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

Vicar and Rural Dean: THE REV. PAUL TRANTER, B.A.
Churchwardens:
Mr. R. SMITH, Heath View
Mr. P. MARSH, Southbrook
Mr. J. HOUSE, Lower Stockley Farm, Deputy Warden
Sidesmen:
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G. WARD, MAJOR J. HUDSON
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Parish Clerk and Verger: Mr. E. RAWBONE, Hollow Oak
Organist: Miss G. B. SMITH, A.T.C.L., Heath View

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
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
BELLRINGERS: Practice 7.30 p.m. Wednesdays
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6.30 p.m. Friday
BRITISH LEGION CLUB: 7.00 p.m. Thursday, Fri, Sat, Sun.
R. B. L. HQRS
GUIDES: 6.30 p.m. School Thurs
BROWNIES: 6.15 p.m. School, Weds.
WOODWORK CLASS: 7.00 p.m. Thurs. Old Boys School.
YOUTH CLUB: 7.30 Mon. & Fri. Club Hut.


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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

We are in need of a new magazine Distributor for the Sitterton district. Mrs. R. Barnes who has delivered magazines in this area certainly since 1961 and probably much longer, has had to give up her round owing to health reasons. I am most grateful to her for all the hard work she has put in and trust she will soon be her old self again. I am grateful to the Misses Iys who have taken over from Mrs. F. Pittfield in the Snow Hill district. Mrs. Pittfield has been delivering since 1965 and has worked up a very large round, we send her our warm thanks for what she has done. As I tried to say last month we have been most fortunate in our loyal band of magazine distributors, who not only take out the magazine, but keep me in touch with any who are sick or need help in any way.

I am glad to say that all the Memorial Chairs in the Morton Chantry Chapel have been bespoke and in due course they will be labelled in accordance with the wishes of the donor and with the name of the person in whose memory the chair has been given. We have had a splendid response in gifts to the Chapel recently, and though it was found impossible to have it quite completed by Christmas I very much hope all will be in order before Easter. We shall then have to ask the Bishop to come and consecrate the new altar and dedicate the many gifts at a service of thanksgiving.

The Nativity Play given by the children of the Sunday School on the Second Sunday in December was a great joy to us all in its quiet beauty, enhanced by some excellent singing. Congratulations and thanks to Mrs. Collis and the teachers for all their help and enthusiasm. Again thanks to the children who read at the Carol Service and to those who went to so much trouble in rehearsing them. The Lessons were really beautifully read, and this together with the lovely singing by the choir and the full throtled co-operation of the congregation, in the warm glow of over 300 candles made a service full of inspiration and beauty.

Owing to Christmas this magazine not being published till January 5th our readers may not receive it till after Plough Sunday. But for those who do receive it before the week-end may I remind them of the Plough Sunday Procession and Service on January 6th. I hope that many will join in behind the plough which will be carried into the church for the service at 3 p.m.

All good wishes for 1973 from Mrs. Tranter and myself.

Your sincere friend and vicar,

PAUL TRANTER

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

January 7th. Miss A. Lys and Mrs. Boyd.
14th. Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Bates.
21st. Miss E. Lys and Mrs. Griffin
28th. Mrs. K. Woolfries and Mrs. J. Applin.

A meeting of the Guild was held in the Vicarage on Thursday, December 6th. The rota for the first six months of 1973 was made out and we were pleased to welcome new members. 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:

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VILLAGE CALENDAR

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June 8th. Friday. 7 p.m. Confirmation Service.
June 12th. Tuesday. Young Wives Summer Market.
July 7th. Saturday. Carnival Day.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the Mothers Union will be held at the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday January 10th. The Speaker will be Mrs. Cooper of Wareham who will be speaking about the questions raised in the Report on the Mothers Union concerning membership and rules. On the last occasion when Mrs. Cooper came she was enjoyed tremendously, and I know she will be both clear and interesting. The Quarterly Corporate Communion of the M.U. will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday January 25th, and I hope this service will be well supported by members.

Phyllis Tranter.

MEMORIAL ROSE TREES

All the new memorial rose trees have now been planted in the churchyard and we hope they will do well.
As we stated in a previous issue of the magazine, there is now no more room for any more trees and this tremendously successful scheme has now come to an end, and no more roses can be planted. In addition all the roses that failed have now been replaced, and while for the future the Church will be responsible for the general care such as pruning, obviously any further failures must be the responsibility of the donors, for them to replace or not, as they may feel fit.

Mrs. Tranter asks us to say how much she has enjoyed carrying out this scheme for beautifying the churchyard, she would like to thank all those who have donated rose trees and Mr. K. Woolfries and Mr. T. Woolfries who have made the scheme possible by planting and caring for the roses.

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting of the Group will be held on Friday January 12th at 2.30 p.m. at 19 South Mead – the home of Dr. and Mrs. Boyd.

PLough SUNDAY

Sunday January 7th. (the first Sunday after the Epiphany)
2.45. Procession behind the Plough leaves the Old Barn Service Station in West Street.
3.00 p.m. Services 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.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

28 Rye Hill,
Bere Regis.

Dear Sir,

My family and I would like to thank all kind friends and relations for messages of sympathy and donations for the Moreton Chantry Chapel on behalf of my dear husband.

We would also like to thank Mr. Tranter for the uplifting service given on November 5th.

Yours sincerely,
EDITH HEWITT

6, Edgar Close,
Bere Regis.

Dear Sir,

I am a student at St. Mary's C. of E. Secondary School, Puddletown, and I am writing a project on Bere Regis.

I would be most grateful if any of your readers who know something of the history of Bere Regis during the last 50 years would get in touch with me at 6 Edgar Close.

I shall be most grateful for any help that can be given me.

Yours sincerely,
(Miss) G. Maidment.

Clebe House, Wareham.

Dear Sir,

HOSPITAL VISITORS CAR SERVICE

The Rotary Club of Wareham wishes to organise and, if formed, will administer a car service to enable relatives without other means of transport to visit patients in hospital in Weymouth, Dorchester, Poole, Bournemouth or Boscombe. It has been established to the Club's satisfaction that there is a need for this service but the Club's members cannot themselves be responsible solely for providing the transport and the drivers; this service can only be successful if it is a local community effort. For this reason we seek your cooperation.

The idea is for the local surgery in each town or village or the local priests, Church of England, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Congregational, to recommend to the Local Administrator the name of any person in need of the service. Unless we insist on pro-

viding the service only to those thus recommended (or by the Secretary of W.A.C.E.) it will be open to serious abuse.

The Local Administrator will call upon one of the local volunteer drivers to carry out the task but, if unable to provide the driver and car, will seek the help of the Central Administrator in Wareham who will arrange the service. Every driver will be paid for the service on a fixed scale of payment according to the length of the journey, not the time involved. Each driver will be at liberty to return the fee paid to the Rotary Club of Wareham for the benefit of the Car Service Fund which will have to be established.

Will any of your readers help in the creation of a list of volunteer drivers? For the scheme to be successful it is essential to have as many drivers as possible on the list. If the list is long enough it should not be necessary to call upon any driver more than once a month at the most.

Will those willing to help please send their names, addresses and telephone numbers to me at the above address. It would be greatly appreciated if you could let me know by the 30th June.

A. H. M. Thavenet,
Chairman, Vocational Service Committee,
Wareham Rotary Club,

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met at the end of November. A minutes silence was observed in memory of Mr. Munro. Members thought that the village War Memorial was badly in need of cleaning and the Clerk was asked to find out the likely cost. The County Council is being asked to sweep the village roads more frequently. The Parish Council is very much aware of the urgent need for more Council Houses in Bere Regis and is doing everything in its power to speed progress on this.

Many more topics were discussed which of course cannot all be covered here so the best way is for you to make a date of our next meeting which is on January 30th 7.30 p.m. in the Drax Hall.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED: In memory of Mr. E. Hewitt DONATION £26,00
(for the Morton Chantry Chapel)

RECORDE MUSIC GROUP

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mace, 66 Butt Lane, on Thursday 11th January at 7.45 p.m. Mozart Symphony No. 21 and 27. Coffee. A selection from Gilbert & Sullivan Operas.
THOMAS BASTARD, VICAR OF BERE REGIS IN THE 16TH CENTURY — PRIEST & POET

Verses about Bere Regis, dedicated to his friend Wotton, and written about 1600 A.D. by the Rev. Thomas Bastard, poet and Vicar of Bere Regis.

"Wotton, my little Bere dwells on a hill
Under whose feet the silver trout doth swim,
The trout, silver without and golden within,
Bibbing clear nectar which eye doth distil,
From Nulam's low head; there the birds are singing
And there the partial sun still gives occasion
To the sweet dew's eternal generation,
There is sweet joy and pleasure every springing:
Oh iron age of man, oh rue of time,
Shame ye not that all things are gold but you?

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Mr. Stuart Borton writes concerning him.

I feel that Thomas Bastard was a reasonable man born to live his life in unreasonable times. To be honest, he was probably a better poet than Vicar for in 1597 his Churchwardens complained to the Dean

"Our Vicar doth not perambulate yearly......Our Vicar doth not read the injuncions quarterly...... There is a custom of cheese and beer to be paid of our Vicar on Xmas day at night, which he doth withhold from us."

Perhaps it was the last that hurt most!!

Sadly, he died in the debtors prison at Dorchester on the 19th April 1618. Inadequate Parsons Pay was a problem then as now.

AUTUMN LEAVES

A full programme was enjoyed at the Carol Afternoon for the December meeting. Mrs. Jeeves and Mr. Brook were the pianists and the Hostesses sang solos. Tea was served and the Raffle drawn for the funds for the New Year Party. The next meeting is the New Year Party on the 16th January at The Youth Club at 2.30 sharp.

From February onwards the meetings will be the second Wednesday in the month at The Youth Club at 2.30.

HERALD REGIS YOUTH CLUB

YOUTH WEEK 1972 ... FINAL RESULT

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PROFIT £ 275.34

Many thanks to all those who helped to make this week such a success. L. Bartlett. Chairman.

POPPY DAY APPEAL

The results of the Poppy Appeal for Bere Regis and District for 1972 was £256.69. This is the highest figure ever collected.

(Congratulations! — Ed.)

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES GROUP

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall, Butts Lane at 7.30. On the 9th January there will be a film by Cdr. Woolven about Dr. Barnardo's, and on the 23rd January a talk by Mr. Brook about approved Schools.

M.E.
BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The speaker at the January meeting will be Mrs. Barbara Griffin talking about Yeast Cookery. M.E.

"VITRIOL" IN PARLIAMENT DEPLORED

There is too much venom and vitriol and too little tolerance and reason in the conduct of important parliamentary business, says the Bishop of Sheffield (the Right Rev. Gordon Fallows).

In the Dec. issue of his diocesan newsletter the Bishop writes of a recent visit he made to the House of Commons.

"Whistles and catcalls are not uncommon in the mother of Parliaments. Crude and childish shouting made some of the debate completely inaudible. Time after time the Speaker was on his feet crying 'Order, order.'

Bishop Fallows comments: "Leading politicians on both sides of the House are shouted down. Honoured statesmen whose names are household words conduct savage and bitter attacks, on each other across the despatch boxes. "I yield to no one in respect of our parliamentary institutions. Our free democracy is one singularly precious part of our inheritance. The Members of Parliament I know and have known are men of complete integrity and honourable character. Why, then, does their parliamentary behaviour strike the visitor as, at times, so childish?

"Admittedly their feelings run deep, and the sincerity with which some of them hold their political convictions rouses deep emotion; but if our legislators took themselves in hand and reformed their parliamentary conduct, it might well lead to less partisanship and more enlightened and less darkened debates".

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

December 10th. Charlotte Emily Christian McDonald
Rachel Anne Daniel.

HOLY MATRIMONY

November 18th. Gordon William Tucker and
Christine Ann House.

SMALL ADS (15p for every three lines)