PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST

BERE REGIS, DORSET

Vicar: THE REV. PAUL TRANTER, B.A.

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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: 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.

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. WOMEN'S
Section: 2.30 p.m. third Wednesday at H.Q.

BINGO: 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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THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

My grateful thanks to all those who turned out to join the Plough Sunday procession, and especially to the members of the Young Farmers Club for carrying the plough and taking part in the Service. Mr. John House very kindly organised the details for us and Mr. Ireland represented the farmers. To these and to all others who helped — many thanks.

I have had a number of enquiries as to when Confirmation classes will be starting. The date of the preliminary meeting is now fixed for Monday March 8th. at 7 p.m. at the Vicarage. I hope to meet all intending candidates at this meeting — when I shall be taking names and shall fix up convenient times for future classes.

It is however always helpful to have names in advance — I have already several on a list and shall be glad to have the names of others previous to the meeting on March 8th.

We have not had a Confirmation at Bere Regis now for some years and this is a real opportunity for any thinking of Confirmation to be confirmed in their own Church. The lowest age for young people has now been reduced to 11 years instead of the previous 12. If there are any adults desirous of Confirmation I shall be glad to have their names also and will make arrangements to take them at separate classes from the younger and the Confirmation itself is on Friday 4th May in the evening and will be taken by our old friend the Bishop of Sherborne.

I am very sorry to hear that some people in outlying parts of the parish did not have a visit from a collector in connection with the gift we gave to Miss Smith on her retirement. I do apologise for this, but am unable to understand how it happened as the Parochial Church Council went to a lot of trouble to try and make sure the whole parish was covered. Mr. John House has kindly offered to act as a collector for any who have been missed, so if he does not see you will you please get in touch with him and he will take your contribution. All that came in late will be collected together and passed on as a whole. I am very sorry that some of you were so disappointed at not being asked, but it is by no means too late for you to show your appreciation.

Easter is very late this year, so I shall not publish our arrangements for Lent & Easter till next month, with the exception of Ash Wednesday which occurs on March 4th.

Your sincere friend & Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

February 1st. Mrs. G. R. Griffin
8th. Miss A. Lys
15th. Miss McFall
22nd. Mrs. J. House
29th. Mrs. G. R. Griffin
Mrs. Wyatt
Miss E. Lys
Miss E. Lys.
The Misses House.
Miss Combes.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA.

Feb. 1. 11.0 Messrs. A. Baker & K. Woolfries.
6.0 Messrs. F. Parsons & M. A. Bloomfield.
8.0 Messrs. W. F. Lys & Major M. Knowler
6.0 Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. Barnes.
15.0 Messrs. I. Mullins & Col. A. Barne.
6.0 Messrs. R. Smith & F. Marsh.
22.0 Messrs. G. Ward & K. Woolfries.
6.0 Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & M. Barnes.
29.0 Major J. Hudson & Mr. J. House.
6.0 Messrs. M. Barnes & F. Parsons.
March 7. 11.0 Mr. K. Woolfries & Major M. Knowler.
6.0 Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. A. Bloomfield.

SERVERS ROTA.

Feb. 1. John Pitfield
Feb. 22. Mark Pitfield
8.0 Christopher Booth
15.0 Richard Mullins.
29. David Miller

BELLRINGERS - FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1. 11.00 Woolfries, England, Porter, Holman, Miss Pitfield.
6.00 Woolfries, England, Holman, Mrs. Bennett.
Feb. 8. 11.00 Woolfries, England, Porter, Ricketts, Holman, Miss Pitfield.
6.00 Woolfries, England, Ricketts, Holman, Mrs. Bennett.
Feb. 15. 11.00 Woolfries, England, Porter, Holman, Miss Pitfield.
6.00 Woolfries, England, Holman, Mrs. Bennett.
Feb. 22. 11.00 Woolfries, Porter, Ricketts, Holman, Miss Pitfield.
6.00 Woolfries, Ricketts, Holman, Mrs. Bennett.
Feb. 29. 11.00 Woolfries, England, Porter, Holman, Miss Pitfield.
6.00 Woolfries, England, Holman, Mrs. Bennett.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Feb. 4. Wed. 7 p.m. School Managers.
11. Wed. Mothers' Union...7.30...Vicarage.
Autumn Leaves - Whist Drive 2.30.
16. Mon. 7 p.m. Vicarage - Parochial Church Council.
29. SUN. Hymn Singing 6 p.m.

March 3. ASH WEDNESDAY
8. Mon. 7 p.m. Vicarage - Meeting for Confirmation Candidates.
10. Wed. 7.30 Vicarage - Mothers' Union.
12. Fri. Autumn Leaves...2.30 - Talk on Africa.
21. SUN. Summertime begins - Put clocks on.

April 7. Wed. 7 p.m. Annual Church Meeting - Drax Hall.
10. Sat. Autumn Leaves Dance...8 p.m. Drax Hall.
14. Wed. Autumn Leaves - Tour...2 p.m.
15. Thurs. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 7 p.m.
18. EASTER DAY.

May 27. ASCENSION DAY - 7 p.m. Friends of Bere Regis Church - Service.
May 30. SUN. 6 p.m. Deanery Service at Bere Regis.

June 4. Fri. Confirmation Service at Bere Regis.
9. Wed. 2.30 Sanctuary Guild - Vicarage.
12. Sat. R.B.L. Womens Section - Garden Party, White Lovington
3 p.m.

Oct. 3. SUN. Harvest Festival.

HYMN SINGING - FEB. 29th. SUNDAY.

As this is the fifth Sunday in the month in place of the sermon and after a shortened Evensong we shall be singing some favourite hymns.

A list will be on the visitors table during February for you to give any favourite hymns you would like to be included.

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 3rd.

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held at the Vicarage on Wednesday, February 11th at 7.30 p.m.

For our speaker on this occasion we shall be having a Friar from the Friary at Hilfield. He will be Brother Barry Alban and he should be most interesting. I trust we shall have a good number to hear him.

P. J. T.

"AUTUMN LEAVES" - OVER 60s CLUB.

Our New Year Party went very well, the entertainment put on by club members and friends was much appreciated judging by the applause and remarks made afterwards.

We were glad that members from the other clubs were able to join us, and thank the drivers who brought them along and gave of their time.

On behalf of the committee I would personally like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Osbaldestone and club members for their kind gift to us.

We now look forward to our visit to the Panto at Bournemouth Pavilion which is Wednesday, January 28th.

Details of times for coaches and picking up points will be displayed as always in Jeeves Butchers shop.

The Raffle was won by :-

Mrs. Bennett - Lamb Dinner Mrs. Boyt - Notelets
Mrs. Davis - Savings Stamps Mr. Allen - 2lb. Sugar
Mrs. Stickland - Tin Mints Mrs. R. Hewitt - Cream & Talc.
Mrs. South BP - Fruit Mrs. Apolin - Butter
Mrs. Bush - Sausages Mrs. Hewitt - Tissues.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall at 7.30. On Tuesday 10th February, there will be a talk about the work of a Coastguard, and on the 24th, a China Party.

M. E.

BERE REGIS & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB.

Now we are in 1976 the Boy's Dart Team starts the second half of the competition which they are doing so well in, they have only lost one game, they have played each team in the league once. The Boys 5-a-side Football Team began their competition on Monday evening 19th Jan.

Due to the number of Teams entered it has been necessary to divide the league into two sections "A" and "B".

The Winners and Runners-up in each section will play a-off to decide the overall championship. Each section will play alternative weeks. This competition is due to run to the end of May.

The girls Netball League is now complete - the Bere Regis girls finished in fourth place.

In the Knock-Out-Competition they reached the Final by beating Lytchett Matravers 9 - 0 in the Semi-Final, but lost the Final 5 - 2 to Bourne Valley Y.C.

In another competition the girls came third on goal aggregate. The club is looking forward to seeing more girls to boost their Netball Team.

Our Club nights have lots to offer:- Two Table Tennis Tables, Dart Boards, Miniature Snooker Table, Football Game, and a Shove-Halfpenny Board, but we badly need a set of disc to play the game, please can anyone help us?

BERE REGIS PRIMARY SCHOOL P.T.A.

Next-to-You Tuesday 3rd February 1976, 3.15 p.m. at the School Hall. Please bring items to Mrs. Carol Brown - Police House, South Brook, with Price and Name attached. 10% of selling price to School funds.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION).

The next meeting will be held at Branch Headquarters on Wednesday, 18th February at 2.30 p.m. when Mrs. Penny will be telling us about her 'Return Journey from Rome.'

WAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS: February - Miss Llewellyn.
March - Mrs. Coles.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

The January Meeting was completely different to our usual meetings. We had a most delightful afternoon, which was greatly enjoyed by the large number present, when four of our Officers demonstrated their skill in showing us how to prepare each course for a Dinner Party with wine, together with Flower Arrangements for the Tables.

The next meeting on February 10th will be at Mrs. Herridge's at Throop Farm when slides will be shown.

A. L.
Thank you to all the parents for their help and support in Brownie ventures in 1975.

Christmas fun started early when we invited the Corfe Mullen pack to our party. Last meeting of the year was at the Stable Bar of the Drax (our thanks to Pete Phillips) where the pack entertained parents with the story of "Noah's Ark."

This year the Spring Show (where Brownies and Guides exhibit handicrafts) is at Puddletown on April 3rd. The 'highlight' of the Brownie Calendar, Pack Holiday, is provisionally booked for 1st. to 6th. June.

We have three places vacant to complete our pack - please contact Jane Jarvis, B.R. 274 or Ann Richards B.R. 686. To start 1976, three new Brownies are being enrolled, Jennifer Seal, Janet Parker and Katherine Jackson.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND.

Milk Bottle tops and foil for the above fund raised £60 last year, an increase on the previous year. I would like to thank all who save their bottle tops and bring them to me. If there are any newcomers the address is - West End Bungalow, West St.

Last year Bere Regis collected 10 large sacks.

A. L. Coles (Mrs.)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

We do hope all members and guests had a really good time at our Christmas Party, as it was obvious the committee had worked very hard to give us such a variety of games and competitions. The Nativity playlet was so well thought out and produced, we know someone must have given a great deal of time and thought to it. The evening ended with hearty singing of a few carols.

Our new programme starts in January with Mrs. Stone describing the making of the film "Far from the Madding Crowd" as she saw it, while in February we are hoping to be introduced to "Keep Fit and Yoga" by Mrs. Lethbridge from Blaxfords! Should be entertaining!

J. W. D.