THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

I have already written at length on Anglican-Methodist Reunion and do not propose to say any more about it for the moment. But arising from the present feeling towards Reunion between the churches, one practical matter has come to pass and this concerns the Service of the Holy Communion.

Up to the present time it has not been lawful for a priest to administer Communion to anyone not confirmed without special permission unless they were a member of one of the churches which were in Communion with the Church of England.

This has now been drastically altered with the introduction of a new Canon (Law) of the Church.

This new Canon makes it lawful for any Incumbent to administer Communion to members of other Christian Churches, if he so desires, provided that they hold the same status in their own Church as a confirmed person does in the Anglican Community. I myself shall be delighted to welcome any full members of other Churches at Celebration of the Holy Communion in the Parish Church without any previous permission being needed or expected.

I never quite know how many, if any, read this letter, but I shall be most grateful for as much publicity to be given to this as possible, as it is something which is quite new in the context of reunion, and should prove in the course of time a real help in the joining together of all who endeavour to serve the same Lord and Master.

Every year at this time when I write the July letter, I look out of my study window and wonder what the weather will be like for the Garden Party. It has been a bad year, so far, of outdoor events and we commiserate with the people of Winterborne Kingston in that 20 minutes after the opening of their Pete the rain came down in torrents and the event had to be
abandoned. The P.T.A. Carnival, though there was no rain, suffered under a day as cold as though it was in February.

No doubt we shall take what we receive cheerfully and do our best under any circumstances!

Please take note of the Deanery Evensong at Piddletrenthide Church - 6.30 p.m. on July 16th. From time to time in this Deanery we have visited each others Churches, with much profit and enjoyment. This will be our last chance to go visiting in the Bere Regis Deanery and I do hope we shall take a really good number with us on this occasion.

Your sincere friend & Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

July 2nd. Miss E. Lys. Mrs. G. R. Griffin.
July 9th. Mrs. Tranter. Mrs. K. Woolfries.
July 16th. Mrs. Roffey. Miss Llewelin.
July 30th. Mrs. J. House. Mrs. Coates.

The Rota for July - December was made out at a meeting of the Guild which was held at the Vicarage on May 15th. It can be seen in the Church Porch. We welcome four new members who have joined since the beginning of the year.

C.T.T.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR JULY.

July 2. 11 a.m. Major J. Hudson & Mr. K. Woolfries.
       6 p.m. Messrs. N. Barnes & H. Dashwood.
" 9. 11 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Brig. D. Tadman.
       6 p.m. Messrs. J. House & M. Barnes.
"16. 11 a.m. Mr. I. Mullins & Major J. Hudson.
       6 p.m. Evensong at Piddletrenthide.
"23. 11 a.m. Messrs. M. Lys & K. Woolfries.
       6 p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes & H. Dashwood.
       6 p.m. Messrs. E. Marsh & M. Barnes.
Aug. 5. 11 a.m. Messrs. G. Ward & K. Woolfries.
       6 p.m. Messrs. J. House & R. Barnes.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

" 5th. W. 7.30 Parochial Church Council - Vicarage.
" 6th. Th. Coffee Evening for the Children's Society, and Box opening - Vicarage 7 p.m.
" 12th. W. Mothers' Union 7.30 - Vicarage.
" 13th. Th. R.B.L. Women's Section Garden Party - 3 p.m. White Lovington.
" 16th. SUN. 6.30 Deanery Evensong at Piddletrenthide.
Aug. 1st. Fri. 8 p.m. Youth Club Committee - Club Hut.
" 12th. Sat. R.B.L. Horticultural Show.
Oct. 1st. SUN. Harvest Festival.
" 4th. Wed. Meeting at Dorchester for explanation of new Mothers' Union Charter.
Dec. 6th. Wed. 3 Sanctuary Guild.
" 17th. SUN. Carol Service.

MOTHERS' UNION.

The next monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held at the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday July 12th. The speaker will be Mrs. Murray of Parkeston and the subject of her talk will be 'Social Welfare'.

There will be no meeting during August as is customary, but we shall be meeting in September on Wednesday, Sept. 13th. This meeting which will be the first of the winter session will take the form of a social gathering with a general meeting at which we hope to elect a vigorous committee and to get the business side of the M.U. on a sound footing.

We are now going ahead so successfully that I feel the time has come to consolidate all the progress we have made, and not only to have our officials properly elected but to discuss the theme of future meetings and to get some idea of a programme for the coming
year.

I am most grateful to Dr. Boyd for coming to our last meeting and giving us such a sincere and thought provoking talk to lead us into a most rewarding discussion.

We have decided to shelve the idea of a Summer Outing this year owing to lack of support and it is proposed to have a Christmas Dinner Party instead.

P.J.T.

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BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES GROUP.

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall, Butt Lane. On Tuesday 11th July – Mrs. Lockyer will give a demonstration of Supper Dishes, and on the 25th there will be a Ramble and Barbecue in Bere Woods.

M.E.

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BERE REGIS WOMEN’S INSTITUTE.

The May meeting was held in the Drax Hall. Mrs. Howard gave a report on the Spring Council Meeting held in Weymouth. The speaker was Mrs. Archibold a V.C.O. on Resolutions to the National Federation Women’s Institutes meeting in London, and members voted on these. The competition for the best poem on the Women’s Institute was won by Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis gave the vote of thanks, and the tea hostesses were Miss Storrs, and Mrs. Lewis. The July meeting will be held on Tuesday the 18th when the speaker will be Mrs. Herridge on Corn Dollies.

M.E.

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SCRIPTURE UNION.

A meeting will be held on Monday, July 10th at 7.00 in Bere Regis School Hall, by the Scripture Union.

Addressed by the Children’s Evangelist of the Area – Mr. Robertson of Salisbury will talk on the work of the Scripture Union among children and young people. The talk will be illustrated by film strips. All interested are most welcome.

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN’S SOCIETY.

COFFEE EVENING

JULY 6th, at 7 p.m.

at the Vicarage
(by kind permission of Mrs. Tranter).

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BRING & BUY ****** RAFFLE **********

BOX HOLDERS PLEASE BRING BOXES TO BE OPENED.

Please come and support this great society, which does such a wonderful work among children.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN’S SECTION.

At a recent talk by Mr. Taylor on Guide Dogs for the Blind, members were told that Milk Bottle Tops were still needed. If any one cares to save them please let Mrs. Coles know.

The Garden Party, on July 13th in Miss Llwellin’s garden will be opened by the County Chairman – Mrs. E. Smith at 3 p.m. Any gifts for stalls will be welcome and can be given to the Secretary or brought to White Lovington on the morning of sale.

No meetings in August.

September Meeting – Drax Hall 2.30 p.m. – Cookery. Speaker: Mrs. Spencer – "A lot out of a little".

A. L. Coles – Sec.

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BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

July 11th, An Arrangement for every Room, by Mrs. Philip Pope. There will also be a Bring & Buy stall.

P. H.

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BIBLE STUDY GROUP & PRAYER MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 14th at 7.30 p.m. at 19 South Mead. The meeting is open to anyone interested.

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BIBLE STUDY GROUP & PRAYER MEETING
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The subject being discussed at the moment is Prayer and the Holy Spirit.
Further details can be obtained from the Vicar or Dr. Boyd.

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YOUTH CLUB WEEK.

OCTOBER 20th to OCTOBER 28th.

Preliminary Notice.

Grand Draw of 3,000 tickets.

Prizes include Transistor Radio - Camera - Whisky etc.

Watch Competition.
Table Tennis Marathon.
Flag Day.
Mile of pennies.
Barbecue.
Discotheque - Bingo - Whist Drive
Coffee Morning.
Autumn Bazaar - etc.

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FESTIVAL OF LIGHT
RALLY IN HULL

Five hundred people marched "for public decency and higher moral standards" in a demonstration which brought the city centre at Hull to a standstill recently.

Later thirteen hundred attended a Festival of Light rally in the City Hall. Greetings were read from the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of Hull, and the chairman of the York and Hull District of the Methodist Church.

Speakers included Mrs. Mary Whitehouse and Mr. Patrick Wall, MP for Haltemprice. Over six and a half thousand people signed the nation-wide petition for public decency.

100 YEARS AGO.

A letter to The Church Times

February 2, 1872

The Women's Dress Association. - Will you kindly permit me to inform your readers who may be interested in the subject that the "Women's Dress Association" is now organised; a small but active, earnest working council has been formed, and rules decided upon. The association wishes to deal with the subject of women's dress as practically as possible - and not ignoring the acknowledged rules of beauty or good taste - but resisting as far as lies in their power all exaggerated and unhealthy styles of dress which are contrary to honesty, propriety, or good taste. They desire to encourage all classes, as far as their influence can extend, to adopt greater moderation in dress believing that there are many sensible young women of the present day who will be glad of their support and encouragement. I shall be happy to receive the names of persons who may wish to see the rules... Members will pay 5s. per annum - Associates free - Catherine Mary Webber, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer pro tem, Chevening, Sevenoaks.

(How many members would such a Society obtain today? Ed.)

FAMILY PLANNING.

Many people today are worried at the increasing size of the population of these crowded islands, with all its obvious implications for problems of pollution and the environment. There is thus likely to be a sympathetic reception for a publication issues yesterday by a self-styled pressure-group calling itself "Birth Control Campaign," the chief aim of which is to put forward suggestions for stabilising the population by eliminating unwanted pregnancies.

The key recommendation of this group is that the National Health Service should be so organised as to include a publicly financed and completely comprehensive birth-control service, with free advice and full facilities available to all comers on contraception, voluntary sterilisation and abortion. Such massive provision of these facilities by the State, backed by
the expenditure of further millions of Government money on advertisements urging people to use them, would result, it is claimed, in solving the problem of some 300,000 unwanted pregnancies a year in Britain, thus slowing down the population explosion, reducing the burden on the welfare services of children who should not have been born, and giving more couples "the stability associated with a planned family".

This publication should succeed in stimulating public discussion of an admittedly crucial issue. Few people nowadays doubt the rightness of family planning within marriage. Christians, however, are bound to raise the question whether unlimited public provision of contraceptives to unmarried teenagers will not be taken to be, and prove to be, a form of encouragement of fornication — a moral question to which this publication pays far too scant attention.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

HOLY MATRIMONY:

June 3rd. Andrew Reginald Alfred Lomax and Carol Anne Crocker.

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DEATH:


"SMALL ADS"

(15p. every three lines).