PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST

BERE REGIS
DORSET

Vicar: The Rev. Denis Shaw, R.D.

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,
M. A. Bloomfield,
C. 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
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 7.00 p.m. Thursday, Fri., Sat., Sun.
CLUB: 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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My dear Friends,

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS.

The Season of Lent is drawing near and it is high time that we begin to make plans about the ways in which we propose to observe this period of Fast and Self Denial. There are two main aspects to this question, the first being our meeting together for study and prayer and the second being our own private and personal way of using Lent for our souls good.

The corporate aspect of Lent will commence on Ash Wednesday, 23rd February, with a celebration of Holy Communion in church at 7.30 p.m. For the following five Wednesdays I suggest that we meet at the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. and in order to guide our thoughts I am hoping to use a book which has been highly recommended for Lenten study. This is by Robert Martineau, Bishop of Blackburn and entitled 'Truths that Endure'. It is sub-titled a Programme of Meditations for Lent and is designed as a series of exercises to help us to pray better. I am hoping that we shall use the first hour for study and discussion and end with the short evening service of Compline. You should be back home again soon after 9 p.m.

If you feel that this would help you then please let me know as soon as possible so that I may get sufficient books.

The personal side of our Lenten Fast is something which we must decide for ourselves. It will vary in form and content to meet our individual needs and this is just as it should be. There is just one word of warning however. Whatever you decide to do make it real and meaningful. Above all, avoid the 'petty penance' which costs little and means less. Remember that we are commemorating our Lord; long sojourn in the Wilderness and if we are to use Lent to the full we must keep very close to Him.

'Keep, O keep us Saviour dear.
Ever constant by thy side
That with thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.'

Yours very sincerely,

DENIS SHAW.

NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE:
The Sunday School: Following my appeal in the January Magazine I am very happy to report that a volunteer has come forward to train as a teacher. She is Claire Macdonald who with the other teachers will be meeting Miss
Margaret Pugh, the Diocesan Adviser in Religious Education at the Vicarage on 21st January. Miss Pugh writes in a recent letter addressed to all Sunday School Superintendents:

'Christian Parents and the Church must take seriously their responsibility for the Christian nurture of the children in their care as Christians. It is our responsibility.'

So it is — and we dare not shirk it!

The Plough Sunday Service was well attended in spite of the fact that heavy rain led to the procession being abandoned. The organisations were there with their banners and there in the middle of it all was the Plough — a symbol of our dependance on the good earth and of the fact that our labour can, under God's blessing, bring forth abundance.

'God speed the Plough!'  

The Church Clock, to which reference was made in the January magazine, is still waiting for someone to undertake the winding in succession to Mr. Tom Woolfries. No doubt the answer to the problem, in the long term, is to mechanise the action. But this is very costly and meanwhile we do need someone to do this vital job. Could it be you?

CHURCH SERVICES — FEBRUARY.

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Our sympathy goes out to Lady Macklin on the death of her husband, Sir Sortin Macklin. As Mrs. Herring, Lady Macklin, served the parish of Bere Regis as the wife of a much loved Vicar. She endeared herself to very many who still remember her and who send her their love and their prayers.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA.

6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & F. Parsons.

Feb. 13th. 11 a.m. Colonel A. Barne & Mr. G. Ward.  
6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. Barnes.

Feb. 20th. 11 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries & J. House.  
6 p.m. Messrs. F. Parsons & M. A. Bloomfield.

Feb. 27th. 11 a.m. Messrs. W. P. Lys & F. Marsh.  
6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & R. Smith.

Mar. 6th. 11 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Major M. Knowler.  
6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. A. Bloomfield.

SERVERS ROTA .... To be arranged.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

February 6th. Miss E. Lys.  
Miss A. Lys.  
" 13th. Miss McFall.  
" 20th. Mrs. Lys.  
" 27th. 1st. Sunday in LENT.

No flowers are arranged in the Church during Lent.  

C. T. T.

BELLRINGERS.

Thank you to all the ringers and ringers' wives who helped with refreshments for the Quarter by Dorchester Branch Meeting of the Diocesan Ringers Guild.

All those who attended appreciated their tea and hospitality.

We have re-started Wednesday night practice for ringers, old and new. Any new ringers will be very welcome. Meet at the church porch at 7.30 p.m.

BELLRINGERS ROTA .... To be arranged.
VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Feb. 2nd. Wed. Mothers' Union - Vicarage 7.30 p.m.
" 9th. Wed. Autumn Leaves Slides of Wild Flowers. Competition - Glass. Drax Hall 2.30 p.m.
" 11th. Fri. Bible Study Group at 19 South Mead 2.30 p.m.
" 12th. Sat. Valentine's Barn Dance in aid of Cubs-Scouts, Diggory Yenn Band, Drax Hall. 8 p.m. - 12.
" 15th/16th. Absence of Vicar & Mrs. Shaw from Parish.
" 15th. Tues. Bere Regis & District Youth Club - Quiz Competition in aid of Jubilee Celebrations, Youth Club Sat 7.30 p.m.
" 16th. Wed. Autumn Leaves visit to Pantomime, Bournemouth, leaving Bere Regis 1.30 p.m.
" 21st. Mon. Parochial Church Council Meeting, Vicarage 7.30 p.m.
" 23rd. ASH WEDNESDAY. Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.
" 25th. Fri. Bible Study Group at 19 South Mead 2.30 p.m.
Mar. 2nd. Wed. Royal British Legion - Coffee evening at Branch H.Q. in aid of Jubilee Celebrations, 6.30 p.m.
" 5th. Sat. Mothers' Union Coffee Morning in aid of Jubilee Celebrations, Vicarage 10.30 a.m. - 12.
" 7th. Mon. Mothers' Union - Vicarage 7.30 p.m.
" 9th. Wed. Autumn Leaves Whist Drive etc., Comp. 3 Spring Flowers, Drax Hall 2.30 p.m.
" 16th. Wed. Royal British Legion Women's Section, Coffee Evening, Branch H.Q. 6.30 p.m.

MAGAZINE EDITOR: Mrs. P. M. Bloomfield, 7 Boswell's Close, Bere Regis.
Will you please let me have all matter for the Magazine not later than the 15th of each month.

Will Magazine Distributors kindly hand in all money collected for Magazines to: Treasurer of the P.C.C., Major G. Booth, Tower House, Tower Hill, Bere Regis.

DO YOU WRITE POETRY? If so, and you have a little poem suitable for our Magazine, will you please let me have it.

Editor.

SCRIPTURE UNION - Bere Regis Branch.

Mr. Harold Robertson visited the village again on January 12th for a meeting of preparation for the Mission to be held from March 20th to 27th. Full details will be given in next month's issue, and notices will be distributed in the district telling about it; meanwhile, it is sufficient to say that it will take a rather different form from the two previous missions.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP.

It was a joy to have with us on January 14th, the Vicar & Mrs. Shaw for our first time together since Christmas. They were, of course, a tremendous help in our study of the Parables of the Kingdom, on this occasion those concerning 'The Hidden Treasure' and 'The Pearl of Great Price'.

On January 26th the subjects are to be 'The Not' and 'The Householder'.
and we trust that some who have been absent from the previous meeting will be able to attend.

In February we hope to continue our study of this subject at meetings on 11th & 25th; anyone wishing to join us at 19 South Mead at 2.30 p.m., with a cup of tea to follow, will be most welcome.

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**BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.**

We shall all be looking forward to our next meeting on Tuesday, 8th February, when we are again to have a demonstration on Cookery & Flower Arranging by some of the members of the Committee. This change from our usual demonstrations was very popular last year, when a large number of members and their friends were present and it is hoped that this one will prove as popular.

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**JUBILEE COMMITTEE**

A Committee Meeting was held at The Drax Hall when one member from each Organisation attended. The following were elected as Hon. Officers:

Chairman: Mr. Goldie, Egdon Close; Vice Chairman: Mr. Holman; Secretary: Kathleen Jeeves, Larkspur, Snow Hill. Treasurer: Jim Cain, Boswells Close. Assistant Sec. Pauline Cameron - Doddings.

1. The various Organisations will run their own Fund Raising Schemes and we do urge everyone in the village to support them - It is very hard work and the success of such ventures depends on your support. Please look in the Parish Magazine for details of the schemes.

2. The name of the Committee is to be "BERE REGIS JUBILEE COMMITTEE".

3. A list of the children in the village is to be put in the Post Office on 1st, Feb. and if there are any names omitted, will you please notify Mrs. Jeeves, Larkspur, Snow Hill, in writing.

4. The Royal British Legion is to make a house-to-house collection for the Queen's Fund. This is a National Fund.

5. Mr. Vine of Bere Heath has kindly donated a seat for the village.

6. Donations offered up to date are as follows...

*Autumn Leaves* £5; Mrs. Lewis from £2; Floral Group £5; Young Wives £5; W. Institute £5; Royal British Legion £25.

Donations will be very welcome - please send to Mr. Jim Cain, Boswell's Close.

K. J.

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**AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60s.**

A very enjoyable afternoon was had for our New Year Party - Guests were our new Vicar, Rev. Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Beeden and Mrs. Lewis - Mrs. Jesty sent her apologies - Entertainment was by the Wonderful Concert Party "The Senior Generation", most members of which were over 74 years. This is the second time this wonderful company had entertained us and we hope to have the pleasure of their company in future years. Tea was served by the Hostesses and a huge chocolate cake cut by Rev. Shaw. A Raffle was drawn by Rev. & Mrs. Shaw. A present for each member was given by the Hostesses and Auld Lang Syne sung.

Mrs. Lewis announced our next meeting which is on Feb. 9th at 2:30 which is "Slides of Wild Flowers" by Mr. Stanley - Competition is "Glass".

Also the outing to the Pantomime at Bournemouth on Feb. 16th leaving 1:30 - List is at the Butchers Shop - 75p. each ticket. The Club is to pay for the Coach this year.

Our Membership is now 106 members - anyone who would like to join us and enjoy yourselves, please come along or contact Mrs. Jeeves at the Butchers Shop - we know you will enjoy our Club. No Membership Fee necessary.

To All Members: My Committee (The Hostesses) and I would like to thank our friends of Autumn Leaves for the presents we received at our New Year Party. We appreciate your kindness most sincerely.

Happy New Year to you all, God Bless.

Kathleen J.

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**WOMENS' INSTITUTE.**

The Christmas Party was on 21 Dec. Guests from Winterborne Kingstone and Winterborne Zelstone W.I., together with representatives from other village organisations, were welcomed by the President - Mrs. Mills. The competition for a Christmas Bough was judged by the Rev. and Mrs. Shaw, the winner being Mrs. England.

The evening commenced with games organised by various members which was followed by a buffet supper. The entertainment consisted of a reading, songs and dancing. The evening concluded with carol singing and a present for everyone from the 'Christmas Basket'.

The next meeting will be on 15th February when Mrs. Parro will be speaking on Paper Sculpture.

Two forthcoming events: - Wed. 9th March - Countryside Day at Dorchester. Thurs. 21st April - Spring Council Meeting at Weymouth when the speaker will be Mr. Phil Drabble.

S.M.M.

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**BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.**

On Tuesday 8th February there is to be a talk by the County Architect, and on 22nd Feb. a Pancake Evening. In December a number of members had a very good day in Salisbury shopping, and a few members went to a Cookery Demonstration in Dorchester. On Tuesday morning 22nd. Feb. there is to be a Pancake Race. Please see posters for time and place.

M.E.
BERE REGIS & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB.

I would very much like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Whist Drive which was a great success with 18½ tables showing a profit of £29.55p.

Now we are in a New Year the second half of the winter programme of activities will start.

This is a special year for us all with the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations the Youth Club are having a Village Quiz to help raise money for the Queen's Silver Jubilee Celebrations, all organizations in the village have been invited to take part in the Quiz, we hope as many people as possible will come along and support the teams entered, in their battle of knowledge to find the winning team, this competition will commence on Tuesday 15th February 7.30 p.m. at the Youth Club Hut.

L.B.

BERE REGIS JUBILEE COMMITTEE.

The Royal British Legion is holding a Coffee evening at Branch Headquarters with Tombola, Bring & Buy and various other stalls on Wednesday March 2nd at 6.30 p.m.

This event is being held in aid of the funds for the Bere Regis Jubilee Celebrations in June.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION).

The next meeting will be held at Branch Headquarters on Wednesday, Feb. 16th, at 2.30 p.m. The speaker will be Miss McFall.

War Memorial Flowers: February. Miss Llewellyn.
March. Mrs. Coles.

BERE REGIS PRIMARY SCHOOL P.T.A.

An excellent number attended the Concert at the Drax Hall on 7th January, and were entertained by the 'Marchais' from Weymouth with songs and sketches. As well as this, the Bere Regis School Recorder Group under the direction of the Headmaster entertained with two musical items - a very talented group showing the hard work which they and Mr. Gosney put in during the year.

Many thanks are due to all those who made mince pies and provided excellent refreshments.

In the interval, John England presented the Chairman of the Bere Regis Young Wives Group, Mrs. Dianne Phillips, with a replica of the Carnival cup in recognition of their winning the Championship cup for three years, something to show for their hard work, enthusiasm and skill in decorating floats.

PARISH COUNCIL.

During 1977 the Parish Council will meet on the following dates:
January 15th, February 16th, March 23rd, April 20th, May 18th, June 22nd, July 20th, August 24th, September 21st, October 19th, November 23rd and December 21st. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend these meetings and as usual will have opportunity to voice opinions and ask questions during the "Democratic half-hour."

BERE REGIS BY-PASS. The Department of Transport has now announced proposals for a by-pass of Bere Regis. The plan and description of these may be examined at Bere Regis Post Office by request to the Postmaster.

The family of the late Mrs. Violet Cleeall wish to thank sincerely everyone concerned for their expressions of sympathy, and donations sent for Cancer Research amounting to £67.

Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement.

J. Cleeall.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptisms:
and Eleanor Jane Morris, daughter of Thomas and Pauline Morris.

Burials:

BERE REGIS CUB SCOUTS

Forthcoming Events:-
St. Valentine's Barn Dance - Saturday 12th Feb. at Drax Hall -
Dancing to 'Diggory Venn', 8 p.m. until Midnight. Tickets now on sale
Price £1.00. Light Refreshments provided - Licenced Bar.
Please support this to help raise Cub Scout Funds.

Is there a man in the area interested in starting a Scout Troop? Previous Scouting experience not essential. If you are interested please contact me at the: Police House, Rye Hill, Bere Regis.

A.B.

SERVERS ROTA:
March 6. John Pitfield.

"SMALL ADS."

(15p. for 3 lines).