BERE REGIS PARISH MAGAZINE
PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST
BERE REGIS,
DORSET.

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SUNDAY SERVICES
Holy Communion ... 8 a.m. except 1st Sunday
Saints Days, 9.30 a.m. 2nd Sunday after Matins
Family Communion ... 11 a.m. 1st Sunday
Matins ... ... ... ... 11 a.m. except 1st Sunday
Evensong ... ... ... ... 6 p.m.
Family Service ... ... 3 p.m. 2nd Sunday
Sunday School ... ... 10.30 a.m. except 2nd Sunday
Holy Baptism ... ... 3.45 p.m. 2nd Sunday

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES
MOTHERS UNION: ... 7.30 p.m. Vicarage, 2nd Wednesday.
FLORAL GROUP: ... 2.30 Drax Hall, 2nd Tuesday.
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: ... 7.00 p.m. Drax Hall, 3rd Tuesday
YOUNG WIVES: ... 7.30 p.m. Congregational Schoolroom
BELLRINGERS: ... 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
CHOIR PRACTICE: ... Practice 7.30 p.m. Wednesdays
BRITISH LEGION CLUB: ... 6.30 p.m. Friday
R.B.L. HQRS
GUIDES: ... ... ... ... 7.00 p.m. Thursday, Fri, Sat, Sun.
BROWNIES: ... ... ... ... 6.30 p.m. School Thurs.
WOODWORK CLASS: ... ... ... ... 6.15 p.m. School, Weds.
Notice of Banns of Marriage and Baptisms to the Parish Clerk. Churchings to the Vicar.

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THE VICAR’S LETTER.

My dear People,

I should like to thank and congratulate Mr. Pitfield on the wonderful drawing he has made of the Church for the new cover of our magazine necessitated by the removal of St. Nicholas from the parish.

The alteration of the parish boundaries means that we have lost about 70 Subscribers to the magazine, which will be a severe loss. I very much hope that we shall be able to make up some of this during the coming year, and would ask you to try and obtain new subscribers to the magazine.

As we go to press Mr. Ken Woolfries has most kindly planted all the new batch of Memorial roses. I am very grateful to him for taking on this job of work during the illness of his brother Tom who planted all the others for us. He has made a beautiful job of it and the roses should make a splendid show when the Spring comes.

We are most grateful to the donors of the rose trees and to Mrs. Tranter who not only thought out the scheme, but has carried out all the business side of the venture.

It is good to see what a good recovery Mr. Tom Woolfries has made from his recent operation and we all look forward to seeing him about again doing his usual jobs.

Now for a complete change of subject.

Under the new Synodical Government of the Church, Electoral Rolls have to be completely renewed every six years, commencing in 1972. This means that our own Electoral Roll is now out of date and a new one must be prepared and completed by Sunday, 19th March, 1972.

Consequently every person on the Church electoral roll must sign a new application form. This will be a major task for the Electoral Roll Secretary who is Miss Combes, of The Bower, North St. It will greatly help her if everyone will see that they get the necessary form, fill it in and return it without delay either to Miss Combes direct or to any church official.
I very much wish to stress the importance of having your name on the Roll - the number of representatives we are allowed to have on the Deanery Synod depends on the number of people there are on the roll, and no one can play their part in the full business side of the Church unless they have their name down. Please take the initiative in seeing you obtain the form and that you fill it in and return it without delay.

Every happiness and good wishes for 1972 from Mrs. Tranter and myself.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

January 2nd.  Miss A. Lys.
January 9th.  Mrs. Howard.  Miss Llewelin.

A meeting of the Guild was held in the Vicarage on Thursday, December 9th. The rota for the first six months of 1972 was made out, and we were pleased to welcome a new member. May I remind members who were not present at the meeting that the annual subscription of 10p is now due.

C.T.T.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR JANUARY.

           6. R. Barnes & M. Barnes.

Jan. 9th.  11 a.m. Major J. Hudson. Col. A. Barne.
           6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & R. Smith.

Jan. 16th. 11 a.m.  M. Lys & I. Mullins.
           6 p.m.  M. Barnes & F. Marsh.

Jan. 23rd. 11 a.m.  F. Lys & K. Woolfries.
           6 p.m.  G. Ward & J. House.

Jan. 30th. 11 a.m. Brig. D. Tadman & Mr. F. Lys.
           6 p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes & D. Poore.

Feb. 6th.  11 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Major J. Hudson.
           6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & R. Smith.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Jan. 9th.  Sun.  3 p.m. Plough Sunday Service
Jan. 30th. Sun.  6 p.m. Hymn Singing.
Feb. 7th.  Mon.  3 p.m. School Managers Meeting.
          "  9th.  Wed.  7.30 p.m. Mothers' Union.
          "  14th. Mon.  7.30 p.m. Parochial Church Council - Vicarage.
          "  18th. Sat.  Put Clocks on one hour.
April 26th. Wed.  7 p.m. Archdeacons Visitation - Bere Regis.
May 11th. Thurs. Ascension Day - 7 p.m. Friends of Bere Regis Church Annual Service.
          "  19th. Fri.  7 p.m. Confirmation - Bere Regis.

MOTHERS' UNION.

No meeting during January. Meetings will commence on Wednesday, February 9th at the Vicarage.

New members are warmly invited to this meeting.

Please make a note of this date now, so that you can be sure of being present.
SPECIAL CONSTABLES.

There is a great need of new recruits to the Special Constabulary at the present time. Applicants should be of good character, smart and keen. They should be of 25 years of age and upwards.

Both men and women are of equal importance and equally needed.

Duties are those of a full policeman including Beat, Traffic and First Aid Work.

Recruits are required to do a probation period with an officer and then will be posted to a Section under a Sergeant.

Any interested in this most useful and rewarding work please get in touch with Inspector Powell at Wareham Police Station, Wareham 2222 or call at any Police Station.

PLough Sunday.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9th. (the first Sunday after the Epiphany).

2.45 Procession behind the Plough leaves the Old Barn Service Station.

3 p.m. Service in Church.

Please come and join the Procession and keep alive this ancient country tradition.

The Plough will be carried in procession by members of the Young Farmers Club.

Oxfam.

It is appropriate at the turn of the year to say a word of appreciation to Mrs. Pitfield for all that she does for Oxfam in this parish.

It is a quiet piece of service that goes on month by month, carried out in the midst of a very busy life, and we are most grateful to her for all that she does.

ANGELS!

In Dorchester, the staff of Dorset County Hospital chuckled over a child's-eye view of a tonsil operation.

A staff letter quoted the child's own account as follows:

"When I went into the big room there were two lady angels, all dressed in white. Then two men angels came into the room."

"One of the men angels looked down my throat and said, 'Lord! Look at that child's tonsils'."

"And the Lord looked, and said - 'I'll take them out at once'."

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Nativity Play.

We were all touched and thrilled by the Nativity Play given by the children of the Sunday School on December 12th. It was so beautiful in its simplicity and sincerity that it will be a warm memory in the minds of the large congregation who saw it for a long time to come.

Congratulations to the children and to the Sunday School teachers who went to such trouble to put it on.

Special thanks to Mrs. Collis who wrote the play and to Mrs. England who with Mrs. Collis arranged all the costumes and made many of them themselves. We are also most grateful to the parents who co-operated so enthusiastically in the provision of the dresses.

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Bere Regis Floral Group.

We had a very successful Christmas Fair, which was well supported. As a result of this we have been able to make the following donations:-

£10 to Headquarters Fund.
£10 to Help the Aged.
£10 to Dorset Branch of the World Wildlife Fund.

At the Annual General Meeting the following were elected:

President — Mrs. A. Barne.
Chairman — Mrs. H. Anderson.
BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP. (Cont’d…)

Vice-Chairman – Mrs. A. Chilcott.
Hon. Secretary – Miss A. Lys.
Asst. Hon. Treasurer – Mrs. M. Over.
Co-opted member – Mrs. Acworth.

On Tuesday, January 11th, Miss McFall will be showing slides of the Flower Festival in Bere Regis Church, and other Churches and visitors will be very welcome.

A. L.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – WOMEN’S SECTION.

Branch Meeting in the Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m. January 19th, 1972 when the speaker will be Miss M. M. Llewellyn J.P.

There will be a Bring and Buy Stall.

A. L. COLES – Sec.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall, Butt Lane at 7.30. On the 11th January there will be a talk on Footpaths and Rights of Way by Mrs. Colyer, and on the 25th a talk about the work of the Samaritans. All new members will be very welcome.

M. E.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

HOLY BAPTISM:
November 14th. Lee Anthony Hyde.
November 14th. Christopher John Vine.
November 14th. Keith Jeffrey Green.

BURIAL: October 31st. Matilda Smith aged 96.

A POEM FOR THE NEW YEAR:

COOLUMBUS SAID "GO ON!"

"Uncharted seas! No goal in sight"
There is no torture like fears rack.
On, on they sailed by day, by night
Till each man cried in fear "Turn back!"
Columbus said "Go on!"
Now let the soul Columbus, be as on and on, thro' life we sail
Across a wide expanse of sea,
So filled with dread that we may fail,
And facing always the unknown,
Companioned daily with despair,
Yet shall we not be quite alone,
The Souls' Columbus will be there.

To cry aloud "Go on!"
Tomorrow has before us all
A continent ours to explore,
The soul must like Columbus call
"You've left forever failures shore
Look forward and "Go on!"

"My Barque is frail, I'm tempest tossed,
Oh soul now like Columbus cry
There's light ahead, all is not lost,
Behold the land of hope draws nigh
And you must still go on!"

Author unknown.

BERE REGIS WOMEN’S INSTITUTE.

The Christmas party was held in the gaily decorated Drax Hall. Mrs. Howard the president welcomed members from Winterborne Kingston, Winterbourne Zelston and Briantspuddle, also retired Members, and friends and relations of members. She then showed the meeting an elephant bell from India which had been presented by Mrs. Cummins the retiring president. A number of games were then played. The winners being – Post Office – Mrs. Mullins, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. England. Finding fault with Mrs. Carlyle was won by Mrs. Collis, Mrs. Jesty, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. England. Tearing animals out of paper – Mrs. Applin, Mr. Cleall,
and Mrs. Hawkins. Christmas Stocking - Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. Cadman. 
Guess what Age - Miss Beattie, Mrs. Bough, Mrs. Tadman, Mrs. Nash. 
After a delicious supper a pantomime entitled 'Belles and Beaux 
of Bere Regis' was performed, which was written and produced by 
Mrs. Howard. Those taking part were Mrs. Collis, Mrs. Porter, 
Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Dashwood, Mrs. Carlyle, Mrs. 
Andrews, Mrs. S. Cheeseeman, Mrs. Jesty and Mrs. England. The 
evening ended with the distribution of presents by Mrs. Cummins 
and the singing of carols. The speaker for January will be Miss 
Beattie, who will give a talk illustrated with slides about 
Canada.

M. E.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

HOLY MATRIMONY:

6th November. Peter Rex Adams and Joan Elsie Pickering.

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"SMALL ADS"

(15p. every three lines).