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.

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Lt. Col. A. Barne, M. Barnes, F. Parsons, J. House, W. F. Lys,
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Brig. D. Tadman, H. Dashwood, K. Woolfries,
G. Ward, Major J. Hudson, M.A. Bloomfield,
G. Webster, Major M. Knowler, A. Bates.

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Treasurer of the P.C.C.: Major G. Booth, Tower Hill.

Parish Clerk and Verger:
Organist: Mr. Stanley Athill, L.T.C.L.,M.R.S.T.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion ... 8 a.m. except 1st Sunday
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: 7.30 p.m. Vicarage, 2nd Wednesday.
FLORAL GROUP: 2.30 p.m. 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.
BELRINERS: 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. Hqtrs.

R.B.L. WOMEN’S
Section: 2.30 p.m. third Wednesday at H.Q.

BIKGO: 7.45 p.m. Drax Hall, every Monday.
GUIDES: 6.30 p.m. School — Thursday
BROWNIES: 6.15 p.m. School — Wednesday
WOODWORK CLASS: 7.00 p.m. Thurs. White Lovington
YOUTH CLUB: 7.30 Mon. & Fri. Club Hut.
AUTUMN LEAVES: 2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday.

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LETTER FROM CHURCHWARDENS.

Dear Parishioners,

It becomes our duty this month to write the letter for the magazine. We would first of all like to thank you all for your support at our farewell party to the Rev. and Mrs. Tranter, whom we all wish health and happiness on their retirement. We are grateful to the visiting clergy for their help during the vacancy, and we look forward to welcoming the Rev. and Mrs. Shaw to Bere Regis, and hope they will enjoy coming to live among us.

The Rev. Shaw will be licensed at the service in Church on Friday, 3rd December at 7 p.m. by His Grace the Bishop of Salisbury, and will take up his duties forthwith.

We hope as many of you as possible will come to this service and will come and meet the Revd. and Mrs. Shaw at the Drax Hall afterwards, refreshments will be provided.

Yours sincerely,

R. N. Smith
Churchwardens.

F. Marsh.

"Green Bough",
Gold Hill,
Childe Okeford.

My dear Friends,

As I was so incapable of expressing my feelings of gratitude at the time of our farewell party, perhaps I could do so through the pages of the magazine. Phil and myself feel quite overwhelmed at the wonderful cheque which was handed to me at the beginning of the evening, and which will be of such tremendous help at a time of settling into a new home, with all the expense that goes with it. We are hoping to use a major part of it for some specific purpose in connection with the house - so that we shall have a perpetual reminder of all your great kindness.

Phil is quite delighted with her preserving pan, and so am I as it means I am certain of my chunky marmalade; the flowers too were so beautiful.

We should also like to say 'thank you' for all the other gifts we
we received from the various organisations in the parish - the M.U., the P.T.A., the Sunday School, the children of the School, the Choir and the Youth Club. But quite apart from the intrinsic value of the gifts, the thing we shall treasure most is the love and affection which inspired them.

Both Phil and myself send you our warmest and loving thanks.

God bless you all,

Your sincere friends,

Phil & Paul Tranter.

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Letter from the Rev. Denis Shaw.

Dear People of Bere Regis,

I am taking this opportunity of writing this short letter of greeting to you all on the eve of our arrival in the Bere Regis Parish.

As yet, we do not know each other very well but both my wife and I are most anxious to get to know you all by name as soon as possible. We shall not remember all your names when we meet on December 3rd. but please be patient with us and we shall soon be able to greet you as Mrs. Smith or Mr. Jones with a reasonable prospect of being right.

Needless to say we are eagerly looking forward to coming to live among you in your beautiful village and we pray that our association may be long as well as 'good and profitable' to us all.

Yours in the service of Our Lord,

DENIS SHAW.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS 1976.


This year the lessons will be read by members of the Parochial Church Council.

Christmas Eve, Friday Dec. 24th.

11.45 p.m. Midnight Communion.

Christmas Day.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 11.00 a.m. Matins.
12 Noon Holy Communion.

Sunday, Dec. 26th.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 11.00 a.m. Matins.
6.00 p.m. Said Evensong.

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SIDESMEN'S ROTA

Dec. 5th. 11 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Major M. Knowler.
6 p.m. Messrs. F. Parsons & G. Ward.

Dec. 12th. 11 a.m. Colonel A. Barne.
6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & M. Barnes.

6 p.m. All Sidesmen.


Dec. 25th. 11 a.m. Cdr. C. Maunder & Colonel A. Barne.
6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & M. Barnes.

Jan. 2nd. 11 a.m. K. Woolfries & Major M. Knowler.
6 p.m. Messrs. G. Ward & H. Dashwood.

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SERVERS ROTA

Dec. 5th. (11.00 a.m.) Christopher Booth.
Dec. 12th. (8.00 a.m.) Richard Mullins.
Dec. 15th. (8.00 a.m.) John Pitfield.
Dec. 24th. (11.45 p.m.) Christopher & John
Dec. 25th. (8.00 a.m.) Richard Mullins.
Dec. 26th. (8.00 a.m.) John Pitfield.
Jan. 2nd. (11.00 a.m.) Christopher Booth.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

It is the custom not to have flowers in the Church during Advent, except for a special occasion, so no rota is made out for this time.

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Thursday, 23rd December, and the decorations taken down on Wednesday, 29th December.

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VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Dec. 1st. Wed. Autumn Leaves - Bovington hosts to all other Clubs "Cavalcade of Costumes". Coach leaving 5.45 p.m. at Drax Arms and Youth Club.

Dec. 3rd. Fri. Licensing of The Rev. Denis Shaw in the Church by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, 7 p.m.

Bible Study Group at 19 South Mead at 2.30 p.m.

Dec. 4th. Sat. Drax Hall - Christmas Fair, 2.30 p.m.

4th Annual Ball, Bovington in aid of Autumn Leaves 7.45 to 12.

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**Village Calendar (cont'd....)**

Dec. 7th. Tues.  P.T.A. Christmas Whist Drive at the School 7.30 p.m.
Dec. 8th. Wed. Sanctuary Guild Meeting at the Vicarage, 2:30 p.m. Playgroup Coffee Evening at The Cedars, 7 p.m. Mothers' Union, Hillbutts, Butt Lane, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9th. Thurs. Conservative Evening Party, Drax Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 14th. Tues. A.C.M. Floral Group, Drax Hall, 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 16th. Thurs. Young Wives Congregational Church Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19th. Tues. Christmas Whist Drive, Youth Club Hut, 7:30 p.m.

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Jan. 7th. Fri.  P.T.A. Return Visit of the "March Airs" plus the Bere Regis Recorders. At Drax Hall 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9th. Sun. Plough Sunday Service 3 p.m.
Jan. 11th. Tues.  P.T.A. 'New to You' at the School 3:15 p.m.
Jan. 12th. Tues.  Autumn Leaves New Year Party, Drax Hall 2:30 p.m.
Feb. 9th. Weds. Autumn Leaves Slides of Wild Flowers, Drax Hall 2:30 p.m.
Mar. 9th. Weds. Autumn Leaves Whist Drive etc., Drax Hall 2:30 p.m.
June 25th. Sat. Bere Regis Church Garden Party 3 p.m.

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**MISS ELAINE STORRS**

It was a matter of the greatest sadness that we heard of the death of Aunty Storrs, as she was affectionately known by all the village.

It was particularly sad, coming as it did so soon after she was so happily settled in her new home and was so thrilled by all her new surroundings.

Miss Storrs was an indomitable person, she never allowed anything to defeat her and always showed the greatest tenacity of purpose.

She lived very close to her Master, who she served all her life. Rarely was she missing from her Church and her whole life was based on her religion and her love of God.

We shall all miss her tremendously but are glad that she is out of all pain in her heavenly home, and can only echo the words with which she was undoubtedly greeted in heaven "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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**Bere Regis Mothers' Union.**

We had a lovely evening in November at Summerods by kind permission of Mrs. Tadman, when we had a very interesting talk by Canon Eaton about Africa.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 8th December at Hillbutts, Butt Lane, the home of Mrs. Pittfield. There will be carols and mince pies, and we hope Mr. & Mrs. Stour will also be present. Do not forget your mince pies.

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**AUTUMN LEAVES**

A very successful afternoon was enjoyed by a record number of members playing Whist and Dominos. The winners were Mr. Standfield, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Collinson and Mrs. Cleall. The competition was for a "Candlestick" and some really beautiful specimens were on show. Tea was served and a Raffle drawn. Lists for invitations to Clubs at Martinstown 2nd Dec. 5:45 p.m.; Milborne 17th Nov. 2 p.m. will be at the Butler's shop - 30p for coach. Also the list for our Xmas Entertainment which is "Cavalcade of Costume" is at the Butler's Shop - the coach to be paid for by The Club Funds, leaving Bere Regis at 5:45 p.m. 1st Dec. Wednesday. Pick up at Drax Arms and Youth Club only.

Anything you may have for the Sales Table at the Hall will be gratefully received at the Butler's Shop before Dec. 1st, please.

Mrs. Jeeves told members, that after several requests she has written on behalf of the Club to the Council that a Zebra crossing be put somewhere near to the Post Office.

Next Meeting is the Cavalcade of Costume, when we are hosts to 7 Clubs and River House about 300 over 60s in all. Coach leaving 5:45 p.m.

K. J.

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**Bere Regis Young Wives.**

There will only be one meeting in December and this will be on Tuesday, 14th at 7:30. It will be an evening of Carols, poems, readings and mince pies, and it will be held in the Congregational Church Hall.

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**Bere Regis Guides & Brownies**

A sponsored Knit-in was held at the School on the 7th October, to aid funds. 35 people sat down and knitted for 1 hour. As a result of this £20 was raised and a blanket will be given to the W.R.V.S. This blanket will be on show in the village shortly.
The Fund Raising Committee and Guiders would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway by knitting, sponsoring knitters or making up the blanket.

S. M. M.

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BERK REGIS & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB.

The Management Committee would like to thank everyone who supported them in making Youth Club week a success, our Open Nights encouraged some new members.

Saturday Evening. All tickets were sold for the Barn Dance, which was enjoyed by all, the evening Draw was won by Mrs. Hodder - a Teddy Bear made by Mrs. Maundow, a Tin of Biscuits won by Mr. Green.

Sunday Evening. A Youth Service was held in the Church, with Youth Club members reading Lessons and Prayers, Born Free (formally Alan Heckford & Partners) taking a section of the Service, we were pleased to see so many representing the Youth Club present.

Monday Evening. A Disco was held where members were able to enjoy their type of music.

Wednesday Evening. Darts Competition. This event was very well represented by 20 teams from Village Organisations. We would like to thank the teams for completing the competition in torch and gas light due to Electricity failure. The winners were - British Legion Womens Section, Runners-up - Youth Club A.

Thursday Evening. A Whist Drive was held, there was a good attendance - 10 tables and 1 person, a thank you to Mr. Austin who was M.C.

Friday Evening. Open night and sponsored dance.

Saturday. A Coffee Morning was held at Mrs. Munroes, where the main draw took place. Winners -

Hamper - Mrs. N. Sinnick, Wareham.
Whisky - Mr. H. Anderson, Bere Heath.
Box of Fruit - Mr. I. Hewitt, Bere Regis.
Gin - Mrs. Brooks, Bere Regis.
Torch - Mr. Knowler, Bere Regis.
Wine - Mr. Baldam, Bournemouth.
Cake - Mr. R. Percy, Bere Regis.

Saturday Afternoon. A Sale took place at the Youth Club Hut, the winner of the Draw - Miss Sharon Gale - a Chicken. Mrs. Fripp - a Fruit Cake.

We would like to give a special thank you to our President - Dr. Benjfield for his help, also to Mr. Tony Shawe for his help at the Barn Dance and whistle drive, it was very encouraging to see someone outside the management committee helping us.

Our Funds have benefited by these events by well over £200. 70% of this money goes to our funds. 15% National Association of Youth Clubs. 15% Dorset Association of Youth Clubs.

A Christmas Whist Drive will be held on December 16th at the Youth Club Hut at 7.30 p.m. Please come and support us.

Both our under 16 and under 14 football teams are setting a good example to the club, and we are very pleased to their conduct.

The Boys are enjoying success with their Darts Matches.

Our Girls have entered in the Poole and Purbeck Netball League which takes place at Parkstone Boys and Girls Club every Thursday evening.

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WOMENS' INSTITUTE.

It was an evening to remember! Our visit to the Autumn Council Meeting at Weymouth in place of our usual meeting here in Bere Regis was a great evening out. The main speaker, Cdr. John Casson (Dame Sybil Thorn-dike's son), kept about three hundred ladies in rapt attention - no mean feat! We have our own A.G.M. in November and look forward to our Christmas Party in December, and the beginning of a new season. New Members are always welcome - any one of us would be only too pleased to bring them along to a Meeting as guests in the first place.

Our Winter Sale. Fortunately the weather was kind to us and we are most grateful to those who supported our efforts in any way. The net result was nearly £70 - Many thanks to all concerned.

J. W. D.

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BIBLE STUDY GROUP.

Owing to the large number of engagements occurring in the days leading up to Christmas, this Group will only meet once in December, and this will be on Friday, December 3rd.

The Group meets, usually fortnightly, at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Boyd, 19 South Mead at 2.30 p.m. All who would like to learn more about the Word of God and its application to the needs of the individual and the world are warmly invited to come.

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SCRIPTURE UNION - BERK REGIS BRANCH.

A very happy time was spent on October 15th, when some 70 children, together with a number of parents and friends, enjoyed a further Re-union with Mr. Harold Robertson, held in the Youth Club Hut. Favourite choruses were sung with enthusiasm, questions in the Bible "quiz" were answered promptly - if not always accurately! - while slides and a film-strip were thoroughly enjoyed, perhaps especially pictures of some present taken at a former Mission and Camp, after which refreshments were had by all present.

The seal of the Lord's blessing was especially felt when the children responded so enthusiastically to the news that Mr. Robertson is to visit
the village again for a whole week next March. We do indeed praise God that He is speaking so wonderfully through His servant to the hearts of these young people in the village.

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BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

There was a very large attendance of members, and visitors from other groups at the November meeting when Miss Mary Dodson gave a demonstration of Christmas Decorations.

The Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 14th., when it is hoped that all members will attend and vote for their new committee.

The Hon. Treasurer will be pleased to take any subscriptions from members or new members at this meeting at the January Meeting. A. L.

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PARISH COUNCIL COMMENT.

Road flooding. As a result of representation from the Parish Council following complaints from inhabitants—especially in Sitterton—some clearing of surface drains have already been carried out under District Council authority, and it is hoped that more will follow if this does not prove adequate. Unfortunately at Sitterton the very small fall in land levels close to the river makes the problem of road flooding a difficult one to deal with.

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BERE REGIS PLAYGROUP.

A Coffee Evening will be held at The Cedars, West Street on Wednesday, 8th December at 7 p.m.

There will be a Bring & Buy Stall to include Home-made Gifts, Cakes and Jams. You are cordially invited to enjoy a happy evening.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

Burial

October 18th. Joyce Comben. 45 years.
October 25th. Joseph Havelock Hudson. 61 years.

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"SMALL ADS."

(15p. for 3 lines).