THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

At the end of this month we are holding our Annual Garden Party - Saturday, June 24th, again to be held in the garden of Summerrods through the kindness of Brigadier & Mrs. Tadman. Although all the details are not yet quite to hand, there will be as usual a full afternoon's attractions including various competitions, and we look forward to fine weather this year for this annual and happy event.

I imagine all of you by now have heard that for the second time the scheme for uniting with the Methodist Church has failed to obtain the necessary 75% in the General Synod. This means that to all intents and purposes the scheme as it stands at present is completely dead and it will not be revived in its present form.

While it seems sad to think that sixteen years work has brought no fruit in the end, it does not mean that eventual reunion with the Methodists is at an end. What it does mean is that we shall all have to think again as to the way in which it is to be achieved, and a completely new scheme will have to be formulated.

Perhaps we shall find out in years to come that it may have been a good thing after all that the present scheme fell through, and that a much better one may replace it.

The trouble with the present scheme has been that there are two parties in the Anglican Church which have been very much against it and if the scheme had gone through I can envisage that we might have had the United Anglican Methodist Church and two breakaway Churches so that instead of the two churches as at the moment we might have finished up with three or even four if the dissentients among the Methodists broke away and refused to come in with the union.

I am taking the liberty of reprinting in a later page what I said in my letter in August 1969 when the scheme was turned down for the first time. I feel that this is a pretty fair summary of the situation and I hope you may read it for the second time.

As we go to press I have to record with deep regret the sudden death of Agnes Keeping. She was a vigorous worker in many causes, honoured by the Queen, and until recently played a full part in village life. She will be greatly missed and we send our sincere sympathy to her husband on his sad loss.

Your sincere friend & Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

June 18th. Miss Combes. Mrs. R. Barnes.

My apologies for having had the June list printed in the May magazine by mistake.

C.T.T.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR JUNE.

June 4th. 11 a.m. M. Lys & Col. A. Barne.
       "  11th. 11 a.m. Brig. D. Tadman & Major J. Hudson.
          6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. Barnes.
       "  18th. 11 a.m. Messrs. T. Mullins & K. Woolfries.
          6 p.m. Messrs. G. Ward & R. Barnes.
       "  25th. 11 a.m. Mr. F. Lys & Col. A. Barne.
          6 p.m. Messrs. J. House & P. Marsh.

July 2nd. 11 a.m. Major J. Hudson & Mr. K. Woolfries.
          6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & H. Dashwood.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Sidesmen will be held at the Vicarage at 8 p.m. on Monday, June 12th. Please make a note of this date as a good attendance is such a help in the drawing out of the Rota.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

June 3rd. Sat. Floral Group decorate the Chapel at Charborough Park.
       "  5th. Mon. 3 p.m. School Managers Meeting.
       "  7th. Wed. 10.30 a.m. Helpers to spring clean store room.
       "  8th. Thurs. Congregational Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m. - Mrs. Boyd, 19 South Head.
       " 12th. Mon. Sidesmen's Quarterly Meeting - 8 p.m. Vicarage.
       " 14th. Wed. Mothers' Union 7.30 p.m. Vicarage.
       " 20th. Tues. Women's Institute Outing.
       " 21st. Wed. Youth Club Committee Meeting.
       " 22nd. Thurs. Diocesan Synod.
       " 24th. Sat. 3 p.m. Bere Regis Garden Party...Sommerrods.
       " 25th. Sun. 6 p.m. Bere Regis School Children singing in the Church for Evensong.
       " 27th. Tues. 7 p.m. Young Wives Summer Market - Broadwater, Rocks Road.

Village Calendar. (Cont'd...)

July 3rd. Mon. 7.30 Deanery Synod, Tolpuddle.
       "  5th. Wed. 7.30 Parochial Church Council - Vicarage.
       "  6th. Thurs. Coffee evening at the Vicarage, for the Children's Society and Box opening.
       " 12th. Wed. 7.30 Mothers' Union.
       " 13th. Thurs. R.B.L. Women's Section Garden Party 3 p.m. - White Lovington.
       " 16th. Sun. 6.30 Deanery Evensong at Piddletrenthide.

MOTHERS' UNION.

The next monthly meeting of the Branch will be held at the Vicarage on June 14th at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. Cooper gave us a most wonderful talk at our last meeting which everyone found most enlightening and helpful. It gave us all a great deal to think about and posed many questions for us to try and find answers.

We are going to continue the same theme concerning drugs and the child of today, at our next meeting, when I hope we shall be able to talk among ourselves about some of the questions we must all have in our minds.

This meeting on June 14th will therefore take the form of a discussion and the discussion will be started and led by Dr. Boyd, who I know will do his best to answer all your questions. P. J. T.

MUSIC IN CHURCH

Children Singing

Sunday, June 25th

at 6 p.m.

The children of the Bere Regis Primary School will be singing at Evensong. They will sing a number of songs - will lead the hymns - and will take part in the Service in various ways.

We look forward very much to this visit of the children of our school.

Come and hear them sing.
CONFIRMATION AT HERE REGIS.

The following were Confirmed on May 19th by Bishop McInnes the Bishop of Salisbury.

Christopher James Wilton Booth.
Sara Felicity Booth.
Tina Ann Fancy.
Lindsey Mary McLeod.
John Pitfield.
Sandra Dawn Rabbitts.
Barry Martin Rabbitts.

We wish them every blessing as they start their life as full members of the Church.

There were 20 other candidates from various Churches in the neighbourhood and a huge congregation which taxed the seating accommodation of the Church and the ingenuity of the Churchwardens to the utmost.

HERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

Results of the Spring Show held on April 25th. Trophy winners were:-

Senior Section: Mrs. House. Novice Section: Mrs. Over.
Best in the Show: Mrs. House.

The competition winners were:

Novice Section - 1. Mrs. Hudson. 2. Mrs. Meek. 3. Mrs. Over.

Novice Section - 1. Mrs. Over.

Novice Section - 1. Mrs. Armstead.

Novice Section - 1. Mrs. Over.

Novice Section: 1. Mrs. Stuttard. V.H.C. Mrs. House.


Mrs. House.


On June 3rd the Here Regis Group will be decorating the Chapel at Charborough Park, there will also be a Fete at the Park when the House and Garden will be open and many other Stalls and Competitions.

At the Drax Hall on June 13th, Mrs. Aldridge will be demonstrating Much with Little.

P. H.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S CHILDREN'S SOCIETY.

A coffee evening at The Vicarage by kind permission of The Vicar and Mrs. Tranter, on the 6th July at 7 p.m.
Bring and Buy and Raffle.
Box's holder's, please bring boxes to be open, if possible.

E. J. C.

ANGOLIC METHODIST REUNION.

(Re-print of part of the Vicar's letter in August, 1969).

In the time of Wesley, the founder of the Wesleyan Church, the Church of England was very much in the doldrums. It had no life or force and just existed. The clergy were slack and uncaring and the people were apathetic and bored. John Wesley, a clergyman of the Church of England, felt he was called by God to put new life into the Church and to organise an Evangelistic Mission. He received no encouragement from his brother clergy, who in the main refused to have anything to do with him and his project. When he found this he started out on his own, organising Mission Services all over the country, without permission from the clergy in whose parishes he conducted his special Services. His Mission went ahead, with great success, and as time went on he began to form his own organisation. Towards the end of his life he appointed as 'ordained' a number of people to carry on his work after his death. But he himself remained a priest of the Church of England till his dying day and it was always his intention that his organisation should remain part of the Church.

Unfortunately after his death his organisation moved on outside the Church, working out its own organisation, ordaining its own Ministers until it became a completely separate unit, evolving eventually into the Methodist Church as we know it today.

It was natural therefore that when talk of Reunion was in the air, the first Reunion to be attempted should be with the Methodists. Doctrinally and theologically we think alike and theoretically there is no reason at all why the two churches should not become one unified whole.

Obviously in the long years between John Wesley and now, the Methodists had evolved their own system of government, way of worship and ordination of Ministers, consequently there had to be some meeting point. This has been embodied in the present proposals and to these there is no objection.

But it is in the actual form of the union of the two ministries that difficulty has arisen — embodied in the Service of Reconciliation where the Ministers of the Wesleyan Church and the Anglican Priests are com-
bined into one whole when Anglican Clergy will become, as it were, Methodist Ministers and vice versa.

In this Service Methodist Ministers are admitted into the priesthood of the Church without ordination by a Bishop – though in the future all new Methodist trainees are to be episcopally ordained.

Now this satisfies the middle part of the Church, who are happy to go ahead on these lines, but there are two parties on the extreme wings of the Church who have joined forces against the Service of Reconciliation.

There are on the one hand the extreme Low Church Evangelicals, who have felt that in the Service of Reconciliation far too much is being asked of the Methodists and they have therefore voted against the Scheme.

On the other hand, right at the other end of the scale there are the extreme High Church Anglo-Catholics who feel that far too much has been given away, and wishing to protect the ancient tradition of the Church have also voted against the Scheme.

It is the union of these two diametrically opposed parties voting together which has caused the 6% gap in the voting for the Scheme to go through.

We must be quite clear that they have voted according to their consciences and in no light way, and their decision must be respected. We must also be clear that this is certainly not the end of the Scheme. Reunion will eventually go forward, perhaps on a better basis than the present one for we must face the fact that many of those who voted for the Scheme had at the same time grave misgivings over the Service of Reconciliation.

There need be no depression, the Reunion Scheme has not and will not be dropped but more work will have to be put on the Service of Reconciliation to find a formula which will satisfy both the Methodists and the full 75% of the Anglican Church.

Let us then look to the future with great hope. A great advance has been made, the foundations have been laid, and now the right structure must be built on them.

DEANERY EVENSONG.

6.30 p.m. Piddletrenthide Church.
JULY 16th.

All the Churches in the Bere Regis Deanery will meet at Piddletrenthide Church for Evensong on July 16th. Bere Regis Church will be closed for Evensong on this day.

The Service is being held at 6.30 so that most congregations will start from their villages at roughly their usual time of Evensong.

We shall be running a coach for the occasion and I am hoping for a really good crowd as this will be the last Deanery Evensong we shall be able to have as the Bere Regis Deanery finishes at the end of the year.

I am hoping we shall be able to take our Choir to help with the singing. All final details next month, but in the meantime please make a note of the date – July 16th.

LENTEN BOXES.

The excellent sum of £19.07 was collected in the Lenten Boxes this year. This is quite considerably more than has been contributed in previous years and is being sent to the Church Missionary Society towards their work in Africa.

I am most grateful to all those who took boxes and gave so generously.

I feel I must make mention of one box which was taken by a small child in the Sunday School and contained £2.32 on being opened.

BERE REGIS GARDEN PARTY.

at SUMMERRODS
(by kind permission of Brigadier & Mrs. D. Tadman)
SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH
Opening 3 p.m.

CAKE COMPETITION *** LAWN SPORTS *** SLIDESHOWS *** COMPETITIONS
*** STALLS ***
TEAS ... ICE CREAM ... TOMSOLI ... ORANGERS ... SWEETS ...
CAKES ... GROCERIES ... PRODUCE ETC. ETC.

Admission Free.
Come and enjoy a happy afternoon.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The speaker at the April meeting was MRS. ABBOTT who gave a Cookery Demonstration of Supper Dishes. The competition winners were: MRS. CLEALL, MRS. PERY, MRS. CUMMINS, MRS. LEWIS, and MRS. BARTLETT. The vote of thanks was given by MRS. ENGLAND, and the tea hostesses were MRS. S. CHEESEMAN and MRS. ENGLAND. A very successful coffee morning was held at Sitterton House, the home of MRS. HOWARD. The members of the W.I. wish to thank all those who helped raise the sum of over £18. for the Gold Harbour Hospital (Sherborne) for the mentally and physically handicapped, at this event. The June meeting will take the form of an outing to the American Museum, Bath.
BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES GROUP.

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall, Butt Lane at 7.30. On the 6th June there is to be a China Party, and on the 27th the Summer Market at 7 p.m. at Broadwater, Pope Road. Please note change from second Tuesday to first in June.

M. E.

THE NEXT GROUP BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MEETING will be held at 7.30 p.m. on FRIDAY, 2ND JUNE, AT 19 SOUTH MEAD.

Study Outlines available. (Starting next at Section VI, Question 3).

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

HOLY MATRIMONY: May 6th. Kenneth Thomas Tett & Angela Carol Kellaway.
May 6th. Robin Fraser Sharman & Rosemary Elizabeth Mary Gibbs.

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CAKE COMPETITION - BERE REGIS GARDEN PARTY at SUMMERODS 24th JUNE.

Entries to Mrs. Bartlett (Hill View, Sitterton) or Mrs. R. Barnes (24 Sitterton Close) on or before Friday 23rd June. Cakes to Summerods between 9.30 - 10.30 a.m. on morning of sale, 24th June.

MADEIRA CAKE. 7 - 8" round cake tin.

6 ozs. Self Raising Flour
2 ozs. Plain Flour.
or 8 ozs. Plain Flour + 1½ level teaspoons Baking Powder.
6 ozs. Margarine or Butter.

3 Eggs.
6 ozs. Caster Sugar.
½ Lemon.
Slice Citron Peel.

METHOD:

1. Line tin carefully with greased and floured greaseproof paper.
2. Light oven 330 F or gas regulo No. 3.
3. Cream fat by beating until soft.
4. Add sugar and continue beating with wooden spoon until light and fluffy - rather resembling whipped cream.
5. Beat eggs in small basin.
6. Add small quantities of beaten egg to fat and sugar mixture, beating thoroughly after each addition to form a smooth mixture before adding any extra egg.
7. Grate lemon rind and mix with flour.
8. Fold in sieved flour using a tablespoon.
9. Use 1-2 tablespoons lemon juice to give a soft dropping consistency.
10. Place mixture evenly into prepared tin.
11. Dust top lightly with sugar.
12. Bake in moderate oven for 1½ hours.

When cake is semi-cooked set on top place strip off citron peel on cake and finish baking.

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SMALL ADS.

(15p. every three lines).

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