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, R. Barnes, J. House, W. F. Lys,
Cdr. C. Mauder, R.N., I. Mullins, D. Poore,
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.: Mr. S. Borton, Barrow Hill.

Parish Clerk and Verger:
Organist: Miss G. B. Smith, A.T.C.L., Heath View.

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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. Hqtrs.
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,

As Easter is so late this year, we are proposing to hold the Annual Church meeting earlier than usual and it will now take place on Wednesday April 7th at 7 p.m. in the Drax Hall.

All those on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote on all questions at this meeting and this is one of the reasons why it is so important for every member of the Church of 17 years of age and upward to make quite certain that his or her name is on the roll. Application forms are available on the visitors table at the back of the Church. Please take a form, fill it in and let Miss Combes - the Churchwardens - or myself have it back as soon as possible. This is particularly important for newcomers to the village, of whom we have quite a number, if they are to be able to play their full part in the running of their Parish Church.

I do hope you will all come to this meeting when we shall be appointing Churchwardens and electing people to serve on the Parochial Church Council which will be in office till the Spring of 1977. This will be a particularly important meeting this year, for as I think by now you all know, I shall be retiring at the end of October and the new Council will have the task of keeping everything running until the new vicar has been appointed and is in full charge. I do not intend to say anything about my retirement until much later in the year, except to say now that the actual date is the 31st of October this year, when Mrs. Tranter and myself will be moving to Childe Okeford - near enough to keep in touch with all our friends but far enough away not to interfere!!

We are hoping to welcome our new organist some time this month - Mr. Stan Athill. Mr. and Mrs. Athill are coming to live in this area from Wargrave, near Reading, they have bought a house at Stoborough and we are greatly looking forward to having them with us. Mr. Athill will be taking over the training of the choir as well as playing the organ and we wish him every happiness among us.

I am indeed most grateful to Mr. Sayles of Owermoigne, who has been playing for us during the interregnum. Everyone has enjoyed the beauty and taste of his playing and we are all very indebted to him for all his help.

Two apparently brand new house keys have been found in the church. I have them at the Vicarage and if anyone is conscious of their loss, they can be claimed from me.

Your sincere friend & Vicar

PAUL TRANTER.
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

The first Sunday in Lent is on March 7th. There will therefore be no flowers in the Church during the whole of March and the first two Sundays in April. Easter Day is on April 18th.

C.T.T.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

March 7th. 11 a.m. Mr. K. Woofries and Major M. Knowler.

6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood and M. A. Bloomfield.

March 14th. 11 a.m. Col. A. Barne and Mr. A. Bates.

6 p.m. Messrs. G. Ward and M. Barns.

March 21st. 11 a.m. Messrs. W. P. Lys and K. Woofries.

6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield and F. Marsh.

March 28th. 11 a.m. Mr. P. Parsons and Col. A. Barne.

6 p.m. Messrs. J. House and H. Dashwood.

April 4th. 11 a.m. Major M. Knowler and Mr. K. Woofries.

6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes and M. A. Bloomfield.

The next meeting of Sidesmen will be held at 8 p.m. at the Vicarage on Thursday March 11th. Will Sidesmen please note the change from the usual day of the week, owing to the commencement of Confirmation Classes on the Monday.

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BELLRINGERS MARCH 1976

7th 11.00 Woofries, England, Porter, Holman, Ricketts, Miss Pitfield.

6.00 Woofries, England, Holman, Ricketts, Mrs. Bennett.

14th 11.00 Woofries, England, Porter, Holman, Mrs. Bennett.

6.00 Woofries, England, Porter, Holman, Miss Pitfield.

21st 11.00 Woofries, England, Porter, Holman, Ricketts, Miss Pitfield.

6.00 Woofries, England, Holman, Ricketts, Mrs. Bennett.

28th 11.00 Woofries, England, Porter, Holman, Miss Pitfield.

6.00 Woofries, England, Holman, Mrs. Bennett.

SERVERS' ROTA

March 7th

Christopher Booth

14th

John Pitfield

21st

Richard Mullins

28th

Mark Pitfield

April 7th

John Pitfield.

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VILLAGE CALENDAR

March


3rd. Wed. Ash Wednesday. 9.30 Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.


8th. Mon. 7 p.m. Vicarage. Meeting for Confirmation candidates.

9th. Tues. 'New to You' 3.15 at School. P.T.A.

10th. Wed. 7.30 p.m. Vicarage. Mothers' Union.

11th. Thurs. 3 p.m. Evensong.

12th. Fri. 2.30 p.m. Bible Study Group.

17th. Wed. Discussion Group. 8 p.m. Vicarage.

18th. Thurs. 3 p.m. Evensong.


24th. Wed. Discussion Group - 8 p.m. Vicarage.

25th. Thurs. 3 p.m. Evensong. S.V. Reunion - Mr. Robertson.

28th. Sun. 3 p.m. Mothering Sunday Service.

31st. Wed. Discussion Group - 8 p.m. Vicarage.

April 1st. Thurs. 3 p.m. Evensong.

2nd. Fri. 2.30 Bible Study Group.

7th. Wed. Annual Church Meeting. 7 p.m. Drax Hall.

8th. Thurs. 3 p.m. Evensong.

10th. Sat. Autumn Leaves Dance - 8 p.m. Drax Hall.


12th. Mon. 7 p.m. Compline.

13th. Tues. 7 p.m. Compline.

14th. Wed. Autumn Leaves - Tour 2 p.m.

15th. Thurs. Maundy Thursday. 7 p.m. Holy Communion. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion.

16th. Fri. GOOD FRIDAY. 11 a.m. Mattins with Litany.

7 p.m. 'The Crucifixia' Cantata.

18th. EASTER DAY.


May

14th. Fri. Conservative Coffee Morning, Colleaze 10.30 - 12.

27th. ASCENSION DAY. 7 p.m. "Friends of Bere Regis Church" Service.

30th. Sun. 6.30 p.m. Deanery Service at Bere Regis.

June

4th. Fri. 7 p.m. Confirmation Service at Bere Regis.

9th. Wed. 2.30 Sanctuary Guild.

12th. Sat. R.B.E. Womens Section. Garden Party, White Lovington, 3 p.m.


ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER

Ash Wednesday March 3rd - 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
Thursday Evensong at 3 p.m. 'The Things Jesus Hated'.
" 18th. Thinking more of words than deeds.
" 25th. Watching for other people's faults.
April 1st. Listening but not obeying.
" 8th. Shirk ing the hard things of life.
Discussion Group. 8 p.m. at the Vicarage.
The Archbishop's call to the Nation.
Wednesdays - March 17th, 24th, 31st.

Mothering Sunday Service.
3 p.m. Sunday March 28th.

Palm Sunday April 11th.

Holy Week
Monday April 12th 7 p.m. Compline.
Tuesday April 13th 7 p.m. Compline.
Wed. April 14th 7 p.m. Compline.
Maundy Thurs. April 15th 7 p.m. Holy Communion.
Good Friday April 16th 11 a.m. Mattins with the Litany.
7 p.m. Church Cantata "The Crucifixion" sung by the Choir.

EASTER DAY
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Mattins.
12 noon (approx.) Holy Communion.
3 p.m. Family Service.
6 p.m. Evensong.

EASTER LILIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to give a Remembrance Lily at Easter will you please fill in particulars on the list which you will find on the Visitors table during the course of Lent. The names must be down by Passion Sunday April 4th. The list will be removed on the evening of that day, and once it is removed no more names can be accepted for inclusion.

It is hoped that we may be able to obtain arum lilies again this year.

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CONFIRMATION

The preliminary meeting for candidates will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday March 8th at the Vicarage. At this meeting we shall do no more than take in names and details and fix us convenient times for the classes following.

It will be a great help if candidates can bring with them the date and place of their Baptism, as these have to be verified. The Vicar will arrange for Baptism for any candidates who have not already been Baptised. The minimum age for Confirmation has now been reduced to 11 years and so all are eligible from 11 years upwards.

The Vicar will be very happy to arrange special classes for any adults who would like to be Confirmed. The Confirmation Service will this year be held at Bere Regis at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 4th. So this year's Candidates will have the joy and privilege of being confirmed in their own Church.

FAMILY SERVICES

There will be no Family Service on March 14th but instead it will be transferred to Mothering Sunday March 28th when we hope parents and children will join us in a special Mothering Sunday Service.

Also the Family Service in April will be transferred from April 11th to Easter Day April 19th. Will parents please make a note of these alterations. Children will be reminded about them at Sunday School.

MOTHERS' UNION

We had a most interesting talk on the Franciscans by Brother Barry Alban at our last meeting, followed by a lively discussion which went on to a late hour.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 10th, 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage. The speaker on this occasion will be announced.
NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

in aid of Nursing Association

Culzean Gardens will be open on WEDNESDAY MAY 12th and SUNDAY MAY 16th

2.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

All proceeds to the Nursing Association.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 5th 1976

local service

3 p.m.

Puddletown Parish Church

The Service this year, which will be participated in by women throughout the world is written by the women of Latin America.

The theme is 'Education through living'. Mrs. Gooch or Miss Beattie will be pleased to arrange transport if you feel able to take part and add your contribution.

ENVELOPE SCHEME

Weekly envelopes will shortly be going out. As is natural we have incurred losses by death and removal, and should be very glad of new subscribers to take their place.

There is an envelope for every week of the year and subscribers are asked to contribute a set sum each week, no matter how small.

If necessary envelope can be collected though many find it convenient to put them in the collection at Church or send them to the Vicarage or Summerrod.

If you would like to join and help your Church in this way, please speak to the Vicar or to Brig. Tadman at Summerrod - or for that matter to any Church official and we will see you receive a call of envelopes.

AUTUMN LEAVES - OVER 60's CLUB

We had eight tables for whist at our February meeting and it made a nice change and was enjoyed by all who played. A cup of tea and a buttered bun was very welcome after twelve hands. Mrs. Jeeves announced our future programme with three tours to come which we shall all look forward to.

The raffle was won by Mrs. Jeeves aunty. Mrs. Chesseman, Mr. Hewett, Mr. South, Mrs. Pittfield. One table of dominoes won by Miss I Howe, 1st gent whist Mrs. Bowry, 1st lady D. Barnes. Lowest lady Mrs. Osmund, lowest gent Bob Austin.

Next meeting Talk on Africa, by Canon Eaton.

BERE REGIS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

Tues, 2nd March. 8 - 11 p.m.

A Social Evening is to be held in the Royal British Legion Headquarters. Tickets from the School or Committee members, 75p., inclusive of Disco, Dance & Supper.

Tues. 9th March. 3.15 p.m. at School Hall. Items for Sale may be sent to Mrs. Carol Brown - Police House, Rye Hill with PRICE and NAME attached please. 10% to School Funds.

BERE REGIS & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB.

We would first like to say thank you for the response to our appeal for Shoe-Halfpenny Disc in last months Parish Magazine, we have now received two sets, as we have two Boards both sets were very much appreciated.

The Boys Dart Team are still very successful, having lost only one match against Lytchett Matravers (this was played at Lytchett in the Shower Room of the Sports Pavilion) they had a very good win over Bourne Valley Youth Club 7-0.

The Boys 5-a-side Football Team have won 1 game and lost 2 games. We consider they are doing well as we are fielding our under 14 year team, in the under 16 year competition, we are fielding the under 14 year team as we consider the experience will help them for the future.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

At the invitation of the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Herridge, the February meeting was held at her house when she showed slides of Flower Arrangements at various Area Exhibitions of Flowers. Tea was also provided. The winner of the raffle was Mrs. Blad.

The next meeting on March 9th will be in the Drax Hall and the demonstration on Ikebana will be given by Mrs. Winifred Denford.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (WOMENS SECTION.)

We are holding our Spring Sale at Branch Headquarters on March 17th at 2.30 p.m. The proceeds from the sale goes to R.B.L. Chari-
ties. Everyone welcome.


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BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES GROUP.

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall, Butt Lane at 7.30. On Tuesday 9th March there will be a Beetle Drive, and on the 23rd a talk about Drawing by Mrs. Collis.

M. E.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We were very pleased to welcome some new Members at our January meeting, and sincerely hope they will enjoy our gatherings.

The Minutes of the A.G.M. and the business of the evening concluded, we had our tea-break while Mrs. Stone's daughter, Mrs. Hole, deputising for her Mother, and assisted by Sara Sharman, made preparations to tell us about, and show us slides, on the making of the film 'Far from the Madding Crowd'. Mrs. Hole brought the film marvellously alive for us, and it must have been of tremendous interest for all her family.

Mrs. Lethbridge demonstrates 'Keep Fit and Yoga' at our February meeting, which should be entertaining in more ways than one! Many of us will find interest at our March evening, when Mr. Stanley gives us an illustrated talk on 'Wild Flowers'.

J. W. D.

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PARISH COUNCIL

NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS: These are displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board outside the Post Office. Plans will be accessible to members of the public attending Parish Council Meetings as well as at the District Council Office, Westport House, Wareham.

RATE PRECEPT: The Parish Council are glad to report that, in spite of economic difficulties affecting all parts of local government, they have been able to recommend a reduction of over £800 in the precept for the coming year.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO BEREG REGIS? Rates, roads, housing, street lighting and cleaning, the Cemetery - and the possible need for a better Village Hall - these are among many matters to be discussed at the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING to be held on Wednesday, March 24th at 7 p.m. in the Drax Hall. DO PLEASE COME.


We send our condolences & sympathy to Mrs. Oliver on the death of her husband who was cremated on Friday Jan. 30th at Weymouth. He suffered a long illness cheerfully.