My dear People,

For a number of years now the Mothers' Union, under the leadership of Mrs. Tranter, has been a vigorous and lively part of parish life. Unfortunately since Mrs. Tranter's illness the former enthusiasm and vigour has slipped away, and recently meetings have been badly attended, and there has been a considerable lack of interest.

It is never worth while carrying on an organisation unless it is filling a real need, and neither my wife nor myself feel it is right to expend time, energy and money on something that is only half alive.

I feel, therefore, that the time has come for the future of the Mothers' Union to be discussed in detail.

1. Whether it should be continued at all.
2. Whether it should be closed for a period, say 12 months, and then re-started.
3. Whether the Mothers' Union should be replaced with an 'open' group affiliated to the M. U. but open to all to become members, for example, divorced or not.
4. Whether a new Parish Fellowship should be started completely separate from the M. U. and having no allegiance to any outside organisation.

These are some of the questions which now must be faced, and must be discussed clearly and openly. I therefore propose to call a meeting of all Mothers' Union members and of all who might be interested in joining the M. U. or some other form of women's Fellowship.

I am calling this open meeting on the usual M. U. day, Wednesday, November 10th 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage and very much hope that all interested, especially young mothers, will do their utmost to attend so that all these questions can be discussed and perhaps some decision made as to what we are to do for the future.

About this time last year we faced Sunday School difficulties and made new plans and arrangements, which have turned out most successfully. Last Sunday morning there were over 40 children in church and I am most grateful to the Sunday School teachers for their enthusiasm and help and grateful too for the co-operation of parents which has made this transformation possible.

Perhaps if we face matters equally courageously something of the same sort of thing can happen with the Mothers' Union.

We warmly welcome John Marsh and Mark Pitfield to the
men’s choir. For the time being they will be singing with the tenors. What a great joy it is when those who have been faithful members of the boys’ choir remain with us when their voices break and continue to help with their presence and their singing. We also welcome three new boys into the choir – Russell Phillips, Kevin Day and Glyn Bastion. This brings the boys choir up to full strength, but we would like to have two more boys to join so that they can be trained by the time the voices of other older boys break.

Again we look forward to welcoming members of other denominations to the Remembrance Sunday Service on November 14th. As is usual, if the weather will allow it, we shall keep the Silence at the War Memorial, commencing the Service at 10.50 and then go into the Church for the conclusion.

The Deanery Missionary Festival was not held as it normally is during the summer months but will now be held at Milborne St. Andrew on November 29th (Monday). I trust we may support this effort especially as Mr. Spryi is a newcomer to the Deanery.

Finally I do hope that though we are now separated from our St. Nicholas Winterbourne Kingston we shall continue to support their efforts, especially during the time of the Interregnum when they will be feeling very lost and bewildered. I commend to you the St. Nicholas Market on Friday December 3rd at 7 p.m. in the School.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
Paul Tranter

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**Sanctuary Flower Guild**

- **7th November**: Mrs. Barne
- **14th November**: Remembrance Sunday, Mrs. Barne
- **21st November**: Mrs. Barne
- **28th November**: Advent Sunday

There will be a meeting of the Guild on Thursday December 9th at 3 p.m. at the Vicarage. 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 1972.

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**Sidemen’s Rota for November**

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**Village Calendar**

- **10 Nov.**: Wed. 1.30. Poppy Fund Coffee Morning at ‘Fircroft’ Snow Hill.
- **14 Nov.**: Sun. Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50 a.m.
- **23 Nov.**: Tues. Floral Group Christmas Fayre, Drax Hall.
- **27 Nov.**: Sat. 2.30. Drama Festival, St Mary’s School, Puddletown
- **28 Nov.**: Advent Sunday, Church Collections for the Blind
- **29 Nov.**: Mon. 7.30 Missionary Festival. Milborne St. Andrew
- **3 Dec.**: Fri. 7.00 p.m. St. Nicholas Market, School, Winterbourne Kingston.
- **7 Dec.**: Tues. Floral Group Annual Meeting.
- **9 Dec.**: Thurs. 3.00 p.m. Sanctuary Guild, Vicarage
- **10 Dec.**: Fri. British Legion Christmas Whist Drive, Details later.
- **12 Dec.**: Sun. 3.00 p.m. Family Service. Nativity Scenes by the Sunday School
- **17 Dec.**: Fri. Dorset Federation of Youth Clubs Carol Service
- **19 Dec.**: Sun. 6.00 Bere Regis Church Carol Service
- **23 Dec.**: Thurs. Decorating for Christmas

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- **9 Jan.**: Sun. Plough Sunday
- **18 Mar.**: Sat. Put clocks on one hour
- **26 April**: Wed. 7. Archdeacon Visitation at Bere Regis
- **19 May**: Fri. 7. Confirmation at Bere Regis
- **10 June**: Sat. Winterbourne Kingston Garden Party
- **24 June**: Sat. Bere Regis Garden Party

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**Mothers’ Union**

An Open Meeting will be held at the Vicarage, 7.30 p.m. on November 10th. This meeting is open to all women and is to decide what is to be the future of the Mothers’ Union.

Will everybody please read what the Vicar has written in his letter which explains the importance and the purpose of this meeting. What we are most anxious to obtain is a full and representative attendance of all M.U. members, any who might be interested in joining and all interested in having a monthly meeting for women in the parish.
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14th

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 Congregationalists at this Service, when we can remember together men and women from the Village who gave their lives during 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 Roll of Honour

MISSIONARY FESTIVAL

The Deanery Missionary Festival will be held at Milborne St. Andrew Church on Monday November 29th at 7.30 p.m.
Refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall.
This is always a very popular annual event, usually held in the Summer. We very much hope for strong support in spite of the change of date.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The November meeting will be held on the 16th and will be the Annual General Meeting. A very successful Sale was held in the Drax Hall at which £34.51 was raised. This was a most pleasing result, and thanks are extended to all for their support.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall at 7.30. On the 9th November there will be a film show by Mr. Sheppard and on the 23rd a talk on Fashions through the Ages by Mrs. J. Mcdonald

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

Next month Mrs. Norma Harris, Christmas Decorations, Group Competition, Christmas decoration of fresh material, November 23rd 2.30. Christmas Fair, attractions, Going for a Song, lucky Christmas Tree, Cake Stall, Raffle, Admission Free. - At Drax Hall.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT BRITISH LEGION

A Christmas Whist Drive will be held on Friday December 10th. Details later.

The above Branch will also be holding a Horticulture Show next year, with side events. Saturday August 12th 1972. All details re exhibits later, but in the meantime, please make a note of the date.

BERE REGIS GUIDES AND BROWNIE GUIDES

The Piddle Valley district Guides are holding a sponsored "Knit-in" in aid of their funds on Friday 12th November from 7 - 9 p.m. at Puddletown Village Hall. Will you help by sponsoring the girls for each inch of knitting or completed square? Finished blankets will be given to charity. Anyone who would like to knit with us will be most welcome, needles and wool provided. Any gifts of double knitting wool will be gladly received. Coffee and Biscuits will be available. Further details from Mrs. Mullins, Somerleigh, Snow Hill (Tel. 432) or Mrs. Miller, Town's End Farm (Tel. 356)

IN APPRECIATION

My family and I wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone who made possible the placing of a chairman's chair in the village hall to the memory of my late husband, Thomas A. Mooney.

M. A. Mooney (Mrs)

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A grateful word of thanks through the pages of the magazine for all those who contributed gifts, flowers and time, to make our Church look so beautiful for the Harvest Festival. It was a riot of colour and beauty, the autumnal flowers and foliage blending with the mellowness of the surroundings and the glorious day. The gifts were many and varied and a number were afterwards distributed in the Parish, whilst the remainder were transported to the Castleman Home at Blandford.

MOTHERS' UNION

The November meeting of the Mothers' Union, will take place on Wednesday the 10th, at 2.30 p.m. in the School House. The speaker will be Mrs. D. Shaw, who will talk about the work of the Mothers' Union in the Milton Deanery. We hope as many members as possible
will be able to attend this meeting and take this opportunity of meeting Mrs. Shaw.

SAINT NICHOLAS MARKET

SAINT NICHOLAS-TIDE FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER

IN THE SCHOOL. WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

to be opened at 7.00 p.m. by

MRS. W. ILEWELLYN-JONES

THERE WILL BE A VARIETY OF STALLS. Gifts will be most gratefully received at the School from 4.00 p.m. onwards on MARKET DAY or may be given to a member of the Church Council. YOUR support will be much appreciated and we hope you will 'come to Market'.

Proceeds - Church Restoration Fund.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

"SOULS"

"Souls" - that may seem to be a strange heading, and you may wonder why it has been chosen, and what it means.

The second day of November is set aside in the Church Calendar as "All Souls' Day". It is an important day for it is the day when we specially remember those who have departed from this earthly life. If one of our friends went to Australia, we should think it was wrong to cease to pray for him, because he was so far away. Why then, should we cease to pray for the departed? We remembered them in our prayers when they were on earth. On this day the Church remembers them more especially, and that means that we, who are the Church, remember them.

Our soul is an important part of us. God has given us a wonderful body. Someone once said that in our body we have the most wonderful camera - the eye; the most sensitive telephone - the ear; the finest telegraph - our brain and nerves; the most perfect filter - the lungs; the most efficient pump - the heart. Yet all this wonderful mechanism can only be kept going if we feed it. If we leave it a few days without food, we know what happens.

What about our soul? Here is something more wonderful than our body, for our soul enables us to know God. Our soul gets tired and weary just like our body, and we need to have rules about the feeding of it. When we hear anyone say, "I'm tired of going to Church," or "I'm tired of saying my prayers," we can be sure that their soul wants refreshing. We receive this refreshment, this food, when we go to Holy Communion and partake of the Blessed Sacrament. Some of you may not yet have been confirmed, but you can still go to the Service and become familiar with it, so that you will be ready to make the rule when the time comes.

A rule means saying to yourself, 'I must'. So many people are afraid of that little word 'must' in our religion. But 'must' can be a great blessing. You know, for example, how it helps you when you say, 'I must get up at 7.30 tomorrow'. Our soul is such an important part of us, for it goes on to the life eternal. What is eternal life? It is really living the Christian life; it is when we are saying our prayers, making our communions, when we are doing our work well, helping others, or doing anything that would be pleasing to our Lord - it goes on from this world to the next.

Let us remember at this time the great company who have gone before, those who have let the Light of God shine through their lives, illuminating our own lives so that we in turn may pass on the flame to others. What a trust! What a challenge!

E. M. S.

ROAD SAFETY

Road safety is of such importance to everyone that I thought that a few hints each month might help all of us to be better road users. My experience as an instructor at Bovington leads one to believe that few of us really know the highway code. This little book is a good guide for road users and if it is followed the chances of having an accident are greatly reduced. When did you last read it? Another very useful book is the Ministry of Transport Manual - Driving.

We are now in October and by the time you read this it will be November, the time of year when we can expect mist and fog. The other day as I drove into Bovington on a foggy morning I was struck once again by the futility of some drivers, many of whom were professional drivers - the coach and heavy goods vehicle drivers who were displaying side lights only. It was daylight but foggy and I would see the vehicle loom out of the mist, and then, as it passed me, I would see that its sidelights were on. One coach I passed had a fog light on the near side only which stood out very well long before the coach became visible. A car could have been tempted to overtake me, thinking the oncoming vehicle was a motorcycle. A head on crash could have been the result of this action, and the object of putting the fog light on in the first place, to warn oncoming motorists, would have been defeated.

The highway code is quite specific in its advice and page 20 paragraph 94 states: 'Use your headlamps in day-time mist or fog or if the light is
bad — to see and be seen.

Whilst on the subject of headlights, the other night I drove into Dorchester and I overtook a slower car travelling in the same direction. He left his headlights on full and consequently I was dazzled by his lights until I was out of their range. Again on page 20, paragraph 93 deals with this. 'Dip your headlights... before they dazzle the driver of a vehicle travelling in the same direction in front of you'.

It makes sense doesn’t it? If your driving mirrors are correctly adjusted you will be dazzled if the car behind does not dip.

One more hint on headlights. Modern lights are very penetrating and a full beam on the retina can cause dazzle and poor vision for several minutes so watch the road well ahead and dip your lights as you see the beam of the oncoming car before it comes round the corner or over the top of the hill. See if you can dip before you actually see the headlights themselves. If you do this you won’t dazzle him. Don’t be tempted to give him a burst on full just because he doesn’t dip soon enough. It may give you great satisfaction and it, no doubt, has a salutory effect on him, but you may cause him to run into that poorly lit cyclist or the mother and child walking in the road and they become innocent victims of your momentary loss of temper.

G. W. Booth
Major RA

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

HOLY BAPTISM

5th September JOANNE CLAIRE GALE
26th September JUSTIN LEIGH BOUGH
26th September VICTORIA CLAIRE NASH