My dear People,

As I think most of you will have heard by now, under the Pastoral Reorganisation Winterbourne Kingston is to be separated from Bere Regis. In fact probably by the time you read this letter it will have already happened.

This is not a matter that has come about without much heart searching and prayerful thought, for St. Nicholas has been a Chapel of ease to the Parish Church at least since the beginning of the 16th century and one cannot break up a long association and partnership such as this without a feeling of great sadness on both sides.

And yet I, as Incumbent, cannot but rejoice that this has come to pass for I am quite certain that in the long run this is a wonderful thing for St. Nicholas and will mean for them a new era of far greater prosperity in Church life. The scheme is as follows:-

Winterbourne Kingston will become a separate parish of its own and will be run as such with Winterbourne Zelston, Anderson and Tomson. The present Vicarage at Zelston is to be sold and a new Vicarage is to be built to serve three parishes at Kingston. A site has now been acquired, appropriately enough just opposite the Old Parsonage, where the Curates used to reside in the palmy days when Bere Regis always had a Curate up till 1919, when it was found impossible to provide one any longer and the Old Parsonage reverted to the Whatcombe estate from whom it was leased.

The scheme will have become operative on September 1st and so by the time you read this I shall no longer be responsible for St. Nicholas. I should like to put on record for all time the wonderful loyalty and friendship I have enjoyed from all at St. Nicholas, especially from the Manders and Miss Sheppard who has always been such a tower of strength to me personally and indeed to the parish as a whole.

I know you will all want to join with me in wishing them all God speed and every success as they start on this exciting adventure. I hope we will not lose touch with them all and will remember them in our prayers.

The magazine will continue to serve Kingston until the turn of the year as a number of subscribers there have a yearly subscription and then we shall have to have a change of cover and format.
I might mention that we shall be losing 65 subscribers to the magazine. Can we make these up during 1972.

All happiness and success to you all at St. Nicholas as you commence your new era as a full Parish Church in your own right!

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter

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N.B. The Quarterly Sidesmen's Meeting will be held at the Vicarage 8 p.m. Wednesday September 15th.

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VILLAGE CALENDAR

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17th. Sun. 3.15. United Service at St. Nicholas
18th. Mon. 3.00 School Managers.
23rd. Sat. Diocesan Synod
31st. Sun. 6.00 p.m. Visit of Bishop of Sherborne to St. Nicholas

14th. Sun. Remembrance Sunday
23rd. Tues. Floral Group Christmas Fayre. Drax Hall
30th. Tues. Missionary Festival

Dec. 3rd. Fri. St. Nicholas Market
7th. Tues. Floral Group Annual Meeting.
9th. Thurs. 3. Sanctuary Guild. Vicarage
17th. Fri. Dorset Federation of Youth Clubs Carol Service at Bere Regis
19th. Sun. Church Carol Service

1972
3rd. Sun. Plough Sunday
June
10th. St. Nicholas Garden Party
24th. Bere Regis Garden Party

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BERE REGIS WOODWORK CLUB

A. G. M. on Thursday 2nd September 7 p.m. at the Old Boys' School. New members welcome.

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THE MORTON CHAPEL

The very beautiful altar designed by Mr. F. Pitfield, A.R.I.B.A, has now been installed in the Chantry Chapel. Much remains to be done before it is completed, but it is now possible to obtain some idea of how it will appear when it is finally finished.

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BULBARROW

Bulbarrow was a great success this year, with large crowds enjoying the beautiful weather and the splendidly organised Service. I am glad to say it was very well supported by our parish and a full coach load was taken up to the Service. It was a happy idea to ask a Methodist to give the address this year, and we all enjoyed a most splendid and telling address by the Rev. Donald R. Lee, Chairman of the Southampton Methodist District.
BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Speaker at the September meeting will be Mr. Shepherd who will give a film show and talk on the Seasons.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES GROUP

On 14th September there will be a talk on Coins by Mrs. P. Collis and on the 28th a talk on Corn Dollies by Mrs. Herridge.

BRIANTSPIDDLE SINGERS

Next season begins Tuesday September 28th at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Briantspiddle. New members welcome, especially tenors.

Main work this season, Bach's St. John Passion, to be performed in Salisbury Cathedral.

For further details please contact Mrs. Pitfield (organiser)
Tel: Bere Regis 391.

MORAL REFORM

The "Nationwide Festival of Light" to be held in London on September 25th in defence of "purity, love and family life", must be reckoned a significant and, so far as it goes, an encouraging sign of a swing of the pendulum against the immoral excesses of the so-called permissive society.

No Christian should dispute the fact that it is time for Christians to protest, in the most effective way possible, against the tide of pornography, obscenity and general licentiousness (masquerading as "freedom") which threatens to engulf life to-day. Silence in face of this corruption is a form of betrayal, at a time when every Vice which St. Paul, for instance, castigated in Romans is rampant on every side.

Observers will note, moreover, that this organised protest is not the work of cranks. That is certainly not a description to be applied to such supporters of the occasion as the Bishops of Winchester, Blackburn, Willesden and Stepney, to say nothing of the Rev John Stott and Mr. Malcolm Muggeridge. Here are highly responsible Christians, of very various outlooks, combining to make their voices heard in emphatic protest against undoubted evil.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

WOMEN'S SECTION

A successful Garden Party at White Lovington was held (by kind permission of their President Miss Llewellyn). The event was declared open by Mrs. Boyd, who was presented with a Victorian Posy by three year old Susan Poore, granddaughter of a member. Dr. Boyd presented the prizes to the various competition winners: Rev. P. Tranter, Nicola Bennett, Miss Ann Lys, D. Maidment and M. Wallace. Mrs. S. Horton, Mrs. Sugland and Stephen Cummings. As the result of their efforts the Branch has been able to donate £65 to Women's Section Charities and also sold £22. 84 worth of goods from Disabled Men's Industries.

The Committee are grateful to all who helped and supported this effort.

Branch Meeting 2. 30 p.m. September 15th in the Drax Hall.
Cookery Demonstration. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall.

A. L. Coles. Secretary

MOTHERS' UNION

There will be no meeting of either the Bere Regis or Winterbourne Kingston Branches of the Mothers' Union during September. This is due to the change over of the parishes at the beginning of September.
(see the Vicar's letter)

A general meeting will be called at Bere Regis later on to discuss plans for the future.

HARVEST ARRANGEMENTS

HARVEST SUPPER

SATURDAY OCTOBER 2nd 7.00 p.m. DRAX HALL
Tickets 25p each

Now available from Churchwarden Smith or Church Councillors.
They are limited in number so book yours now to avoid disappointment.
Bring your own knife and spoon. Special Speaker. Entertainment after Supper.
HARVEST SERVICES

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3rd.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Mattins
3.00 p.m. Children's Gift Service
6.00 p.m. Evensong

Gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables, groceries will be welcomed, preferably on Friday morning when the Church is to be decorated.

The Family Service usually held on the 2nd Sunday in the month will be moved to the 1st Sunday so as to coincide with the Harvest. We hope all our children will bring a gift to the Harvest.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

This year the Royal British Legion celebrate their 50th Anniversary and to mark this there will be a special Service at

6.00 p.m. SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19th.

This will be attended by members of our own Branch of the Legion and visitors from outside, with standards.

This should be a major event, so please book the date now.

We look forward very much to welcoming the Royal British Legion to the Church and to a most inspiring Service.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

IN APPRECIATION

The village learned with sadness of the sudden passing of Mr. Charles Thorne. Mr. Thorne had been Sub-Postmaster here for over 30 years and had been in business at the Post Office Stores since he left school. The Post Office has been in the family since the end of the last century.

"Charlie" as he was popularly known, loved the village in which he had lived all his life and he loved his home. During the Second World War he saw service with the Royal Army Service Corps.

He was honest in all his dealings and served the village well for a number of years. His sense of humour, his kindliness, his personality and presence will be greatly missed.

We thank God for his life amongst us. We send to his family our warm and sincere sympathy. May God bless them and keep them during these sad days.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH - SUNDAY SCHOOL

Once again a very enjoyable day was spent in Weymouth, where we travelled for our annual outing. Members of the Sunday School, parents and friends numbered almost 50. One shower of rain did not dampen our spirits! The beach never fails but to hold the main attraction, and with so many young people now able to swim this added to the happiness. We met together for tea, after which the swing-boats and donkey rides for some of our party made a pleasant end before returning home.

Mrs. R. Percy and Miss B. Puckett, teachers in the Sunday School, as well as the writer, accompanied the party.

Our Missionary Box has just been opened and as a result the sum of £2.00 has been sent for work in the Diocese of The Gambia and Rio Pongas. It will actually go towards the building of a Christian School near Bathurst, which is the capital of Gambia.

We also have sent £2.00 to the Church of England Children's Society from our Sunflower Guild Box. This money goes towards aiding in some small way the 5,000 children, which this great Society helps each year.

We have received letters of thanks and the receipts are on the Church Porch notice board.

E. M. S.

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

ALL

Can you do two things at once? Can you listen to a lesson in school with one half of your mind, and with the other half live over again something you did yesterday, or picture what you hope to do this evening? You may practice the piano, but at the same time you may be thinking of what you are going to say to John Brown when you next meet him.

Sometimes, however, things are different. You may be reading a most exciting story and have just reached a very interesting point, when someone speaks to you. There is no answer. They speak your name, but still no reply. You are absolutely lost in your book; it is claiming the whole of your attention.

If you are preparing for an examination you have to give it the whole of your time, not just scraps of time which you think you can
spare, but the whole of your time. You are now not attempting to do two things at once. One thing takes all your time, all your thought and indeed all your strength.

If you are going to be a good footballer, a good mathematician, a good sailor, you have to give all in order that you may succeed. You will not make a good footballer unless you learn the rules of the game and keep your mind on the game. You will not make a good mathematician unless you learn the rules and groundwork of mathematics. You will not make a good sailor unless you put everything you have into it and learn navigation, know how to calculate the position of the ship, know the ways of the sea, the sets of the currents and their strength, as well as many other things. You see in all these ways you have to give yourself.

An old father of the Church in North America said many centuries ago, "It does not take much of a man to be a Christian, but it takes all there is of him." It is exactly the same today, it has not altered down the centuries.

ALL. Are we giving all? It is a great deal to give, but that is what is asked of us, nothing less will do, as we journey along the Christian way of life. God asks this of us. How are we responding?

E. M. S.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

Holy Matrimony
July 31st. Nigel Derek Smith and Ruth Christine April Edwards

Burial
June 24th. Maurice Leonard Applin, 76 years.

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