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BERE REGIS
DORSET

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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, 1st 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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My dear Friends,

JESUS SAID 'I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD; HE WHO follows me
WILL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.
S. John Ch 8 v.12

Since Christmas, when I take Morning Assembly at the Primary School,
we have been talking about a single subject - Light. The children have
discovered for themselves that we all need light in order to remain alive.
Further they have thought of many different ways in which we use light
in our daily lives and among these is that all important purpose of finding
our way in the dark.

Jesus knew, only too well, what a dark place this world can be if we
have no light to walk by. In fact, he knew that without light we are certain
to lose our way completely. So he made this great claim 'I am the light of
the world' and not just a fixed light but a travelling light which men can
follow through the darkest place and still see the way ahead.

During the Season of Lent we Christian people try to follow Christ on
his journey through the wilderness and on to his Passion and Death until we
reach Easter Day with all the glory of the Resurrection. It is all too easy
for us to lose our way on this journey and to wander aimlessly in the dark-
ness so that we finally get nowhere. The only positive way to make sure of
progress on our pilgrimage is to follow the light of Christ himself and
never to lose sight of him. It means making a conscious effort to keep close
to him; it means resisting the temptation to allow distractions to divert our
attention away from the light moving before us; it means a recognition of the
fact that this is no 'easy option'.

It sounds like a very hard road indeed, and so it is, but remember we
are not called upon to travel it alone. The fact that we are following a
'travelling light' means that we are able to TRAVEL LIGHT ourselves since our
Lord has promised to carry our burdens for us all the way. With this promise
in mind our long journey takes on a very different aspect so that we may step
out with confidence with the light always before us.

The last verse of an old hymn is worth making our own:

'While I am a pilgrim here,
Let thy love my spirit cheer;
Be my Guide, my Guard, my Friend;
Lead me to my journey's end.'

Yours very sincerely,

DENIS SHAW.
NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE

MOTHERING SUNDAY is on 20th March and a special Service for mothers and children will be held at 3 p.m. when children should bring small posies of flowers to give to their mothers. Please note that there will be no morning Sunday School on Mothering Sunday.

TRUTHS THAT ENDURE is the title of the Lent Course which we are using as a basis for our weekly meetings on Wednesday evenings during Lent, at 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage. The full programme appears elsewhere in the magazine. The booklet, price 60p. is available from the Vicar.

THE ELECTORAL ROLL has to be revised in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 13th April. If your name is not on the Roll please take a form from the Visitors' Table in church and when it is completed pass it to Miss Combes who is dealing with the revision temporarily until a new Secretary is appointed.

CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH

Sunday, 6th March
- 10.30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong

Sunday, 13th March
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 10.15 a.m. Sunday School
- 11.00 a.m. Matins
- 12.00 Noon Holy Communion
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong

Sunday, 20th March
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 11.00 a.m. Matins
- 3.00 p.m. Mothering Sunday Service
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong

Sunday, 27th March
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 10.15 a.m. Sunday School
- 11.00 a.m. Matins
- 3.00 p.m. Scripture Union Service
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong

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

OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage 'Truths that Endure'

March 2nd.
- Examples of human frailty
9th.
- Examples of human virtue
16th.
- The person of Christ
23rd.
- The teaching of Christ

March 30th.
April 6th.
Our common life in Christ.
Divine love and human sin.
Each discussion will end with Compline. The Booklets, 'Truths that Endure' by Robert Martineau, Bishop of Blackburn may be obtained from the Vicar, price 60p. each.

Mothering Sunday Service
3.00 p.m. Sunday March 20th.

Palm Sunday - 2nd April Holy Week
- Procession and Distribution of Palm Crosses.
Monday, 4th April 7.00 p.m. Compline
Tuesday, 5th April 7.00 p.m. Compline
Wednesday, 6th April 8.45 p.m. Compline
Maundy Thursday, 7th April 7.00 p.m. Holy Communion, and Stripping of the Altar
Good Friday, 8th April 11.00 a.m. Matins with the Litany
7.00 p.m. A sacred cantata 'The Saviour' sung by the Choir

EASTER DAY
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 10.15 a.m. Sunday School
- 11.00 a.m. Matins
- 12.00 noon Holy Communion
- 3.00 p.m. Family Service
- 6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong

EASTER LILIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

It has, for some time past, been the custom to decorate the Sanctuary, at Easter, with lilies given in remembrance of loved ones.

If you would like to give a Remembrance Lily this Easter will you please use the list which you will find on the Visitors' Table giving the particulars requested. The list will be removed on Passion Sunday, 27th March after which no further names can be accepted. Once again it is hoped to obtain arm lilies.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN H. BENNET who lived at Hyde Lodge and who for many years was a bell-ringer at the parish church. Died 31st Jan 1977

GEORGE HUGBY whose father was schoolmaster at the Barrow Hill Boys' School and organist and choirmaster at the parish church. George Rugby went to school in Bere Regis and often blew the organ for his father. Died 10th Feb. 1977

LILLY MILLER who lived with her daughter at 72 West Street had cared for many motherless children during her long life. She was a keen member of the Bere Regis Mothers' Union. Died on 10th Feb. 1977
DORIS GALE had lived in Bere Regis all her life and had, until recently, taken an active part in the life of the place. She died on 10th February '77

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM
20th February 1977
Shane Nicholas Mooney, son of Terence and Pamela Mooney.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

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

6 p.m. Messrs. J. House & F. Parsons.

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

Mar. 27th 11 a.m. Colonel A. Barns & Mr. F. Parsons.
6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. Barnes.

Apr. 3rd 11 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Major M. Knowler.
6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & A. Bates.

Apr. 10th 11 a.m. Mr. J. House & Colonel A. Barns.
6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. A. Bloomfield.

SERVERS ROTA

Mar. 6 - Martin Mullins;
Mar. 13 - John Pitfield;
Mar. 20 - Richard Mullins;
Apr. 3 - Martin Mullins.

BELLRINGERS

We are very pleased to welcome Jane Phillips and Bob Stallard to our ringing team in the Village. This is Jane's first attempt at ringing; Bob has been learning at Wimborne, and now he has come to live in the village, is helping out here. We also have three Guides who are 'Being Prepared' to help in the future. They are Carolyn England, Samantha Holman and Elaine Simmonds.

We hope those who live near will be patient on Wednesday nights.

BELLRINGERS ROTA - As arranged.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

At our meeting on the 2nd Feb., the vicar first commissioned Doreen Shaw as Enrolling Member and then admitted the following nine members to the Branch: Jean Batten, Bernice Cheeseman, Betty Beeden, Iris Bush, Sally Cheeseman, Shirley Day, Margaret Bartlett, Molly Carlyle and Pauline Howard.

This made a very happy start to the meeting, which was followed by a most interesting talk by Mrs. Greenfield on the life of a Health Visitor.

Our next meeting on the 2nd March will be at 7.30 at the Vicarage and will be incorporated in the Lenten Discussion Group, the theme of this being Truths that Endure.

On the following Saturday, the 5th March, will be our Coffee Morning for funds for the village celebration of the Silver Jubilee. There will be a raffle and a Bring and Bay stall with an accent on Home-made articles and produce, and we look forward to welcoming many friends on this occasion. It will be from 10.30 to 12 noon.

Since our last meeting, the branch has sustained a great loss by the death of a staunch and loyal member, Lily Miller. We send our love and sympathy to her family, especially to her daughter, Edie Green, who has cared for her devotedly.

Doreen Shaw.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School Annual Party & Prize Giving, held at the Royal British Legion Headquarters, was a great success.

We want to thank all those who gave refreshments and helped on the day.

M.E.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, 4th MARCH 1977
Theme: 'LOVE IN ACTION'

The Women's World Day of Prayer began in the 1880's but for the area covered by our National Committee this will be the forty-fifth celebration of the Day. From its beginning as a call to prayer to Presbyterian women in the United States of America, the movement has now spread to 170 countries.

This year the service comes from the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) which is a highly developed industrial nation in the heart of Europe. The Federation of Protestant Churches of the GDR was formed in 1969 and seeks to extend the cooperation of the member churches and to promote their growing together.

Behind this lies the express intention of the churches to proclaim the Gospel in
a Socialist society. Ecumenical cooperation with the other Christian churches, including Roman Catholic and 'free' churches, is a special concern.

CALL TO PRAYER

Since God, out of love for this world, never ceases to hope, we can affirm: Love gives hope.

Since Jesus Christ, out of love for this world, gives His life, we can affirm: Love risks life.

Since the Holy Spirit incites us to love, we can affirm: Love becomes action.

LOCAL SERVICE - PUDDLETOWN UNITED REFORMED CHURCH 3 p.m.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Feb. 28th. Mon. Parochial Church Council Meeting, Vicarage 7.30 p.m.

Mar. 2nd. Wed. Lent Meeting, Vicarage 7.30 p.m.

Mar. 2nd. Wed. Mothers' Union, Vicarage 7.30 p.m.

Mar. 4th. Fri. " AD HOC Committee Meeting, Vicarage 2.15 p.m.


Mar. 9th. Wed. Lent Meeting, Vicarage 7.30 p.m.


Mar. 20th/27th " Scripture Union Mission. For particulars of Meetings etc., see under heading "Scripture Union".

Apr. 1st. Wed. Lent Meeting, Vicarage 7.30 p.m.

Apr. 3rd. Fri. Palm Sunday - Distribution of Palms.

Apr. 8th. Good Friday

Apr. 10th. Easter Day

Apr. 13th. Wed. Annual Church Meeting, Drax Hall 7 p.m.


Apr. 18th. Wed. " Conservative Coffee Morning, Culeaze, 10.45 a.m. - 12.

Apr. 19th. Ascension Day. "Friends of Bere Regis Church" Service 7 p.m.

Apr. 25th. Sat. Bere Regis Church Garden Party 3 p.m.

June 11th. Sat. Royal British Legion Women's Section, Garden Party, "White Lovington" 3 p.m.


Oct. 2nd. Harvest Festival


See Jubilee Calendar for "JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS"

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.

PARISH COUNCIL

Estimates for 1977/78. At a Special Parish meeting held in 1976 it was decided to spend if necessary up to a 2% rate on repairs to the Drax Hall, and the total precept for 1977/78 of £2,240 includes £1,000 for this purpose: Street Lighting Account £350, Cemetery Account £250 and General Account £1,640.

As well as the need for repairs, the Hall Management Committee face ever increasing electricity and other costs. Therefore as Trustees of our Village Hall the Parish Council earnestly hope that the fund raising occasion to be held on Saturday, May 14th will be enthusiastically supported. For details, see under "Teddy Bears' Picnic".

Bere Regis Schoolchildren. The School Managers now report to the Parish Council that after their meeting with the Area Education Officer at County Hall they have received clarification of the programme according to which from September 1977 Bere Regis children from the age of 9 will attend the new Sandford Middle School until they are 13 when they will transfer to the Purbeck School. In certain circumstances parents will still be able to send their children to Lychett Minster Modern School.
SCRIPTURE UNION
BERE REGIS : BRANCH

Two meetings for preparation and prayer have been held by the team of helpers for the Mission, to be led by Mr. Harold Robertson in the week March 20-27th.

As stated last month, this will be of a different character from previous Missions, being a teaching course dealing with the life of Christian commitment.

There will be meetings for two age groups, ages 7-10 at 6 p.m. and ages 11 upwards at 7:30 p.m., both in the Congregational Church, with a bookstall in the Hall and light refreshments in the Manse afterwards. These meetings will be held on Monday to Friday.

Mr. Harold Robertson will be speaking at both services at the Congregational Church, on Mothering Sunday, March 20th; at a special assembly at the School on Monday, and also, we hope, to at least three coffee mornings in private homes for children's "Mum's" by invitation. He will close with a Farewell Family Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday March 27th, also at the Sunday Evening Service at the Congregational Church.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

At our second meeting in January it was very nice to have a full complement of members present, numbering twelve, for our study of the Parables of the Kingdom, something we have not had for a long time; but we still have room at 19, South Head for some more - just!

At our February meetings our subject was "The King and his servants' debts", and in March, when we meet only on the 11th, as the week from the 20th to 27th will be occupied by the Scripture Union Mission, the subject will be "The Labourers in the Vineyard". After that we will not meet again, because of Easter intervening, until April 22nd.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

The February meeting entitled "Fun with Food and Flowers" was greatly enjoyed by members and friends. Mrs Barne and Mrs Cross arranged flowers for a Dinner Party and the menu was in the capable hands of Mrs Anderson, Mrs Herridge and Mrs Crichton.

On March 8th there will be a demonstration called "The Unpredictable" (Modern & Abstract) by Mrs Carnegie Brown.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - (Women's Section)

There will be no evening meeting in March, as we are holding a Coffee Evening at Branch Headquarters on March 16th at 6.30 p.m.

WAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS - March: Mrs Coles; April: Mrs. Pressler.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

As previously announced, the Teddy Bears' Picnic will be held at Woodburyside on Saturday, May 14th at 3 p.m. by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs David Parsons in aid of Oxhay Hall funds.

There will be numerous stalls and sideshows which will include a Teddy Bears' stall - Bottle Spinner - Tombola - Lucky Dip - Roll-a-Ball - Skittles - Pony Rides for the children and an entertainment by the Play Group. Tea will be on sale also ice cream and soft drinks.

In addition there is to be a large Raffle when the prizes will include a Portable Television and a Transistor Radio.

Tickets may be obtained now from any member of the committee, and we shall be very grateful if anyone willing to sell any tickets will obtain them from the Secretary, Mrs. M. LEWIS, 7 Southbrook.

AUDREY LYS

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the January meeting Miss Brotherton of the Wild Life Trust showed slides of Wild life in Dorset and of the work being undertaken to prevent some of this becoming extinct.

The next meeting will be on 15th March when the subject will be "Gardening" with Mr Jones of the Dorset College of Agriculture. Hostesses for this meeting will be Mrs Howard, Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Day.

The Group Meeting will be at Winterborne Kingston on Thursday 24th March.

The committee and members would like to thank every one who supported the Coffee Morning held at Sitterton House (by kind permission of Mrs Howard) on Saturday 5th February. The sum of £36 was raised for the Bere Regis Silver Jubilee Fund.

S.M.N.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - CALENDAR OF FUND RAISING EVENTS . . . .

Tuesday 1st March - Youth Club Village Quiz. Preliminary Rounds at the Youth Club Hut commencing 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 2nd March - Royal British Legion Coffee Evening at the Royal British Legion Club. Various stalls, draw etc., commencing 6.30 p.m.

Saturday 5th March - Mothers' Union Coffee Morning at the Vicarage commencing 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday 8th March - Youth Club Village Quiz. Semi-final and final at the Youth Club Hut; commencing 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 7th May - Jubilee Barn Dance at the Drax Hall 8-12 p.m. Diggory Venn Band, Admission £1 refreshments included, Bar, Draw, etc.,

Wednesday 8th June - Concert for all over 60's of Bere Regis, Admission Free. Donations collected in sweet jar at Mr. Jones, Butcher, Bere Regis.

Monday 20th June - Bere Regis & District Swimming Club Sponsored Swim at the School Pool.

We would like to keep the above calendar up-to-date. If there are any further additions required, please contact me at 12 South Head, Bere Regis. Telephone 479.

R. Holman on behalf of the JUBILEE COMMITTEE.