My dear Friends,

The Annual Church Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 5th, 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. More and more in these modern days the ordinary lay people are being given the opportunities of playing a full part in the running of their Church; and no longer is it a dictatorship or autocracy with the Vicar and Churchwardens solely responsible to making decisions. This is, of course, an excellent thing but it only works if the lay people are willing to take up the opportunities given them and to play their full part in making the decisions which are now their right.

A really full and interested Annual Meeting means a vigorous Parochial Church Council and a really informed laity.

This year we have a completely New Electoral Roll, containing the names of over 60 people who have not been on before. This is their opportunity to make a real contribution to the running of their Parish Church.

While on the subject of the Electoral Roll, I feel I must congratulate Miss Combes, our Electoral Roll Secretary, on the vigorous and efficient way in which she has compiled the new Roll. This has been a major task for her, with a very large number of people to have been seen personally.

While it is now too late to get your name on the Roll in time for the Annual Meeting, if you are not already on the roll please get a form from Miss Combes, fill it in and your name will be put on the Roll immediately after the Annual Meeting.

In May we shall be having the Annual Friends of Bere Regis Church Service, and in due course invitations to the Service will be going out. I think there are still quite a number of people who might like to become "Friends" especially perhaps among newcomers.
to the village. If you would like to have an invitation, please let any church official know and it will be passed on to the right quarters. New "Friends" are always urgently needed and are warmly welcomed.

As you will see in this issue we are to have two series of "Music in the Church". One on Low Sunday, the Sunday after Easter Day, April 9th at the time of Evensong when the Briantspaddle Singers are coming to sing Easter music and the other on Thursday, May 16th at 7.30 p.m. when we shall have a choir and recorder from Swanage.

I very much hope that both these events will be well supported.

A very happy Easter to you all.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

May 7th. - Mrs. R. Barnes. Mrs. M. House.
May 14th. - Mrs. J. House. Mrs. Coats.
May 21st. - WHIT SUNDAY. Mrs. Tranter.

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Sanctuary Flower Guild Coffee Evening.

Some Members of the Guild have designed, and worked a Runner for the Altar Rail in the Church. The Guild has paid for most of the materials used, but funds are still needed to complete the work, so as well as the Jumble Sale on March 22nd a Coffee Evening is to be held at Summerrods, on Thursday, April 13th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Bring & Buy Stall and Raffle). PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THIS.

C. T. T.

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** MUSIC IN CHURCH **

A Recital of Easter Music by the Briantspaddle Singers - 6 p.m. APRIL 9TH.

Conductor ... ... Miss D. Kindersley.
Organ ... ... Richard Hall.

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SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR APRIL.

April 2nd. 11 a.m. Messrs. M. Lys & K. Woolfries.
6 p.m. Messrs. G. Ward & M. Barnes.
9th. 11 a.m. Mr. F. Lys. Major J. Hudson.
16th. 11 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries. Brig. D. Tadman.
6 p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes & H. Dashwood.
23rd. 11 a.m. Col. A. Barne & Mr. M. Lys.
6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & C. Ward.
30th. 11 a.m. Major J. Hudson & Mr. F. Lys.
6 p.m. Messrs. G. Ward & J. House.

May 7th. 11 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries & R. Smith.
6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & P. Marsh.

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VILLAGE CALENDAR.

April 2nd. Sun. EASTER DAY.
5th. Wed. 7 p.m. Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Drax Hall.
9th. Sun. 6 p.m. Music in Church.
12th. Wed. 7.30 Mothers' Union - Vicarage.
13th. Thurs. 7 p.m. Coffee Evening - Mrs. Tadman.
15th. Sat. 4 p.m. Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Bellringers Annual Service, Bere Regis.
20th. Thurs. Congregational Coffee Evening 7.30 p.m. Congregational Church Hall.
25th. Tues. Bere Regis Floral Group Spring Show 2.30 p.m. Drax Hall.
26th. Wed. 7 p.m. Archdeacons Visitaton - Bere Regis.
May 2nd. Tues. Annual General Meeting - Youth Club 8 p.m.
10th. Wed. 7.30 Mothers' Union - Vicarage.
11th. Thurs. ASCENSION DAY - 7 p.m. Friends of Bere Regis Church - Annual Service.
18th. Thurs. 7.30 - Music in the Church.
19th. Fri. 7 p.m. Confirmation Service - Bere Regis.
21st. Sun. WHIT SUNDAY.
June 3rd. Sat. Floral Group decorate the Chapel at Chorborough Park.

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Village Calendar. (Cont’d…)

June 8th. Thurs. Congregational Church Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Boyd, 19 South Mead.

• 17th. Sat. P.T.A. Carnival with Procession.
• 24th. Sat. Bere Regis Garden Party.
• 25th. Sun. 6 p.m. Music in Church - Children singing.
• 27th. Tues. 7 p.m. Young Wives Summer Market, Broadwater.

July 13th. Thurs. R.B.L. Women’s Section - Garden Party, White Lovington - 3 p.m.

• 16th. Sun. 6.30 Deanery Evensong at Piddletrenthide.


EASTER LILIES FOR REMEMBRANCE.

As in past years the cost of Easter Remembrance Lilies will be collected by members of the Sanctuary Guild, and we are most grateful to them for their help.

Please do not attempt to pay for your lilies until you are actually asked for the money.

MOTHERS’ UNION.

The next monthly meeting of the Branch will be held at the Vicarage on Wednesday, April 12th at 7.30 p.m., when I am hoping to add many new names to the register. The Speaker at this meeting will be Mrs. Snell, of Okeford Fitzpaine and the title of her talk is "A way of Life".

On May 10th the Speaker is to be Mrs. Cooper of Wareham and the subject of her talk will be ‘The drugs and the child of today’.

We have made an excellent start with our new formed Mothers’ Union and I do hope that our meeting will now be well supported by members.

P. J. T.

EASTER DAY.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.
12 noon. Holy Communion.
3 p.m. Family Service.
6 p.m. Evensong.

I shall be most grateful if those who support this service will kindly notice that for April the Family Service will be transferred from the normal 2nd Sunday in the month to the first Sunday which is Easter Day.

In May we shall revert to our usual 2nd Sunday.
What a pleasure it always is to see so many parents and children coming regularly to this Family Service.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMENS SECTION.

A successful sale was held in March in aid of Women’s Section Charities - over £40 was raised. Raffle winners were Mrs. B. Percy, Mrs. Carter Jones, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. E. Lys, Mr. H. Oliver.

April meeting in the Drax Hall on the 19th at 2.30 - Speaker - Mr. Farremond on Forestry. Bring & Buy Stall.

A. L. COLES.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES GROUP.

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall, Butts Lane, on Tuesday 11th April there will be a talk by a Jeweller, and on the 25th a talk about Wines by Peter Dominic.

M. E.

BERE REGIS WOMEN’S INSTITUTE.

The February meeting was held in the Drax Hall. The speaker was Mr. Nash, who gave a very interesting talk on the work of the Coldharbour Hospital. Miss Miller gave the vote of thanks. The winners of the Christmas Card Competition were - 1st Mrs. Howard, 2nd Mrs. Cummins. A competition for a Breakfast was won by Mrs. Carlyle. The tea hostesses were Mrs. Cleall and Miss Miller. The speaker for April will be Mrs. Abbott, who will be demonstrating Supper Dishes.

M. E.

MILESTONES.

I have never made headlines in the Sunday papers or done any of those outlandish things like climbing the highest mountain but at this stage in my life - I feel I have achieved great things.

This is my Silver Wedding Day and what a lot I have learned in the past twenty-five years - how to cope with a husband and growing family - all the ups and downs this entails and now here
we are — all those years gone by in a flash. The children grown up into independent beings, leading happy and full lives. My husband beside me and still sharing our life together. What more could anyone ask for? We even have a bonus! To complete this chapter in our lives, a new grandchild just born. How we shall enjoy watching the new generation live their lives while we continue on to the next milestone. Maybe a Golden Anniversary if we are lucky and God is willing.

Anon.

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BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

On April 11th Mrs. Mary Parkes will give a demonstration of "Variety & Modern". There will also be a Plant Stall when it is hoped members will bring anything they can for it. Visitors, as usual, will be welcome at a fee of 5p.

We hope that everyone interested will come to our Spring Show in the Drax Hall on April 25th at 2.30 p.m. and see the flower arrangements. There will be a Raffle and a Cake and Container Stall, also Tea and Biscuits. Admission 5p.

A.L.

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THE THOMAS WILLIAMS EDUCATIONAL TRUST.

The Trustees of the Thomas Williams Educational Trust, are considering allocating some of their funds to helping apprentices in their training. Will any residents of Bere Regis, who's children are contemplating an apprenticeship, or similar type of training, please get in touch with G. H. Griffin, The Cedars, Bere Regis.

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BELLRINGERS.

For many many years it has been the custom in Bere Regis for the bellringers to receive an honorarium for their services, which has always been gladly paid.

Now our bellringers have put their heads together and decided among themselves that they no longer wish to receive this payment as they feel that bellringing should be completely voluntary, and should be done as a service to the Church.

I know we shall all appreciate this gesture and warmly thank them for their generosity, which has come quite unasked and unprompted.

How grand it is to hear the bells so well rung Sunday by Sunday.

P.T.W.T.

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OUT OF THE MOUTHS!

A small girl was drawing a picture "out of her head". "What are you drawing?" asked her mother. "God", replied the child simply. "But you can't draw God", protested the mother, "because you have never seen Him, and no one knows what He is like."

The small child licked her pencil and put on another touch. "They will," she said, "when I've finished it".

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MANNERS.

We sometime complain about the rudeness of today's newspapers. What about this extract from the Church Times of February 9th, 1872?

UNHAPPILY OUR BISHOPS — or some of them — continue to conduct themselves as if they thought their special function was to foster party spirit. There is, for instance, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, whose correspondence with Archdeacon Denison is just published. As far as we can gather, Lord Arthur Hervey (the Bishop) having received a deputation from half a dozen bucolic blockheads thought fit to order the Archdeacon, whose work at East Brent seems really to have been of the most admirable character, to abandon various usages which are practised in every part of the kingdom without material opposition. The Archdeacon refused to comply, and the Bishop thereupon withdrew the licences of the two curates. Thus two unoffending gentlemen and a whole parish are severely punished because the Bishop cannot get on with the Vicar!

We shall now proceed to show that his conduct was not that of either a gentleman or a Christian. The social offence strikes one as something more strange and unexpected than the religious, for, though the Herveys have never been a family remarkable for any great service to either Church or State, yet the son of a Marquis has usually access to society where at least a conventional standard of courtesy and mutual deference is maintained.

poor Bishop of Bath & Wells!

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NEW VERSION OF LORD'S PRAYER.

The Church of England's Liturgical Steering Committee has recommended that the General Synod, when it meets next month, should adopt a more traditional version of the Lord's Prayer for the Series III service of Holy Communion.

At last November's meeting of the Synod there was discussion
on the proposed use of a new text favoured by the International Consultation on English Texts. This would have substituted for the familiar "Lead us not into temptation" the words "Do not bring us to the test".

Now the Liturgical Steering Committee to whom the matter was referred, says: "This ICET text is one about which there has been a considerable measure of disquiet among Churches in the British Isles, which we as a Committee share. We have therefore held discussions with these Churches in so far as this has been possible and have obtained general good will for proposing another version, as follows:--

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The Steering Committee's comment continues: "This version has modified the two lines of the ICET text which had proved to be contentious. At the same time we have obtained what we believe to be a legitimate translation of the original." The contentious lines were "holy be your Name" and "Do not bring us to the test".

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

BURIALS:
Feb. 22nd. James Standfield, 88 years.
Feb. 23rd. Clare Ruth Seymour, aged 2 Days.
Feb. 23rd. Ethel Lucy Crocker, 77 years.

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"SMALL ADS"

(15p. every three lines).