PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST

BERE REGIS,
DORSET

Vicar: THE REV. PAUL TRANTER, B.A.
Churchwardens:
Mr. R. Smith, Heath View.
Mr. F. Marsh, Southbrook.

Mr. J. House, Lower Stockley Farm – Deputy Warden.

Sidesmen:
Lt.Col. A. Barne, M. Barnes, F. Parsons, J. House, W. F. Lys,
Cdr. C. Maunder, R.N., I. Mullins, D. Poore,
Brig. D. Tadman, H. Dashwood, K. Woolfries,
G. Ward, Major J. Hudson, M.A. Bloomfield,
C. Webster, Major M. Knowler, A. Bates.

Secretary of the P.C.C.: Mrs. G. Howard, Sitterton House
Treasurer of the P.C.C.: Major G. Booth, Tower Hill.

Parish Clerk and Verger:
Organist: Mr. Stanley Athill, LPCL., MRFT.,

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion ... 8 a.m. except 1st Sunday
2nd Sunday after Matins.
Saints Days ... 9.30 a.m.
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:
FLORAL GROUP:
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:
YOUNG WIVES:
BELLRINGERS:
CHOIR PRACTICE:
BRITISH LEGION
CLUB:
R.B.L. WOMEN'S
Section:
BINGO:
GUIDES:
BROWNIES:
WOODWORK CLASS:
YOUTH CLUB:
AUTUMN LEAVES:

7.30 p.m. Vicarage, 2nd Wednesday.
2.30 Drax Hall, 2nd Tuesday.
7.00 p.m. Drax Hall, 3rd Tuesday.
7.30 p.m. Congregational Schoolroom
2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
Practice 7.30 p.m. Wednesdays.
6.30 p.m. Friday.
7.00 p.m. Thursday, Fri. Sat. Sun.
R.B.L. Hdqtrs.
2.30 p.m. third Wednesday at H.Q.
7.45 p.m. Drax Hall, every Monday.
6.30 p.m. School - Thursday
6.15 p.m. School - Wednesday
7.00 p.m. Thurs. White Lovington
7.30 Mon. & Fri. Club Hut.
2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday.
THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

My very grateful thanks to those many people who by their enthusiasm and efforts made such a success of our Garden Party. It was a blistering hot afternoon, and in spite of the heat which kept many people away, and reduced the time spent there by many others we made as you will see from the amounts on a later page, almost as much as the record total of 1975. This reflects much credit on all those who 'stuck it out' and they all deserve the warmest thanks. Grateful thanks also to Brigadier and Mrs. Tadman for lending us their beautiful garden which in spite of the drought was a mass of colour and never looked better.

We send our sympathies to Mrs. Cleall and her family on the death of her husband, Fred. He had suffered without complaint for a long time and his death was an end to suffering which was more than he ever admitted. He will be remembered as a real Bere Regis man whose great love in his life was his horses, which he managed for Doddings up to fairly recent years until the tractors took over completely.

Although comparatively few people attended from Bere, the Bulbarrow Open Air Service was a real joy and apart from a very well arranged Service, the coolness and the air on the top of the hill was a wonderful relief from the searching heat in the valley.

Some of you may well receive the magazine before the first Sunday in August - and if so please note the slight change in the Services for the first Sunday in the month. There will be no Family Communion on August 1st but instead there will be an 8 a.m. celebration with Mattins at 11 a.m. Otherwise all Services will be the same as usual.

As I said last month Mr. Stranger will again be doing duty for me while I am on holiday. He is by now an old friend of this Church so please support him all you can.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD
August 1st  Mrs. Boyd  Mrs. Ward
August 8th  Mrs. Jesty  Mrs. K. Woolfries
August 15th  Mrs. Bates  Mrs. Hudson
August 22nd  Mrs. Griffin  Mrs. Coulam
August 29th  Mrs. Howard  Miss Coombes

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR AUGUST
August 1st. 11 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries and Mr. W. F. Lye
6 p.m. Messrs. F. Parsons and H. Dashwood
8th 11 a.m. Major K. Knowler and Major J. Hudson
6 p.m. Messrs. J. House and M. A. Bloomfield
15th 11 a.m. Messrs. G. Ward and K. Woolfries
6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes and F. Marsh
22nd 11 a.m. Messrs. W. F. Lye and F. Parsons
6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood and M. A. Bloomfield
29th 11 a.m. Mr. A. Bates and Col. A. Barne
6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barne and R. Smith
Sept. 5th 11 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries and Major M. Knowler
6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield and F. Parsons

GUILD OF SERVERS
August 1st John Pittfield  22nd Richard Mullins
8th Christopher Booth  29th John Pittfield
15th David Miller  Sept. 5 Christopher Booth

VILLAGE CALENDAR
13th Fri Eve of Horticultural Show Party 7.30 p.m.
14th Sat Horticultural Show, Sports Field.
19th Thu Social Committee. Summerrods 7.30 p.m.
23rd Mon 3 p.m. Names for Sunday School outing. Vicarage
24th Tues Sunday School outing to Weymouth 10 a.m.
Sept. 8th Wed Mothers Union 7.30 p.m. Vicarage.
9th Thu Guides & Brownies Tupperware Party, 7.30 p.m. 102 North St.

September 13th Mon Sidesmen's Meeting B p.m. Vicarage
20th Mon 7.30 p.m. Parochial Church Council, Vicarage
22nd Wed 7 p.m. Public Meeting concerning Village Hall
October 1st Fri Concert in Church
2nd Sat Harvest Supper
3rd Sun Harvest Festival
7th Thur 2.30 Mothers Union Corporate Communion
7.00 p.m. Guide and Brownies Sponsored 'Knit-in' School Hall 7 p.m.
13th Wed 7.30 p.m. Mothers Union Social Evening, Vicarage
October 21st Thu 7.30 p.m. Choral Evensong to mark the Centenary of S.S. Wesley.
27th Sat Put clocks back one hour
November 10th Wed 7.30 Mothers union to be held at Summerrods
20th Sat Autumn leaves 4th Autumn Ball, 7.45 Bovingdon
December 1 Wed Autumn Leaves Christmas Entertainment 6.30 Bovingdon
4th Sat 2.30 p.m. Drax Hall Christmas Fair
8th Wed 2.30 p.m. Sanctuary Guild
1977 May 14th 3.00 p.m. in aid of Village Hall Funds "Teddy Bear's Picnic" at Woodburgside

MOTHERS UNION
There will be no meeting of the M.U. during August but the Autumn session will commence on Wednesday September 8th. This year there will be a variation from our usual programme.

The social evening which we normally have on the first meeting will be put off until October 13th and we shall be having a speaker on September 8th who will be named at a later date.

As we shall have left the Vicarage by the time of the November meeting and it will not be possible to have the meeting there, the meeting will be held at Summerrods through the kindness of Mrs. Tadman.

The meeting on October 13th will be the last one for me as your enrolling member so I very much hope to meet all our members on that occasion.

P.J.T.
SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING

The Sunday School Outing to Weymouth will take place on Tuesday August 24th.

The coach will leave the lower entrance to the Church at 10 a.m. returning from Weymouth at 5.45 arriving at Bere at approx 6 p.m. Parents and relatives of children are welcome to come with us. There is no charge for children but the cost for adults will be £1 including tea.

Names of those wishing to come on the outing must be given in on Monday August 23rd. The Vicar will be in attendance at the Vicarage from 3 p.m. on this date.

Please make a particular note of these arrangements, as the Sunday Schools being closed during August, there is no means of reminding the children from time to time.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

All Services will be the same during August, with the exception that on the first Sunday there will be an 8 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Communion with Mattins at 11 a.m. On the second Sunday there will be no 12 noon Celebration or Family Service neither will there be any Baptisms. During the Vicar’s absence the Services will be taken by the Rev. W. H. Stanger of Winterborne Stickland.

HYMN SINGING

As August 29th is the Fifth Sunday in the month we shall have shortened Evensong and in place of the Sermon will be singing some of your favourite hymns. If you have a particular choice please mention it to Mr. Athill or the Vicar.

Come and join in and help with the Singing.

VILLAGE HALL SALE!

Bargains galore. Clothing sale. ‘Seconds from reputable manufacturers’. At Bere Regis Village Hall, 12th August 8.00 p.m. Why go to town when you can buy here. Funds in aid of Village Hall.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB

Management Committee elected for the next 12 months is as follows:

Dr. Benjafeld, President, L. Bartlett, Chairman, Mrs. Munro Secretary, Mrs. Pashen Treasurer.

Committee: Mrs. Eastment, Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. Collis, Mrs. Maunder, Rev. Tranter, G. Combden.

Members Representatives: Paul Bennett, Malcolm Munro, Ian McLeod,

List of Representatives from other organizations is not complete yet.

The Youth Club is now open Monday evenings, Thursday evenings mainly for outside activities, Friday evenings the club is open for 11-14 year olds this is organized by G. Combden.

Miss Llewellyn has kindly offered the Youth Club the use of her Tennis Court (which is held Thursday Evenings), Mrs. Collis and Mrs. Maunder has agreed to help with this.

If anyone has a Tennis Racket put away in a corner or in the attic which they no longer need the Youth Club would be very pleased to receive.

THANK YOU.

The Club now has permission to use the school netball pitch for the girls to practice netball before their competitions.

The Club will be closed during August.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60s

CLUB

Mr. Nightingale gave us a talk on antiques which was very informative and entertaining for our July meeting.

Members took along precious pieces of their silver and it made a wonderful display.

We had a very good meeting about 70 in all, and home made scones with jam and cream was served for tea.

We had our annual Rose competition and this year they were judged by Mr. Reed from Bryantspudle. Inspite of the long dry spell there was some lovely blooms brought along. Mr. Johnson from Affpudle won the silver rose bowl, for the 2nd year running. Mrs. Croft was 2nd, Mrs. Knowler 3rd, Mrs. D. Barnes, 4th.

The Raffle was won by Harry Pitfield, Mr. Chaldecott, Mrs. Collison

Mrs. Bowring - Mrs. Joyce - Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Leass.
The display card for names concerning the Theatre trip to see the Batchelors on July 29th (Thurs) will be in Jeeves butchers shop.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

By kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. David Parsons, a "TEDDY BEARS PICNIC" will be held at Woodburyside on Saturday May 14th, 1977 at 3 p.m. in aid of Village Hall funds.

Further details nearer the time. Please book the date.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (WOMENS SECTION)

Once again our Garden Fete at White Lovington was a great success. We realised the grand sum of £123 towards our benefit schemes. This includes £52 from sales of our "Disabled Mens Industries". May I take this opportunity to say a special thank you to Miss Llewellyn for allowing us to use her house and garden, and a big thank you to all who donated, helped and supported us in any way. Thank you.

Yours, E. Maidment.

PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE HALL. After considering the Annual Report of the Drax Hall Management Committee, the Parish Council have decided to donate £200 from the allowable Parish Rate to help meet immediate needs. Furthermore the Parish Council, or trustees of the Village (Drax) Hall, will call a public meeting there at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 22nd (immediately before the monthly Council Meeting) to consider the whole matter of financing and maintaining a Village Hall in Bere Regis. The Council hope that as many parishioners as possible will be able to attend.

THE DORSET ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISABLED

The total collected for Bere Regis was £27.73 a slight increase on last year.

Mrs. Lye is grateful to those who donated, also those who undertook the collection.

GARDEN PARTY - 1976

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WOMENS INSTITUTE

We had an extremely interesting meeting in June, but surely the highlight was the presence of our New Zealand Link, Mrs. Rodd and her sister. Mrs. Rodd had been in touch with our W.I., through Mrs. Andrews and her mother, for 30 years, and said it was a dream come true to be here in Bere Regis and meet us all.

We had a most entertaining demonstration of 'Cooking with Economy' by Miss Butt, who proved it was not necessary to spend a fortune to produce good tempting dishes. During our teabreak Mrs. Sharman, our Delegate, gave us a well-prepared account of her visit to the A.G.M. in London, making us feel we had all been there too. She obviously had a very enjoyable trip.

Those of us interested in gardening hope to pick up some helpful hints
from Miss Sutherland at our July gathering, and then, as we do not meet during August, look forward to our ‘International’ Members evening in September.

J.W.D.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BURIAL
June 14th
Jack Richard Hawkins 19 years.
July 1st
Frederick Charles James Cleall 71 years.

HOLY BAPTISM
July 11th
Russell Ian Lockyer

(Small Ads - 15p for 3 lines) There are a number of items of furniture etc for sale at the Vicarage. A list can be seen on application to Mrs. Tranter.

NEW SOVIET LAW TOUGH ON RELIGIOUS BODIES

The all-powerful Soviet “Council for Religious Affairs”, which reports directly to the USSR Council of Ministers, has finally received a published constitution.

What was enacted into law in 1962 but kept secret has now been made public by recent amendments to the Soviet Law on Cults. The 1975 legislation takes the form of amendment to Stalin’s 1929 law and affects nearly half of the laws 68 articles.

The new legislation was published in 1975 and was at first dismissed by Western observers as containing little of significance, writes Walter Sawatsky in the latest issue of Keston College’s quarterly journal, Religion in Communist Lands. Working out what it really meant was made more difficult by the extremely fragmentary information available on earlier legislation and its modification by secret executive decree.

The new law is making life tougher in several ways for individual believers and churches, and there is no question of anything like real religious freedom. Although the Soviet constitution theoretically separates Church and State, the law still interferes heavily in religious life.

Religious associations for instance, may not set up credit unions, give material aid to their members, organize special prayer meetings for children, youth and women, form circles for Bible or Literary study, organize excursions, children’s playgrounds, libraries, reading-rooms and sanatoria, or provide medical care. Young people under 18 may not join a religious association.

A significant concession to the Churches, on the other hand is the granting of the virtual right of a legal entity or juridical personality. Although the Leninist Decree of 1918 denying the Churches such a right still stands, similar statements in the basic law of April 1929, have been with drawn. In its amended form the law gives religious associations the right to acquire church utensils, cult objects and means of transport, and to rent, construct and purchase buildings for their needs in accordance with established legal procedure.

(From the Church Times)