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, P. 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, L.T.C.L.M.R.S.T.

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 7.00 p.m. Thursday, Fri. Sat. Sun.
CLUB: R.B.L. Hqtrs.
R.B.L. WOMEN'S 2.30 p.m. third Wednesday at H.Q.
Section:

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 People,

It is with a deep sense of real sadness that I write this my last letter to you as your Vicar.

The sixteen years I have been with you have passed all too quickly, and have been for Mrs. Tranter and myself some of the happiest years of our life.

Now as we go into retirement we shall look back to Bere Regis and its people with great joy and thanksgiving for all the love and kindness we have received at your hands.

No parish could have shown more understanding and tolerance to its Vicar than you have shown to me, and conscious as I am of my many failures and shortcomings I am only too grateful for your lasting affection and support.

So now the time has come for me to hand over to someone else - the Revd. Dennis Shaw, at present Rector of Tarrant Rushton and our Rural Dean, will be taking up residence at the Vicarage on November 16th. and will be licenced on Friday December 3rd. So the interregnum will be short. Mr. & Mrs. Shaw are charming people and I know you will like them and will give them the same measure of support that you have always given to us. Both of them, I know, will fit into Bere Regis really well and will do their very best both for Church and village. Our future address will be:

"Green Bough", Gold Hill, Child Okeford, Blandford.
Tel: Child Okeford 620

and we shall be looking forward to seeing many of you from time to time.

God bless you all, and many grateful thanks from Mrs. Tranter and myself for all your kindness over the years.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PAUL TRANTER.
SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

November 7th. Mrs. Barne.
November 14th. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. Mrs. Barne.
November 21st. Mrs. Barne.
November 28th. ADVENT SUNDAY.

There will be a meeting of the Guild in the Vicarage on Wednesday, December 8th at 2.30 p.m. All members are asked to attend if they can, or let me know in advance if there are any particular dates on which they wish to arrange the flowers. New Members are needed.

C.T.T.

GUILD OF SERVERS.

Nov. 7th. John Pitfield  Nov. 28th. John Pitfield
" 14th. Christopher Booth  " 5th. Christopher Booth

SIDESMEN’S ROTA.

Nov. 7th. 11 a.m. Messrs. W. F. Lys & K. Woolfriev.
          6 p.m. Messrs. R. Smith & H. Dashwood.
" 14th. 10.50 a.m. Mr. G. Ward & Major J. Hudson.
          6 p.m. Messrs. F. Marsh & M. A. Bloomfield.
" 21st. 11 a.m. Messrs. J. House & K. Woolfriev.
          6 p.m. Messrs. L. Parsons & M. Barnes.
" 28th. 11 a.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. A. Bloomfield.
Dec. 5th. 11 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfriev & Major M. Knowler.
          6 p.m. Messrs. G. Ward & F. Parsons.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

Nov. 4th. Thurs. 7.30 Social Committee - Summerrods.
" 10th. Wed. 2.30 Autumn Leaves - Whist - Drax Hall.
          7.30 Mothers’ Union at Summerrods.
" 14th. SUN. Remembrance Sunday.
" 20th. Sat. 2.30 Young Wives Christmas Sale - Drax Hall.
          8 - 12 Barn Dance for Cub Scouts - Drax Hall (£1).
Dec. 1st. Wed. 6.30 p.m. Autumn Leaves Christmas Cavalcade of
          Costumes - Entertainment 6.30 Bovington.
" 3rd. Fri. Licencing of Rev. Dennis Shaw.
" 4th. Sat. 2.30 Drax Hall - Christmas Fair.
          7.45 Autumn Leaves 4th. Annual Ball 8 - 12
          (£1.55). Bovington.

Village Calendar (Cont’d....)

Dec. 8th. Wed. 2.30 Sanctuary Guild - Vicarage.
" 9th. Thurs. 7.30 Drax Hall - Conservative Evening Party.
" 19th. SUN. 6 p.m. Carol Service.

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Jan. 12th. Wed. 2.30 Autumn Leaves - New Year Party - Drax Hall.

JOYCE COMBEN

As we go to press we sadly have to record the death of Mrs. Comben, and send our very deep sympathies to her husband Roy and her two children Jo and Trudy. She had suffered greatly for a long period of time and when the end came it was a happy release.

She will be greatly missed by us all, with her wonderful exuberance and great sense of fun. In all her work for the Church she was always direct and straight forward and was a unique personality. Such people in this devious age are few and far between and consequently her loss will be felt all the more.

We all prayed for her recovery but God needed her and called her home. Our loss is heaven's gain.

MOTHERS’ UNION

First of all this month may I say how grateful I am for the most generous gift which was presented to me by the Mothers’ Union at the October Social evening.

You all saw the picture of the very special and beautiful shrub which I am proposing to buy with your gift, and when it is growing in my new garden it will be a perpetual reminder of you all and the happy times we have had together. I hope that the M.U. will continue to flourish and that you will give every support to Mrs. Shaw as she takes over. I should also like to thank the Committee and all those who have worked with me so well over the years.

Will you all please note that the next meeting on November 10th will be held at Summerrods through the kindness of Mrs. Tadman. The speaker will be Canon Eaton and the meeting will be taken by members of the Committee, so please support them at this meeting which falls in the time between our removal and the arrival of Mrs. Shaw.

Thank you all again so much. We shall look forward to seeing you at Child Okeford later on.

Phyllis Tranter.
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

Articles and items for the December issue of the Magazine should be sent on or before Monday, November 15th, to Mrs. Tadman at Summerrods, who is kindly collating the material for the December Magazine.

THANKS

Mrs. Tranter and myself would like to thank the Headmaster, Manager and Parent Teachers Association very much for the most beautifully arranged Sherry Party given for them at the School on Oct. 14th. and also for the most generous cheque handed to me during the course of the evening. It will be put to good use as I am proposing to buy a stainless steel spade with which to dig our new vegetable garden. It was a delightful evening and one which we shall both long remember.

P.T.W.T.

"AUTUMN LEAVES" OVER 60s.

It was a miracle that in the middle of the storms and rain our Club enjoyed a wonderful tour around the countryside in glorious sunshine, it was like a Summer’s Day. Tea was had at Bridport - a Raffle was held and a "Happy Birthday" sung for Mr. Johnson, Affpuddle. Mr. MacDonald was welcomed by Mrs. Jeeves to the Autumn Leaves Club. Next month’s meeting is at The Drax Hall and is a Whist Drive etc. Competition - A Candlestick.

Our 4th. Ball is on 4th December at Bovingdon - tickets and Raffle tickets for the Big Xmas Draw are now on Sale at Jeeves Butcher's Shop — Ball is £1.55p — Draw 20p. per book.

Members were asked to start to make items for the Sales Table for the Ball.

The Bingo held in September raised £22 profit for Club funds - we thank everyone who supported an enjoyable evening and Mrs. Jeeves thanked Man Mooney for organising it.

X.J.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall. On November 9th there will be a Coffee evening, and the speaker for the 23rd is to be decided on.

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THE BERK REGIS CUB SCOUTS.

At a Coffee Morning held on 17th. Sept. at the home of Mrs. Dianne Phillips, Sitterton, Bere Regis, the sum of £14.50 was raised and we thank her and those who gave Draw prizes and donations, which made the first fund raising activity a success.

The Cub Scouts were Invested at Bere Regis on 7th October and it was nice to share this ceremony with Parents and friends of the boys. Many thanks to the Bere Regis Youth Club Committee for the use of their Hall for this occasion.

The group will now be meeting at the School, Thursdays 5.30 until 6.45 p.m.

A Barn Dance is being held at the Drax Hall, Saturday, 20th November 8 p.m. - 12 midnight. Dancing to "Diggory Venn" - tickets £1.00 including supper (no children under 12 years). Tickets available from Mrs. Jeeves, Mrs. McDonald, 14 Sitterton Close and Mrs. Brown, The Police House.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Help the Aged Clothing Appeal . . .

Tuesday & Wednesday
November 23rd and 24th.

BERK REGIS & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB.

First we would like to explain the situation that we unexpectedly found ourselves in by the Purbeck District Council’s decision to put a gate leading into the Youth Club premises from the new Old Peoples Bungalows which adjoin us. We do not object to residents of the Bungalows using the gateway, but it has been used by tradesmen including large vehicles, also after the members spent a lot of their time tidying up around the Club Hut, to find heaps of stones and piles of garden rubbish dumped, which had been brought through the gate.

In 1973 when there was a site meeting to discuss the building of the Bungalows we suggested to the Council to put a fenced in walk from the Bungalows to the road through our premises to give them a short cut to the village, but the Council rejected the idea because of the danger of entering the road, but without consulting us they decided to do just that without a fence. To help both the old people and ourselves we took advice and were advised to lock the gate in the hope that the Council would provide a proper fenced in path. Now back to a more happier note:- both the Junior Section and the Senior Section five-a-side Football Team have won one game and lost one game, the Dart-Team have started with a win.
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

As we go to Weymouth for the Autumn Council Meeting in October and are not meeting at the Drax Hall, the business of our September evening took rather longer than usual. This slightly shortened the programme of our Members' Evening, but we hope all had an entertaining time. Our thanks must go to Mrs. Bush who co-ordinated the help given by many members. The evening had a decidedly international air about it, even to dancers in costume!

Our November meeting is our A.G.M., when officers and committee are elected for the coming year, while the December gathering will be our Christmas Party.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR SALE - 6th NOVEMBER, DRAX HALL - 2.30 p.m.

J.W.D.

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BIBLE STUDY GROUP.

The above Group will meet at 19 South Mead at 2.30 p.m. on Fridays November 5th and 19th. Any interested in studying God's Sacred Word will be warmly welcomed at these meetings.

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BERR REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

We look forward to our meeting on November 9th, and the long awaited visit of Miss Mary Dodson from Gloucestershire, who is giving a demonstration of Christmas Decorations. It is hoped all members will come along and bring friends so that we have a really big audience for her.

On November 23rd. we hold our annual Christmas Fair, this year in the afternoon again, at 2.30 p.m. Christmas Decorations will be on sale and there will be the usual stalls.

A. L.

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DRAX HALL.

Please keep Saturday, December 4th, free and come to the Christmas Fair which is being held in aid of Hall funds at 2.30 p.m.

There will be numerous stalls and a big Christmas Draw & Father Christmas will arrive, we hope to hand our presents to the children. Tea will be available. Watch for posters giving further details.

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PARISH COUNCIL

BERR REGIS VILLAGE HALL. At a special Public Meeting held on September 22nd, it was decided not to proceed with any plan to build a new Village Hall because of excessive cost. It was then agreed that the Drax Hall should be retained as Village Hall and that the Management Committee, in consultation with principle users, should draw up both short term and long term programmes for the repair, maintenance and improvement thereof. Also the Meeting authorised the Parish Council, as Trustees of the Village Hall, to subsidise, if necessary, the cost of upkeep from the free Zp. rate, although it is of course hoped that as far as possible it will be self-supporting, and that from now on the Management Committee will receive greater help and co-operation from Berr Regis inhabitants to whom the Village Hall belongs.

The Parish Council is grateful to all those who attended the meeting.

BERR REGIS BY-PASS. The Parish Council have received information which gives rise to the hope that the line of the proposed bypass will soon be decided, and an assurance that they and the Public will be given opportunity for comment before a final decision is made. If this includes a relief road for North Street it is possible that the problems of car parking and access to the Village Hall may be more easily solved.

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BIBLE CHRISTMAS CAKE.

A Scripture Recipe.

4⅓ cups 1st Kings, 4th chapter, 22nd verse.
1 cup Judges, 5th chapter, 25th verse (last clause).
2 cups Jeremiah, 6th chapter, 20th verse.
2 cups 1st Samuel, 30th chapter, 12th verse.
2 cups Nahum, 3rd chapter, 12th verse.
⅔ cup Numbers, 17th chapter, 8th verse.
2 tablespoons 1st Samuel, 14th chapter, 25th verse.
1 pinch Leviticus, 2nd chapter, 13th verse.
6 x Jeremiah, 17th chapter, 11th verse.
⅔ cup Judges, 4th chapter, 19th verse.
2 teaspoons Amos, 4th chapter, 5th verse.
Season to taste with 2nd Chronicles, 9th chapter, 9th verse.

Follow Solomon's prescription for a good boy.
Proverbs, chapter 23, verse 14, and you will have a good cake.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

HOLY BAPTISM:

October 10th.  Gary Richard Pitfield.

Neil James Thorne.

"SMALL ADS."

(15p. for 3 lines).