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.

Sidesmen:
Lt.Col. A. Barne, M. Barnes, F. Parsons, J. House, W. F. Lys,
Cdr. C. Maunder, R.N., I. Mullins, D. Poore,
Brig. D. Tadman, H. Dashwood, K. Wooflries,
G. Ward, 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 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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My dear Friends,

'You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.' 1 Peter II: 9.

During this Jubilee year our thoughts are often turning quite naturally and entirely properly to our Queen. We remember, with gratitude her great service to our Nation and Commonwealth extending over a quarter of a century. We recall with pride the example set by the Queen and Prince Philip of family life lived, as it surely should be lived. As the Marriage Service expresses it, 'to live together according to God's law in the holy estate of Matrimony.' And we reflect upon the enormous demands made on our Royal Family and upon the amazing courage with which they meet them.

Yet the heartfelt thanksgiving being expressed on all sides in this year of Jubilee would be somewhat one-sided if there were no corresponding response from the Nation as a whole. In spite of the gloomy statements often seen in the newspaper we are still, in the main, a Christian People. By this I mean that, on the whole, we accept those standards of conduct and morality laid down for us at the time of our Baptism. These standards involve a discipline, if we take them seriously, but as well as a discipline there is conferred on each one of us an immeasureable grace. For by our baptism we are made children of God 'by adoption and grace' and as St. Paul assures us 'if children, then heirs - joint heirs with Christ.'

It is surely appropriate, therefore, as in this Jubilee year we do honour to a much loved Queen that at the same time we recollect our joint heritage with her which is no less than membership of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.

We are all of us, Sovereign and People alike in the service of the King of Kings.

Ours is a proud heritage indeed - let us all try to be worthy of it.

Yours very sincerely,

DENIS SHAW.

NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE:
Bere Regis Parish Church Appeal. By the time this issue of the magazine is in your hands Ascension Day will have come and gone and we shall have launched our 1977 Appeal for further generous giving from those to whom the regular worship of God in this place is important. There was a time when the mention of money in connection with God's work was deemed indelicate but we all know how the bills roll in and how they seem to increase at an alarming rate. So I am quite confident that those who have supported this work in the past with such generosity will be even more
generous now and that many who have, so far, stayed outside our scheme of regular giving will be moved to join in.

Remember it all depends on YOU.

Confirmation Classes: It is some time since the last Confirmation Service at Bere Regis, so I am planning the next one for early in 1978. This will mean starting classes in the autumn of this year and I should be glad to have the names of prospective candidates for Confirmation as soon as possible so that arrangements may be made in good time.

Patronal Festival: We are proud of our dedication to St. John Baptist and we are celebrating the Patronal Festival on Sunday, 26th June two days after his Feast Day.

At our Festal Evensong at 6 p.m. that day we shall all be so pleased to welcome Brother Jonathan, Guardian of the Society of St. Francis at Hilfield Friary, as our preacher. Let us come together in great number to hear his message.

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**CHURCH SERVICES - JUNE.**

**Sunday, 5th June.**
- 10.30 a.m. Sunday School.
- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion.
- 6.00 p.m. Jubilee Thanksgiving Service.

**Sunday, 12th June.**
- 10.15 a.m. Sunday School.
- 12.00 Noon Holy Communion.
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong.

**Sunday, 19th June.**
- 10.15 a.m. Sunday School.
- 12.00 Noon Holy Communion.
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong.

**Sunday, 26th June.**
- 11.15 a.m. Sunday School.
- 11.00 a.m. Matins.

**St. John Baptist - Patronal Festival.**
- 11.00 a.m. Matins.
- 6.00 p.m. Festal Evensong (Preacher: Brother Jonathan S.S.F.)

**Sunday, 3rd July.**
- 10.30 a.m. Sunday School.
- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion.
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong.

**Friday, 29th June.**
- 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

Mabel Lake who lived with her husband at River View was a native of Lytchett Matravers. Her early days were spent in nursing so it was natural for her neighbours to turn to her in times of need. They were always sure of a helping hand.

Mrs. Lake had suffered a long and painful illness but her death, when it came, was sudden and unexpected. Our love and sympathy are extended to her husband and family.

Harry Pitfield had lived all his life in Bere Regis and taken his full share in village activities. A keen ringer he was for many years Captain of the Tower and even after his retirement he was always ready to teach young ringers the art in which he excelled.

His sudden death came as a great shock to his family to whom we send our assurance of our love and prayers. He will be greatly missed in the village especially by his friends in the Autumn Leaves Club where he was a popular member.

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**SIDESMENS' ROTA.**

June 5th. 11 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries & W. F. Lys.
- 6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & M. Barnes.

June 12th. 11 a.m. Messrs. R. Smith & Major R. Knowler.
- 6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & F. Parsons.

June 19th. 11 a.m. Messrs. H. Woolfries & Col. A. Barne.
- 6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & M. Barnes.

June 26th. 11 a.m. Messrs. G. Ward & G. Smith.
- 6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. A. Bloomfield.

July 3rd. 11 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries & W. F. Lys.
- 6 p.m. Messrs. F. Parsons & M. Barnes.

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**SERVERS' ROTA.**

June 19th. - Richard.

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**BELLRINGERS' ROTA.**

To be arranged.

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I would like to thank all kind friends and relatives for their help, sympathy, letters and flowers on the death of my Mother, Mrs. L. Miller, also to thank all who made a contribution to the Church amounting to £102.90.

E. Green.

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**WAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** June - Mrs. Maidment. July - Mrs. Collison.
THE MOTHERS' UNION.

What an entertaining evening we had on the 4th May, when Mrs. Welsh gave us an amusing but thought provoking talk on the Seven Deadly Sins, which she enumerated, likening each one to a particular weed growing in the garden.

Our Bring and Buy sale for Overseas made £5.00 — thank you, all members. Now we are all looking forward to the 1st June when we are to visit the Reverend Paul and Mrs. Tranter at Childef Okeford. The mini-bus will be at the Drax Arms at 7.30 p.m. and the members who are being picked up by car will be advised previously.

Dawn Shaw.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

June 5th. Friends from other Churches and all organisations in the Village.
June 12th. Mrs. Ward. Miss E. Lye.
June 19th. Miss Combes or Mrs. Howard. Mrs. Munro.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

June 5th. Sun. Jubilee Service, Parish Church, 6 p.m. Interdenominational.
June 9th. Thur. Sidesmens' Meeting, Vicarage, 7 p.m.
June 11th. Sat. R.B.L. Women's Section, Garden Party, "White Lovington" 3 p.m.
June 15th. Wed. Autumn Leaves THIRD WEDNESDAY, Summer outing to Exmouth, leaving 1.30 p.m.
June 22nd. Wed. R.B.L. Women’s Section, Mystery Tour, 3 p.m.
Aug. 12th. Fri. R.B.L. Eve of Show Party, Sportsfield, 7.30 p.m.
Aug. 13th. Sat. R.B.L. Show & Pet Show, Sportsfield, 2.30 p.m. followed by Barbecue.
Aug. 18th. Thur. Coffee Morning, "Summerrods", 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon in aid of Village Hall. (Drax Hall).
Oct. 2nd. HARVEST FESTIVAL.
Oct. 6th. Thur. Bere Regis Guides & Brownies Sponsored Knit-in at the School, 7 p.m.

For Jubilee Celebrations, see May Magazine, also the list in "Jeeves" the Butcher.

MAGAZINE EDITOR:

Mrs. P. M. Bloomfield, 7 Boswell's Close, Bere Regis, Tel: 581.

Will you please let me have all matter for the Magazine not later than the 15th of each month.

Thank you for two Poems this month, a very Patriotic one from Mrs. Knowler, so suitable for the present time, and "a cry from the heart" by Stephen Presslee.

ENGLAND.

Green fields, trees, flowers
Gentle rivers flow for hours seawards.
Coastline rugged, gentle, harsh.
Edged with gorse and inner marsh.
Golden corn, lowing herd.
Skylark singing, gentle bird.
For all this our heritage.
We lift our heads and proudly stand,
To thank our Lord for this great land.

D. K.

For seventeen years we had a cat,
He was tabby and his name was Sam,
We loved Sam very much.
But alas on Sunday about eight weeks ago
He just disappeared never to be seen again.
We have hunted high and low,
If only someone could tell us what happened to him.

Stephen Presslee (Aged 8).

BIBLE STUDY GROUP.

A very well attended and most helpful meeting of the Group was held on May 6th, when study of the Parables of the Kingdom was continued, first that of "The wise and foolish Virgins" and then a start being made of that of "The Talents", both to be found in Matthew, chapter 25.

On May 20th, study of "The Talents" was to be concluded, followed by that of the similar parable of "The Pounds" in chapter 19 of Luke's Gospel. This completes our very full study of this subject started last Autumn.

All who have attended these studies, with readings and discussions followed by short times of prayer, are agreed that they were rich in blessing for their lessons on Christian commitment in every-day life.

Thus, we end this session rather early, owing to the proximity of the Jubilee Year celebrations, followed soon by the start of the holiday season.
BERE REGIS CHURCH GARDEN PARTY
Saturday 25th June, 3 p.m. at "Summerrods".
(by kind permission of Brig. & Mrs. Tadman)
To be opened by Mrs. D. Shaw.

Stalls * Sideshow * Refreshments * Competitions * etc.

Competitions 1 Painting - Subject: "Jubilee". Children only.
2 Poem (not more than 8 lines). Subject: "Jubilee" - Adults
 and Children.

Crown Making - on the spot - for all ages.

During the afternoon: Entertainment by Mr. Jenkins & Group, also the School
Children. Entries for both Competitions to be handed in at "Summerrods" not
later than 12 noon on day of Garden Party.

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BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.
The next meeting will be on Tuesday June 14th, when there will be a
demonstration of Accent on Colour by Mrs. Jean Franklin. There will be an
exhibition of Flower Arrangements by members of the Dorset & Guernsey Area
at Milton Abbey, called "Flowers for the Queen" on June 5th, 6th, & 7th,
10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Entrance 30p.

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TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC.

I should like to express my thanks to everyone who helped to make this
event such a success and especially to Mr. & Mrs. David Parsons who allowed
us to have it in their garden, and who both worked untiringly from the time
the sub-committee was first formed to make the arrangements. My warm thanks
also to Mrs. Howard who was chairman of the sub-committee and who worked so
hard, also to Mr. Bloomfield who agreed to be hon-treasurer for the day.
It is impossible to thank everyone who helped but I am most grateful to all
those not on the committee who came forward so willingly to help us, to all
the committee for their help, to all those who gave refreshments for the tea,
and gifts for the Tombola & Bring & Buy Stall. Also a big thank you to the
Play Group for their entertainment and the school children for their
dancing. Last but not least thanks to all those who came and supported us.

A financial statement will be published in the next magazine.

Audrey Lys - Chairman.

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DRAK HALL

At the Annual General Meeting the Hon. Treasurer presented the fol-
lowing Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1976. Since then
£200 has been paid out on repairs to the Hall and a further £56 is out-
standing.

Audrey Lys, - Chairman.

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Incom and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December, 1976.

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15th April, 1977. I have prepared the above Accounts from the Books and
vouchers of the Hall Committee and in my opinion they represent a fair and
accurate record of the transactions for the year ended 31st December, 1976.
I have verified the Bank Balances.

Hamish Anderson, C.A.

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BERE REGIS P.T.A. CARNIVAL DAY - Saturday, 2nd July.

Programme of Events:
2.30 p.m. Procession from Sitterton to School.
3.15 p.m. Opening by Michael Sharvell-Martin (of "Dave Allen" show fame).
Marathon.
Stalls - New books & toys, groceries, plants & animal models, 
jewellery, tombola, & refreshments.
Sideshows, pony rides. Exhibition of Local Crafts.
Demonstration by the Poole Majorettes. Wareham Town Band.
Maypole Dancing. "Superstars".
5.0 p.m. Ladies' netball final.
5.30 p.m. Six-a-side football final. 6.00 p.m. GRAND DRAW.

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Carnival Barn Dance & Barbecue at Buttslands Farm, Bloxworth, by kind per-
mission of our School Manager, Mr. V. Stone. Dancing to "Diggory Venn",
8 - 12 midnight. Tickets 60p. from School or P.T.A. Comm.

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NOTE: The Carnival procession is earlier this year. Entries are invited
for floats, (Adults & Children's classes), decorated bicycles and prams. Entry
forms for floats only required (25p) available from the Secretary, Mrs. P. Ward,
16 North St. Judging to take place at 2 p.m. sharp at Sitterton. Entries for 
Ladies' netball (7-a-side) and six-a-side

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football are also invited (10p. per team). Play off for six-a-side on Thurs.
30th June at 6 p.m. Netball play off to be arranged if necessary.

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Anyone wishing to be considered as Bere Regis champion "Super Star" for 1977, should contact the Chairman, John England, 10 South Head, for further details.

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1977 CARNIVAL QUEEN ... By kind permission of the Youth Club, the Carnival Queen and two attendants will be chosen at the Jubilee Disco on Tuesday 7th June. Entries taken on the night. No age limit, but the Queen must be 16 years of age to proceed to the Dorset Carnival Queen competition later in the year.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION).

On June 11th at 3pm, we shall be holding our Garden Party at "White Lovington" by kind permission of Miss Ilellin, when there will be various Stalls, Sidewalks, Raffle, etc.

Owing to a clash of dates, our Mystery Tour will now be on the 22nd June, leaving at 3pm. Any Members wishing to go on this tour please contact Miss Steele, 5 Green Close, Bere Regis. Telephone Bere Regis 579.

"AUTUMN LEAVES" OVER 60 CLUB.

In spite of it being a very wet and miserable day, it didn't deter our Members from turning up and enjoying their game of Whist and Dominos for our May Meeting.

We were very pleased indeed to have the pleasure of Rev. Shaw's company once again, particularly as he has a tight schedule.

Our competition this month was for a pretty necklace, and my goodness what a beautiful array of exquisite Jewellery, some as old as 120 years. They were judged by Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Bartsaw, our dedicated tea ladies. Mrs. Beken and Mrs. Barnes won the prizes.

Mrs. Minter, Mrs. Jeeves & Mrs. Smith won the Ladies' Whist prizes, and Mr. A. Brook, Mr. Phillips and Mrs. Cleall the Gents' prizes. Dominos won by Mrs. Osbaldstone, Mr. Johnson. Raffle won by the Vicar, Mrs. Chaldecott and Mrs. D. Barnes.

Matters of important future interest are "The Old Tyme Music Hall" (limited tickets available) and the Autumn Leaves outing to Exmouth which is the 3rd, not 2nd, Wednesday in June. All details displayed as always in Jeeves Butchers shop.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The June meeting will be on the 21st. and will be a Members' Evening at Sitterton House, by kind permission of Mrs. Howard.

BERE REGIS GIRL GUIDES.

A Coffee Morning was held at Hillview, Sitterton, on Saturday 30th April. £17.05 was raised for Dorset Girl Guides Queen's Silver Jubilee Patrol Challenge "Buy a Guide Dog".

Many thanks to all who came and donated to this worthwhile cause.

Doreen Bartlett. - Sarah Gibbs.

BERE REGIS & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB: The first A.G.M. of the Club took place on Wed. 27th April at the school, and although not many people attended, it proved a very successful meeting. It was generally felt that the Club had made good progress during its first year and that there was every cause for optimism in the years to come.

At the time of going to press we are still not sure when we will be able to begin Club nights at the school. Due to a variety of reasons, not the least the very cold weather, it seems unlikely that we shall be able to use the school pool until after half-term holiday (possibly Mon. 13 June). Notices will be posted around the village when starting date is known. Meanwhile, if there is any Club member wishing to take part in our Sponsored Swim, sponsor cards can be obtained from myself or any committee member.

FUND RAISING EVENT FOR SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - Monday 20th June, Bere Regis and District Swimming Club Sponsored Swim at the School Pool.

R. Holman.

BERE REGIS & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 27th April. There were some new faces elected to the Management Committee. The committee elected is as follows:-

President - Dr. Benjfield. Chairman - Mr. L. Bartlett. Vice-Chairman - Mr. A. Brook. Secretary - Mrs. J. Munro. Treasurer - Mrs. M. Carlyle. Committee: Mrs. P. Collins, Mrs. M. Mauder, Mrs. M. Bartlett, Mr. T. Shave, Mr. I. McCleod, Mr. G. Comber.

Representing other Village Organisations:


PLEASE NOTE: Until changes can be made on back page of Magazine, the Youth Club evenings of Meetings will be given inside the Magazine.

Youth Club Senior Members 7.30 Monday & Wednesday.

" Junior " 7.30 Friday.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES' GROUP: The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. On Tuesday 14 June the meeting will be held at Mrs. Jeeve's Bungalow, and on 28th the speaker will be Mrs. Goodfellow who will speak about making Flowers with feathers.

S. M. M.

"SMALL ADS" (15p. for 3 lines).