My dear Friends,

Warm thanks and congratulations to all those who had anything to do with our most successful Garden Party. We are most grateful to Mrs. Radclyffe for the splendid start she gave to us.

On a later page you will find the full accounts of this event. What good reading they make - an all time record and one which I am glad to say has overtaken the inflation with which we are cursed at this present time, the day was quite lovely - glorious sunshine all the time and beautifully warm without being too stifling.

But perhaps the best thing of all about it was the splendid happy spirit and friendliness in which it was conducted. Many thanks to all those who worked so hard and enthusiastically to produce such a wonderful result.

We send our warm sympathy to Mr. Hodges on the death of his wife after a long illness. He cared for her devotedly over a very long time. Also our thoughts go to Mr. Beasley on the death of his Father. Congratulations to Mrs. Wylie, a member of the Mothers Union on the birth of a daughter; to Jane Corbin and Edward Jarvis also on their wedding.

I am glad to be able to tell you that while I am on holiday the Sunday Services will be as usual and all the Services will be taken by the Rev. W. H. Stanger of Winterborne Stickland. Mr. Stanger helped here considerably last year and his help was greatly appreciated.

What a joy it is to have the Morton Chantry Chapel in which to celebrate small Celebrations of the Holy Communion, The Series 3 Service seems to lend itself better to such intimate occasions than it does to the larger Celebrations, but it is important to hold our judgment till we become more used to it. At the moment we are going into the question of forming a Guild of Servers, and if there are any, especially the younger end, who might be interested in such a Guild, will they please get in touch with me.

I am re-printing in a later page the whole of a recent editorial in the Church Times. Please read it carefully and if any of you feel strongly about it either for or against, write to the Editor and he will be glad to publish your letters.

Your sincere friend and Vicar, Paul Traunter.
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

August 5th. Miss Combes
12th. Mrs. Applin
19th. Mrs. Cobb
26th. Mrs. Gilbert Griffin

SIDESMEN’S ROTA FOR AUGUST ...

August 5th. 11 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries and Major H. Knowler
6 p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes and D. Poore.

12th. 11 a.m. Major J. Hudson and Mr. F. Marsh
6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood and M. A. Bloomfield

19th. 11 a.m. Messrs. I. Mullins and W. F. Lys
6 p.m. Messrs. J. House and G. Ward.

26th 11 a.m. Brig. D. Tadman and Major M. Knowler
6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes and M. A. Bloomfield

Sept. 2nd 11 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries and W. F. Lye
6 p.m. Messrs. R. Barnes and H. Dashwood.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

September 14th. Fri. Bible Study 2.30. 19 South Mead.
September 17th. Mon. 3 p.m. School Manager
September 23rd. Sun. 6 p.m. Visit of Dorset Blind Choir

October 6th. Harvest Supper. Saturday.
7th. Sunday. Harvest Festival.
9th. Tues. Floral Group Show “Autumn Medley”
19th. Friday. Youth Week commences.
20th. Saturday. W.I. Sale of Work. Drax Hall. 3 p.m.
28th. Sunday 6 p.m. Youth Club Service.

November 4th. Sunday. 6.30 Purbeck Deanery Service at Swanage.

December 12th. Wednesday. 2.30 Sanctuary Guild. Vicarage.
23rd. Sunday. 6.00 p.m. Carol Service.
29th. Saturday. Forrester’s Carol Service.

MOTHERS’ UNION

There will be no meeting in August but the winter session will
commence with a Social gathering on Wednesday September 12th at which
I hope every member will try and be present. Offers of refreshments
to Mrs. England please, 10 South Mead.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be no meeting of the Bible Study group during August.
But will meet again on Friday September 14th at 19 South Mead.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

All Services will be the same as usual during August. During
the Vicar’s absence on holiday, the Services will be taken by the

EDITORIAL FROM THE CHURCH TIMES

Friday, June 15th, 1973. TRIPLE THREAT.

It should not have needed the public eruption of one prominent scandal
after another in recent weeks to convince Christians that all is very
far from well with the moral state of this country. For a long time
now the evidence has been there for all with eyes to see. In the realm
of sexual conduct, in public attitudes to money, in the treatment of
the individual and his rights — in all these basic fields of morality
the growing threat to every value which Christians hold dear has been
increasingly manifest. The so-called permissive society has deliberately
given the green light to every form of licentiousness and obscenity. The so-called affluent society has provided the excuse for sheer greed in the pursuit of gain. The so-called age of the common man has all too often meant the subjugation of the ordinary individual to well-nigh intolerable encroachments upon his liberties.

The ordinary Christian, however great or small his intellectual capacity may be, knows perfectly well that much of modern behaviour is wholly opposed to the moral teaching in the New Testament, which is the foundation document of his faith. The tragedy is that this knowledge has not often enough issued in clear, courageous public statement. Mere denunciation of evil (though indeed it has its necessary place in Christian duty) is never enough. What is needed is the positive statement of Christian truth, Christian ideals and Christian virtue.

Not so long ago sexual conduct used to be treated as if it were the whole of morality; "immoral" simply referred to wrong sexual behaviour. That was a gross distortion of Christian truth. But the reaction has gone too far. Any Christian who takes the New Testament with any kind of seriousness is bound to deplore sexual licence as destructive of the true nature of personality - the kind of licence which is now not only tolerated but deliberately exploited and encouraged in a thousand different ways with a publicity which is shameless. Is there not an urgent need for the Christian Church, through its leaders and its individual members, to take a public stand for the Christian virtue of purity (which need not mean any kind of puritanical excess?)

Even more serious than the abandonment of traditional ideals in that sphere is the enormous growth to-day of that root of all evil, the love of money and greed of gain. One public scandal after another has underlined the collapse of traditional morality here, with evidence of large-scale financial malpractice in the City, corruption spreading its tentacles in the highest reaches of local government, and bribery, it is alleged, in broadcasting. Is it not time for the Church to re-emphasise the vital importance, for the health of the community, of elementary integrity and honesty and decent restraint in money matters?

On top of all this there is the threat to the freedom and the value of the individual human person which is implicit or explicit in such frequent incidents as the making of employees redundant simply to satisfy the terms of company mergers; the action of trade unionists in sending a workmate to Coventry as a punishment for not toeing the collective line; the contemptuous hoodwinking of shareholders by un-

scrupulous directors of companies; the increasing invasion of privacy by the Press; the growing octopus of a bureaucratic machine which pays scant respect to any individual. Ought not the Church to speak out, with more clarity and courage, for the basic rights of the individual as the foundation of righteousness in a nation?

ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISABLED

The collection in aid of the Dorset Association for the Disabled amounted to £21.29. The total for the area showed an increase on last year of £28.

Mrs. Lys is grateful to the collectors and all those who contributed.

BREB REGIS YOUNG WIVES'

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The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall, Butt Lane at 7.30. On September 11th Mrs. House will give a talk on making pictures with dried flowers and on the 25th there will be a talk about jewellery.

There are no meetings in August. 

M.E.

AUTUMN LEAVES

July was a busy and active month for all, with great success in winning First Prize and the Championship Cup for float entry in the 1973 Carnival.

The July meeting was at the Youth Hut, with a competition for the best rose which was won by Mrs. Miller, followed by a Strawberry Tea.

The Mayor of Wareham, Mrs. Seymour-Lee, opened our Summer Fayre. After a grey start, it brightened later weatherwise. We would like to thank everybody for the help and support needed to raise the total of £150. Special thanks to Youth Members for their hard work in clearing the site for the marquees. Next meeting is August 8th - a tour in the country which has been paid for by the Young Wives. Tea at Mere will be 28p. Please put your names down on the list.
VILLAGE CALENDAR

Autumn Leaves - August 8th - Country Tour.

IN GOD'S HOUSE

These are the quiet ones who freely give,
Their time and thought and love with glad accord,
Who softly tread the byways of resolve,
And share the peace of God for their reward.

These are the faithful few who work unseen,
And unobtrusively give their best.
Who spend their lives perfecting little things,
Which often pass unnoticed by the rest.

'Theirs are the hands that dust the altar rails
That change the flowers and keep the linen fair
They sweep the aisles with cheerful reverence,
And polish brass with a murmured prayer.

Discovered in the Church of St. Peter's
Stourton by Mr. Raymond Picketts

ALBERT PARNHAM (Deceased)

Mrs. Parnham would like to thank everyone who has been kind and helpful to her since the death of her husband Bert.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION

At the June Meeting Certificates of Award were presented to Miss E. Ily and Mrs. Coles by Mrs. Saker Chairman of Lytchett United Branch and also Member of County Committee. Members enjoyed the slides of U.S. events shown by Mrs. Saker. No meeting in August.
A. L. Coles.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A very lively Members Evening took place at Sitterton House on June 19th. We were unable to make use of the lovely garden as we had chosen the one wet evening in the past month! To compensate for this, Mrs. Howard extended an invitation to all members for an evening garden party on July 31st but only if fine. There will be no monthly meeting in August but we look forward to seeing you all again on Sept. 18th. Don't forget the Group Harvest Supper on Sept. 26th. Final names will be taken at the Sept. meeting. We also plan an Autumn Sale on Sat. 20th Oct. and plans will be finalised for this in Sept. May I correct my report of last month, the coffee morning was in aid of the Franciscans not the Benedictines as stated.

M.C.

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SOMETHING TO DO ON HOLIDAY

Answers next month

"WISE SAWS AND MODERN INSTANCES"...

1. THESE WORDS WILL NEVER DIE . . . . but who first said (or wrote) them? (a) God loveth a cheerful giver. (b) Heaven lies about us in our infancy. (c) I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul.

2. THE SOUL OF WIT! This somewhat verbose statement can be boiled down to a well-known proverb. What is it? "The fluid circulating in the veins and arteries is of greater density than a liquid compound of hydrogen and oxygen."

3. QUOTATION QUIZ. Can you complete the following? (a) Spare the rod... (b) The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars.... (c) The world is so full of a number of things......

4. CRAZY CHAIN. Each link in this "chain" question depends upon the
one before it. (a) What is proverbially broken by "the last straw"? (b) What physical peculiarity do you associate with it? (c) What did a certain VERY English poet prescribe as a cure for (b)? (d) What is the poet's name?

5. VAIN SUPERSTITION: What is the belief to which many cling with regard to the following actions? Breaking a mirror . . . spilling salt . . . opening an umbrella indoors?

6. PROVERBially SPEAKING. What are respectively, THE SPICE OF LIFE... THE BEST POLICY.... THE SINCEREST FORM OF FLATTERY... SAUCE FOR THE GANDER?

7. PUZZLE CORNER. From this proverb of four words the alternate letters have been left out, and the spaces omitted. It is for you to find out whether the odd or the even letters have gone! What is the proverb?

ESEPNDGLE

LENTEN BOXES

The sum of £15.51. was collected in the Lenten Boxes this year. This was not quite up to the amount we received last year, though more boxes were taken. Nevertheless we are most grateful to those who took boxes and gave generously.

Again we are not listing any individual amounts as so many boxes were given in anonymously.

The money has been sent to the Church Missionary Society towards their work in Africa.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BURIAL

June 16th. Albert Edward Farnham, 82 years.
July 7th. May Hazel Hodges, aged 85 years.

HOLY MATRIMONY

July 14th. Edward Dean Charles Jarvis and Jane Margaret Corbin.