cholera doses, $\frac{1}{2}$-million disposable syringes, two million sulphadis, a field hospital and a mobile clinic, seventeen Land-Rovers, four ambulances, eighty-two tons of milk powder, thirty-three tons of baby food, seven millions multivitamins, seventy-six tons of material for shelter.

Personnel sent include seven doctors and twenty nurses.

The India-Pakistan Relief Fund now stands at over £1.2 million.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

"BISHOP OF A THOUSAND ISLANDS"

This month I will try to give you a picture of the Children’s Festival in Salisbury Cathedral, which some of us from this end of the Parish attended.

It was a glorious July afternoon as we wended our way across the Cathedral green, together with hundreds of others who had come from all parts of the Diocese. We could so easily have sung with the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord".

The theme of the service was, "Bishop of a Thousand Islands". It was a look at the life and work of Bishop John Coleridge Patteson, whose martyrdom in 1871, is celebrated this year.

The new Dean of the Cathedral, who had only taken office the day previously, welcomed us, and the service took the form of scenes connected with the life of John Patteson and the work of the Melanesian Mission, being enacted and narrated, with hymns sung by us interspersing the story.

First of all we saw how Coley, as he was sometimes called, at the age of 14, heard Mr. Selwyn preach a farewell sermon at Windsor, before going to New Zealand and the Islands of the Pacific. Later Coley Patteson is ordained; finally at Mr. Selwyn’s request, now Bishop of New Zealand, he goes to the islands of Melanesia and becomes its first Bishop.

As he reached the islands he used to swim ashore with little presents such as fish hooks, or axes, or clothing. A great deal of kidnapping took place on some of the islands, for there were profitable plantations of sugat and cotton, but the climate too hot for Europeans to work on them, so that there was a great demand for natives of tropical islands to help, in so much that there were not enough men on the other islands to dig the crops.

One day a black boat called at the island of Nekapu, the captain disguised as a missionary said the Bishop was in the boat, he was ill and wanted them to speak with him. So five men were induced on board and were taken away.

Bishop Patteson heard the news sadly and set sail for the island with a number of boys. The boat anchored and the Bishop took five men with him in a whale boat, but as it could not cross the reef the Bishop was given a place in a native canoe. A native in one of the other canoes shot an arrow at the boat the Bishop had left, a rain of arrows followed and all five men were wounded. The Bishop was now on the island, but the islanders killed him in revenge for the five men who had been stolen by the traders.

Six weeks later the news reached England. Queen Victoria publicly expressed her horror. Parliament made a law against kidnapping and sent gunboats to protect the Melanesians from pirate traders. The S.P.C. appealed to the Archbishop of Canterbury to call for a day of prayer, especially for Missions, and so intercession at St. Andrewstide came about.

Boys and girls still go on the boats to schools, which are of necessity boarding schools, for there are more than one thousand islands in Melanesia, some too small to have a school.

And so our gifts on this occasion were given to the Melanesian Mission to go towards the purchase of a new outboard motor for use by the Priest in charge of the islands in the Santa Cruz area.

Canon Fraser Kapu, a priest from Melanesia, was present in the Cathedral and answered questions about the Mission. He pronounced the Blessing in his native tongue, which was followed in English by Bishop Campbell MacInnes.

We left the Cathedral by the great west door, and joined with
many others in having our picnic tea on the grass outside. It was a gay and colourful scene.

This prayer was said by all of us, and is the prayer of a Hebridean girl, of the Melanesian Islands. Let us make it our own prayer.

"Jesus, be the canoe that holds me up in the sea of life; Jesus, be the rudder that keeps me on a straight course; Jesus, be the sail that carries me through each day."

Amen.

E. M. S.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM

11th July
Jeremy Paul Miles
Juliet Margaret Baker

BURIAL

12th July
Paul David Macdonald, 9 years.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

BURIAL

16th July
Hector William Burdett, 63 years.

'SMALL ADS'

(15p every three lines)