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. Maundur, 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.: Mr. S. Borton, Barrow Hill.

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

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 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.
THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

A full list of those who most kindly gave Easter Lilies will be published in next month's magazine. In the meantime may I say how grateful I am to all those who gave lilies and also to the members of the Sanctuary Guild who have been good enough to make themselves responsible for collecting the money. Thanks also to our decorators who made the Church so beautiful for Easter and to those who gave so generously to the Easter Offering.

On the 27th of this month - Ascension Day - we shall be holding our annual "Friends of Bere Regis Church" Service. Our 'Friends' are wonderfully consistent in the way in which they continue to support our Church, but in the nature of things every year we lose members by death and removal. I feel sure there are a number of people who would like to become 'Friends' especially among newcomers to the village. Members pay their subscription by either taking a packet of weekly envelopes, taking out a Covenant or by making any regular contribution to Church funds.

New 'Friends' are always urgently needed and are warmly welcomed. A word to me or any Church Official will be passed on to the right quarters so that you can have details and an invitation to the Service and the Supper following.

On Sunday May 30th, we shall have the pleasure of welcoming the Milton & Blandford Deanery to Evensong at 6.30 p.m. Please keep this date quite clear. The preacher is to be the Bishop of Ramsbury.

Please remember our 15 Confirmation Candidates in your prayers. I shall be presenting them to the Bishop of Sherborne for Confirmation on Friday May 4th. at 7 p.m. and trust you will support them then.

Your sincere friend & Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

May 2nd. Young Wives.
May 9th. Mrs. R. Barnes. Mrs. M. House
May 23rd. Mrs. Benjafeld Mrs. Lys.
May 30th. Mrs. Bates Mrs. Hudson.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA.

May 2. 11. Mr. K. Woolfries & Major M. Knowler.
May 16. 11. Mr. I. Mallins & Col. A. Barne.
May 23. 11. Major M. Knowler & Mr. J. House.
6. 10. Deanery Service -
Messrs. H. Dashwood, P. Marsh, R. Smith,
M. A. Bloomfield, M. Barnes.


2nd. 11.00 Holman, Miss Pitfield, Porter, Ricketts, Woolfries.
6.00 Mrs. Bennett, Holman, Ricketts, Woolfries.
9th. 11.00 England, Holman, Miss Pitfield, Porter, Woolfries.
6.00 Mrs. Bennett, England, Holman, Woolfries.
16th. 11.00 England, Holman, Miss Pitfield, Porter, Ricketts,
Woolfries.
6.00 Mrs. Bennett, Holman, Ricketts, Woolfries.
23rd. 11.00 England, Holman, Miss Pitfield, Porter, Woolfries.
6.00 Mrs. Bennett, England, Holman, Woolfries.
30th. 11.00 England, Miss Pitfield, Porter, Ricketts, Woolfries.

Thanks are due to all ringers for their regular attendance at
morning and evening ringing. There have been only very few servic-
es at which no bells have been heard, though sometimes only 4 or
5 bells have been rung in the evenings.

If any ringer would like to get back into the 'swing', they will
be very welcome, and will allow those who do twice a day to have a
break now and then.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom Woolfries for all
the care he takes in the upkeep of the belfry - often a point of
comment of visiting ringers.

J. C. E.

SERVERS ROTA.

May 2. Christopher Booth. May 23. John Pittfield

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

* 12th. Wed. 7.30 Mother's Union - Vicarage.
Autumn Leaves - Cocking Demonstration - 2.30
Drax Hall.
* 13th. Thurs. 8 p.m. Drax Hall Annual General Meeting.
* 14th. Fri. Conservative Coffee Morning - Culeaze 10.30 - 12.
* 20th. Thurs. Mother's Union Coffee Morning - Corn Exchange,
Blandford.
* 21st. Fri. 2.30 Bible Study Group.
* 7 p.m. 'Friends of Bere Regis Church' Annual
Service.
* 28th. Fri. Drax Hall Coffee Evening & Derby Draw 7.30 p.m.
* 30th. SUN. 6.30 p.m. Deanery Service at Bere Regis.
June 2nd. Wed. Mother's Union Garden Party, Wilton House,
Salisbury.
* 3rd. Thurs. W.I. Coffee Evening 7 p.m. - Mrs. Jeay's House,
Roke Road.
* 4th. Fri. 7 p.m. Confirmation by the Bishop of Sherborne.
* 6th. SUN. Whit Sunday - First Communion of the newly Con-
firmed at 8 a.m.
* 8th. Tues. Young Wives Summer Market 7 p.m. at Broadwater,
Roke Rd.
* 9th. Wed. 2.30 Sanctuary Guild - Vicarage.
* 12th. Sat. R.B.L. Women's Section - Garden Party, White
Lovington - 3 p.m.
* 4th. SUN. Balbarrow Open Air Service.
* 14th. Wed. Autumn Leaves - China & Pottery - 2.30 Drax Hall.
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July 22nd. Thurs. 2.30 Mother's Union Corporate Communion.
October 2nd. Sat. Harvest Supper.
November 20th. Sat. Autumn Leaves 4th Autumn Ball, Bovington 7.45.
" 4th. Sat. Drax Hall - Christmas Fair ... 2.30.

DEANERY SERVICE

Sunday May 30th. 6.30 p.m. at Bere Regis.

On the above date we shall be entertaining congregations from all the Churches in the Deanery to Evensong; together with representatives from their choirs.

This should be an outstanding service and one not to be missed. Please keep this date quite clear so that you can be sure of being present.

Also please note the change of time of Evensong to 6.30 p.m., which has been made to allow those coming from a distance plenty of time to get here.

MOTHER'S UNION

The next meeting of the Mother's Union will be held on Wednesday May 12th, 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage. At this meeting we shall have the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Shaw, the wife of our Rural Dean, as our speaker.

Mrs. Shaw will be speaking on Spiritual healing. I do trust you will all try and be present on this occasion.

Mrs. Shaw is no stranger to us, as she was present at a previous meeting, many of you will remember her as a very warm and friendly person.

Phyllis Tranter.

DEANERY SERVICE

Please remember the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 13th. at 8 p.m.

FLORAL GROUP

Our Group has been very honoured by being asked to represent the Area by staging an exhibit at the Chelsea Flower Show on May 25th & 26th. Four members will be going to London to undertake this task and we wish them every success.

At our next meeting on May 11th, there will be a demonstration by Mrs. O. J. Griffiths on "Party Pieces."

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

Twelve members of the Bere Regis Women's Section attended the Spring Group Meeting and Social evening at Bovington. During the evening Mrs. Raymond, Dorset County Chairman presented certificates to Branches with twenty-five and forty years service.

The Chairman of Bere Regis - Mrs. Maidment received on behalf of the Branch a certificate for forty years service. Bere Regis Women's Section being formed in March 1927.

Our next meeting will be held at Branch Headquarters on May 19th at 2.30 p.m. when there will be a Demonstration on Stone Polishing.

WAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS: May. Mrs. T. Woolfries.
June. Mrs. I. Maidment.

AUTUMN LEAVES - OVER 60s CLUB

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Committee to say a big Thank You to everyone who supported us at our Easter Dance on April 10th, at the Drax Hall. It was a great success and enjoyed by all. The proceeds from the Dance, and the Raffle for the beautiful chocolate basket, (which was won by Mrs. Peggy Edwards of Weymouth) increased our funds by £40.00. It will be put to good use to enable us to give our members some more good times in the future.

We had our first coach tour of the season on April 14th, and we went yet another way through the New Forest. We saw the baby lambs and foals, the pretty blossoms and a host of golden daffodils, to say nothing of the site of the tea tables when we arrived at Tally Ho to an every smiling welcome from Mr. & Mrs. Witt who once again did us proud.

The raffle on this occasion made up of Easter Eggs mostly, and was won by Mrs. Percy, Jenny Brown, Mrs. Osmund, Mrs. Toop. Mr. Gale won 6 shell eggs, Mr. Johnson - packet biscuits & Mrs. Collinson a wine basket. We hope that all our members who were unable to join us on this trip will be well and for the rest in June.

D.J.L.
OLD CURiosITY SHOP STALL.

To those who are Spring Cleaning and Turning Out, please remember our "Old Curiosity Shop", the bargain stall at our Church Garden Fete on June 26th.

We would be most grateful for all kinds of objects, except clothing.

HERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall at 7.30 on 11th May there will be a Sweetmaking Demonstration by Mrs. S. Cheeseman, and on the 25th, a Floral Demonstration by Mrs. Jeeves.

PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

The P.T.A. is again organising its summer programme and I would like to bring to your attention the following events:

Carnival Queen Choosing – Friday, 28th May, 8-12 p.m. at the Royal British Legion.

Entries to be taken on the night.

"Pulp Trail" Disco and Floughman's Supper. Tickets 50p from any Committee member.

Carnival Princess Choosing – Friday 11th June at 8 p.m. at the School Hall.

During the evening, an entertainment programme is being given by Weymouth's March Airs Group, who have kindly agreed to help with the Princess choosing. Entries to be taken on the evening.

Here Regis Carnival Day – Saturday 3rd July.

We are again inviting entries for the following events:

Carnival Procession – Senior and Junior Classes with a Champion's Cup being presented to the best float overall. Entry fee 25p.

Paul McDonald Memorial Trophy – six a side football competition.

Preliminary rounds Thursday 1st July at 6.30 p.m. Final Saturday 3rd at 6 p.m.

Marathon – Saturday 3rd July at about 3 p.m. from the school field.

Entries to be taken on the day.

For further details and Entry forms for the procession and six-a-side football competition, please contact: R. Holman, 12 South Mead, Here Regis (Tel: 479).

Expenditure

The P.T.A. has now allocated £250 for the purchase of certain equipment for the school. Among the items to be purchased are:

1. Cooking Utensils
2. Balsa wood and tools
3. Remedial tapes
4. Percussion instruments
5. A carpet to be used as a judo mat
6. A needlework allowance
7. Blackout blinds for the school hall
8. Money for extra trips out – e.g. football, netball, Away matches, Educational trips.

You will see from this that there is still a great deal of work to be done and in these hard economic times of cut-back in education, the fund raising role of the P.T.A. is even more necessary. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped us in the past in so many ways, and for the support I am sure you will give in the future.

R. Holman (Secretary).

PARISH COUNCIL.

The Parish Council were very grateful to all those members of the public who attended the Annual Meeting on March 24th. There was much discussion, particularly concerning the desirability of building in future a Village Hall to meet the needs of a growing population. Those present agreed that the Parish Council should continue to pursue investigations into the possibility of acquiring a site, and the majority also agreed that if and when a Hall should be built the construction, and thereafter the upkeep, would have to be financed to a certain extent from the Parish Rate.

Meanwhile for the foreseeable future the Drax Hall IS OUR VILLAGE HALL, and the Parish Council earnestly entreat the inhabitants of Here Regis to do their utmost to support it and the efforts of the Drax Hall Committee who struggle so hard against the odds of inflation, and other adverse conditions, to serve the community life of the village.

All suggestions and opinions arising from the Parish Annual Meeting will be handed on to the new Parish Council after it is elected on May 6th.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO VOTE ON THURSDAY, MAY 6th.

HERE HEATH METHODIST CHURCH.

Here Heath Methodist Church will be holding a Coffee Evening at Culase – by invitation of Col. & Mrs. Barne on Saturday, May 15th from 6 p.m. Proceeds for Chapel Trust Funds.

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

Culase Garden is open on Wednesday 12th and Sunday 16th May ... 2.30 to 6 p.m. in aid of District Nursing Institution (National Garden Scheme).
We started our March meeting with the Minutes and general business, and also listened to Mrs. Sally Cheeseman reading our Link letter from New Zealand. Mr. Stanley from Puddletown gave us a delightful show of coloured slides of Wild Flowers, and we soon realised just how beautiful they are when studied closely.

We should all learn something from our April speaker, when Miss Kendrew demonstrates Dorset Feather Stitchery. At our May meeting Mrs. Jesty will be speaking on the Resolutions for the A.G.M. in London in June.

PLEASE NOTE - Coffee Evening 7 p.m. 3rd June, at Mrs. Jesty's house in Roke Road.

J.W.D.

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SCRIPTURE UNION - BERE REGIS BRANCH

It was most unfortunate that the Re-union held on 25th March in the Drax Hall should coincide with a time of widespread illness, especially amongst children. Nevertheless, it was most encouraging that there were some 50 young people to meet Mr. Harold Robertson, though naturally, few parents could be present. Once again Mr. Robertson held the children's closest attention while speaking of the eternal truths of the Gospel, some aspects being illustrated by a film-strip, while they joined in as enthusiastically as ever in the singing of choruses and the testing of their Bible knowledge - and, of course, in the refreshments which concluded the evening!

Behind the jollity of the occasion, it was evident that the Holy Spirit of God was, as ever, drawing "little ones" unto Him, to Whom we give all the praise. We are indeed grateful to Mr. Robertson for his tremendous dedication to this most important work amongst young people.

It is hoped to have another Re-union in October, and next Spring to hold a further one-week Mission of a rather different pattern, probably with more regular Bible teaching to different age-groups.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

BURIAL - April 15th.

Alfred Harold Leslie Saunders. 69 yrs.

We send our sincere sympathies to the relatives and friends of Mr. Sauniers who died after a long and trying illness. Though he lived in Portland he was known to many Bere Regis people and a number of his family live here.