My dear Friends,

Owing to the publication of the Lily lists my letter this month must be brief and consists mainly of thanks to our decorators and those who gave lilies for Easter. While the arum lilies were terribly expensive all are agreed that they were the finest blooms ever seen and looked quite magnificent in the church. Thanks to Miss Combes and her helpers, by whose efforts our choir were provided with a complete new set of Surplices in time for the Easter Services at a saving of nearly £40 to the Church. Thanks to the many people who have made such affectionate enquiries and shown such concern about Mrs. Tranter during her stay in Boscombe Hospital. I am very much hoping that by the time you read this she will be back home again, but of course, she will have to go carefully for quite a bit.

As we go to press I have to record the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Hustings of Winterbourne Kingston. We send our sincere sympathy to his widow on her loss.

With the publication of this month’s "For our younger Readers" Miss Sheppard has now completed her century. I cannot allow this milestone to pass without saying how grateful we all are to her for the help these articles have been to so many people.

I am constantly having expressions of gratitude from people of widely differing tastes over her articles and we do congratulate her and thank her for what is a real achievement.

Finally, congratulations to Lt. C. Mauder on his promotion to Lt. Commander. We wish him every success and happiness in his career.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
Paul Tranter

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

May 2nd.  Mrs. R. Barnes  Miss Combes
May 9th.  Mrs. K. Woolfries  Mrs. Applin
May 16th. Mrs. Jesty  Miss Murray
May 23rd. FLOWER FESTIVAL
May 30th. Whit Sunday  Mrs. Tranter

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SIDESMEN’S ROTA FOR MAY

May 2nd.  11. Brig. D. Tadman & Mr. F. Marsh

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May 9th. 11. Messrs. M. Lys & K. Woolfries
May 16th. 11. Messrs. J. House & R. Barnes
May 23rd. 11. Messrs. I. Mullins & W. F. Lys
May 23rd. 11. Messrs. F. Marsh & M. Barnes
May 30th. 11. Mr. K. Woolfries & Col. A. Barne
May 30th. 11. Messrs. R. Barnes & J. House
June 6th. 11. Messrs. R. Smith & J. House

Village Calendar

May 3rd. Mon. 7.30. P. C. C. Vicarage
5th. Wed. Coffee Evening at Vicarage for Flower Festival
6th. Thur. M. U. Service at Salisbury Cathedral
12th. Wed. 3.00 School Managers
21st. Fri. FLOWER FESTIVAL
22nd. Sat. FLOWER FESTIVAL
23rd. Sun. 3.15. Joint Service with Methodists and Congregationalists at Kingston Congregational Church.
26th. Wed. Confirmation Service at Sherborne Abbey.
30th. Sun. Whit Sunday. 6 p.m. Hymn Singing

June 3rd. Thur. 3. Sanctuary Guild.
8th. Tues. Young Wives Summer Market at Broadwater Roke Road.
12th. Sat. Winterbourne Kingston Garden Party
26th. Bere Regis Garden Party
July 3rd. Sat. Bere Regis School Carnival and Gala
17th. Sat. Bere Regis Congregational Church Fete.
25th. Sun. 4. p.m. Bulbarrow Open Air Service.

Friends of Bere Regis Church

The Annual Service and Meeting of the above Society will be held at 7 p.m. on Ascension Day, May 20th. It is hoped that all 'Friends' will be present at the Service and will come to the Drax Hall afterwards for the usual refreshments.

Confirmation

Owing to circumstances beyond our control, our Confirmation Candidates will now be taken to the Confirmation Service at Sherborne Abbey on Wednesday May 26th 7 p.m. instead of to Piddlethorpe on the Friday of the same week.

Whitsunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Mattins
6.00 p.m. HYMN SINGING

Please let Miss Smith or the Vicar know if there are any favourites that you would like sung on this occasion.

Flower Festival

This important event will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 21, 22, 23. The Church will be open to visitors all day on the above dates. There will be special Services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Vicar will preach in the morning and the preacher at Evensong is to be the Archdeacon of Sherborne. Coffee in the morning and tea in the afternoon will be served from the marquee in the Vicarage garden. An illustrated brochure of the Church, containing a list of the arrangements will be available. The proceeds from this festival will be given to the restoration of the great West Window of the Church, which now needs considerable repair.

I would like to thank the following who helped me to make up sufficient Choir Surplices in time for Easter. Mrs. P. House, Mrs. Carlyle, Mrs. Kirkcher-Smith, Mrs. Woolfries and Miss Hooley. Also thanks to Mrs. Mintem who did so much to raise funds towards the cost of material.

B. H. Combes
REMEMBRANCE LILIES FOR EASTER 1971

Mr. R. Barnes
Mrs. R. Barnes
Brenda Pittfield
Mark & John Pittfield
D. H. & C. T. Tadman
Mrs. Janes
Mr. E. Rawbone
Mrs. H. Rawbone
Mr. & Mrs. Rawbone
Mrs. George Hewitt
Mrs. Davis (Green Close)
Mrs. Day
Mr. A. Day
G. H. Griffin
Madge & John Shrimpton
G. H. Griffin
Mrs. R. Ricketts
Mrs. Kircher-Smith
E & G. Norman & Family
Mrs. P. Sharman
Mrs. E. R. Deakin
and J. & P. Jestly
Mrs. H. E. Davidge
Mrs. D. Leigh
Mrs. W. Legg
Mrs. B. Farnham
A. M. Barne
C. Barne
Mrs. Poore
Mike, Jean, Susan and Alan
Mrs. J. Applin
K. M. Laws
Mr. & Mrs. E. Fancy

Mr. & Mrs. J. Collison
Mrs. J. Collison
Mrs. Smith & Family
Mrs. K. Stickley
Lorna Mahoney
E. & A. Lys
Lorna Mahoney
Pauline Howard
Rachel Lampett Murray
The Vicar & Mrs. Tranter
Mr. M. Miller
Mrs. M. Miller
Mrs. F. Hewitt
Mrs. W. E. Minter
P. Minter
Mrs. F. Marsh
Geoffrey & Joan Wright
Mrs. C. Toms
G. & J. Booth
M. Llewellyn
Mrs. K. Woolfries
W. Standfield
Ken & Pearl
Fred & Rosemary
Pearl & Ken, Linzi & Cindy
David, Margaret & Family
K. M. Clarke
Mrs. M. Barnes
M. Barnes
Mrs. F. Parsons
S. G. Toop, H. J. Toop
E. J. Toop
Mrs. E. J. Toop

(Mother & Father
Ernie, Brother
Francis C. Smith
Cecil R. V. Stickley, Husband
H. A. & D. Drake
George and Nora Lys
M. C. Bedford
Husband and Father
Mother, Emma Lampett Murray
Adrian Tranter
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Miller
Captain E. C. Day
William James Hewitt, Father
Reginald & Lillie Minter, Parents
Frank & Jane Hewitt, Parents
In memory of our parents
Charles Toms, Husband, William Toms, Son
Austin Steele
Bill & Jay Llewellyn
(Parents, John & Florence Joyce
(Brother, Lewis Joyce
Wife, Nellie
Mother and Grandmother
Linzi, Cindy & Kevin
Elizabeth Clarke, Mother & Grandmother
Dad
W. J. & M. K. Clarke
(Edwin & Florence Ricketts. Parents
(Jack Ricketts. Brother
Richard & Jane Barnes, Parents
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barnes

BRITISH LEGION

A COFFEE MORNING, Competitions and Bring and Buy, will be held at 8 North Street, on June 16th 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon. by kind permission of Mrs. Kircher-Smith. All proceeds in aid of the
Service Committee of the British Legion Bere Regis and District to assist them in carrying on their most valuable work of helping the families of Ex Service Men and Women in our area. Admission 2p.

E. J. S. H. S.

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

Please remember Wednesday the 2nd of June for the Coffee Morning at "The Bower", North Street, in aid of the above fund. 10.30 - 12 noon.

B. H. C.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The May meeting will be held on the 18th in the Youth Club Hut and the speaker will be Mrs. Mulliner, a V. C. O.

M. E.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall at 7.30. On 11th May there will be a Social Evening at Mrs. S. Simmonds and on the 25th a Crochet Evening.

M. E.

JOINT SERVICE

A joint Service will be held in Kingston Congregational Church on Sunday May 23rd at 3.15 p.m. I very much hope all Church people of Winterbourne Kingston will join in this act of witness.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

GARDEN PARTY, THE OLD PARSONAGE, SATURDAY 12th JUNE
PLEASE KEEP THE DATE FREE, FULL PROGRAMME NEXT MONTH

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

'INASMUCH'

Here is a story. It is a story told by Tolstoy the great Russian novelist - some of you may already know it. In a certain Russian town there lived a cobbler, called Martin, who was very unhappy. An old friend told him to buy a copy of the Gospels, and in them Martin read of the wonderful love that Christ teaches us to show to our fellow men. He read them at night in his little basement, through which he could only see the feet of those passing by on the pavement above. One night, just as he was going to bed, he heard a voice say to him, 'Martin! Look out into the street tomorrow, for I shall come'.

In the morning he swept and cleaned his room with special care, for he could not forget his dream and the strange thoughts which had come. There seemed to be no sign of Christ's coming. He worked at his bench, outside he saw an old man called Stephen sweeping away the snow, leaning against his brush and beating his half-frozen hands in an endeavour to keep warm - the old man looked too feeble for his work. Martin called him in, made him sit by the fire and gave him some warm tea and told him of his dream. Stephen went on his way refreshed in body and soul.

Presently Martin saw a poorly dressed country-woman stop outside his window, with a baby in her arms. She was tired and Martin, who used to be so selfish and bitter, called her in, listened to her story of poverty and sickness. He bustled around and prepared a basin of bread and milk for the woman and her baby and before she went he gave her something in which to wrap the child.

And the day wore on; still Christ did not come. Finally he saw an old woman outside struggling with a boy who had stolen an apple out of her basket. He went to the door and called the old woman to come in and bring the struggling boy with her. He made peace between them, telling them that 'God bids us pardon, else we shall not be forgiven', and they went away together, the boy carrying the heavy basket for the old woman whose apples he had tried to steal. Martin went on with his work.

Evening came, the day was nearly over and the Christ had not been. Martin's dream had only been a dream and nothing more. He fell asleep, but as he slept he heard a voice, "It is I". Out of the dark corner stepped the poor old crossing sweeper, smiled and was gone. Then came the woman with the baby, and they vanished. Last came the old woman and the boy, they vanished also.

The old cobbler sat up and rubbed his eyes and began to read the Gospels again. "I was an hungered and ye gave me meat", and at the bottom of the page, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto Me". And Martin understood. His dream had come true. They (his brethren) were the coming of the Lord. INASMUCH - this being so. And it is so today.

The source of this prayer verse I do not know, but it is worth using and making it our own.

"Lord of the loving heart,
May mine be loving too
Lord of the gentle hands,
May mine be gentle too.

...
Lord of the willing feet,
May mine be willing too.
So may I grow more like to Thee
In all I say and do. Amen."

E. M. S.

This completes my one hundredth article, spanning a period of time from December, 1962, until now. I can recall many memories of how, and why, and where I wrote some of the articles, and I feel privileged that I have had the opportunity of sharing my thoughts with you through these pages. I am also deeply grateful for the many kindly comments which I have received.

Edna M. Sheppard

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

EASTER LILIES IN REMEMBRANCE

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. E. Terry
Roland and Julia
Mr. & Mrs. C. Symes
Mr. and Mrs. C. Symes
Charles Sheppard
Edna M. Sheppard
Mr. and Mrs. J. Bracewell
Mr. & Mrs. M. Rolls
Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Burdett
Mr. & Mrs. J. Pitman
Mrs. A. Legg
Cyril, Olive and Janet
Mr. & Mrs. E. Vincent
Mrs. E. Legg
Mrs. G. Thrush

Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller
Parents
Baby David
Ethel M. Sheppard
My dearest Mother
Parents
Parents and Brothers
Parents
Parents and Grandparents
Husband
Father
Parents and Brothers
Husband
Uncle and Aunt

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM
March 28th. Fiona Dawn Bennett

HOLY MATRIMONY
March 31st. Clifford Lester Barnes and Jean Muriel Cheeseman

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

HOLY BAPTISM
4th April Samantha Jayne Freak

BURIAL
20th March Albert Edward Legg. aged 68 years.

BLUE CARRY COT WITH WHEELS, WHITE BABY BATH AND STAND.
£8. the lot or nearest offer. Mrs. M. Poore, The Lodge, Culeaze, Bere Heath