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PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST
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Vicar: The Rev. Denis Shaw, R.D.

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Mr. F. Marsh, Southbrook.

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G. Ward,
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Treasurer of the P.C.C.: Major C. 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 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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"JESUS SAID, I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU DESOLATE; I WILL COME TO YOU." S.John XIV: 18.

On 1th May, this year we celebrate the great Feast of the Ascension.

This second parting of our Lord from his disciples might have been thought to have been an occasion for sorrow. Yet S.Luke tells us that they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. Their joy was surely due to the fact that they now knew that Jesus was with them always, whether they could see him or not. They also realised that our Lord's incarnate life had to come to an end in order that his Risen Presence might be with all his people everywhere and always. This realisation has received overwhelming confirmation over the centuries as Christ's faithful followers have experienced the truth of his promise that 'when two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them'.

Year by year in Bere Regis, those who love their Lord and long to serve him gather together in the glorious church of St. John Baptist in order to recall the promise of the Ascension and in order to re-dedicate themselves to the showing forth of Christ in this place. Ascension Day 1977 will have a special significance as it is to be the day on which we launch a new appeal to all friends of our church for the means of continuing the worship of God and the preaching of the Gospel in this hallowed place. We are certain that our Lord will be with us then, as he always is when we meet in his name, and that as we humbly seek to serve him so he will bless us and our efforts.

May he be present with you in his Risen Power now and always.

Yours very sincerely,

DENIS SHAW.

NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE:

Easter 1977 has been a time of great significance to us all. The church glowed with the glory of the Easter flowers and the calm radiance of eighty lilies, each one given in memory of a loved one, shone like pools of light. We must all be grateful to those who gave these beautiful flowers and to those who arranged them so lovingly.

Even more important were the services when large congregations joined in singing the glad Easter hymns and experienced together something of the joy of the Risen Christ.

Christ is Risen Indeed - Alleluia!

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The Easter Offerings this year amounted to £55.28 and thanks are due to all for their generosity. The fact that these offerings are no longer quite such a personal gift to the Vicar as in former years may be a matter of some regret but your giving benefits the ordained ministry throughout the Diocese and for this fact we must rejoice.

My sincere gratitude to you all.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in the Drax Hall on Wednesday 13th April. This was preceded by a Vestry Meeting called for the purpose of electing two churchwardens for the ensuing year. One of the retiring churchwardens, Mr. Ray Smith has announced his intention not to stand for re-election (see separate item). The nominees were Mr. Fred Marsh and Mr. John House and these two were elected unanimously; Mr. John England was elected as Deputy Churchwarden.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Reports were received from the Treasurer, Major Geoffrey Booth and from the Secretary, Mrs. Pauline Howard. Both these officers were re-elected to serve for the ensuing year.

Following the resignation of Mrs. Mitten as Electoral Roll Officer, the nomination of Mrs. K. Penfold for this appointment was accepted and she was duly elected.

In making his report the Chairman (the Rev. Denis Shaw) thanked all those who had served so faithfully during the past year. He also thanked the parish for the warm welcome extended to his wife and himself and acknowledged his debt of gratitude to their predecessors Rev. Paul & Mrs. Tranter for all their help and kindness.

Looking to the future, the Chairman referred to proposed pastoral re-organization and said that from June onwards there would be a joining together of the parishes of Affpuddle, Turners Puddle, Briants Puddle with Bere Regis. Although this would mean an inevitable adjustment in the pattern of services he felt that this was a challenge to us all to make the new arrangement a success by our willingness to accept some sacrifice and to join whole-heartedly with our neighbours in the service of Christ and his Church. The meeting closed just after 9 p.m. There were some 33 persons present.

Mr. Ray Smith has served Bere Regis as churchwarden for almost 30 years. During this time he has given himself unstintingly to the welfare of the parish church and its people and has been an unflagging source of support to three incumbents. This is a record of faithful and unselfish service for which it would be difficult to find equal although Mr. Smith is such a modest man that he makes light of it.

He now feels that the time has come to make way for a younger man and it is a source of satisfaction to him that his successor is to be Mr. John House to whom he has always given help and encouragement.

All of those who value the stability of our church life in Bere Regis owe a debt to Ray Smith and the time will come when we may have the opportunity of giving him some tangible recognition of our appreciation. Meanwhile we say to him, with all sincerity, 'Well done and thank you.'

CHURCH SERVICES - MAY.

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IN MEMORIAM.

Marlon Philip Churchill, who met his death so suddenly and so tragically in a motor accident recently, was a young man who had come to live in Bere Regis only a short time ago. Yet in that brief period he made many friends and interested himself in a variety of village activities. He enjoyed his life and lived it to the full, his special interest being in football at which he excelled. We are the poorer for his loss. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his family who mourn him.

Winifred Alice Legg, who died suddenly on Maunday Thursday, was everyone's idea of a good neighbour. Kindly and warm hearted, she was ever ready to help anyone in need. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, and a dutiful daughter to her mother who survives her. She will be greatly missed in our community and our love and sympathy go out to her family in their sad loss.
The Easter Lily List will be in next month’s Magazine.

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SERVING S' ROTATION

May 1st. 11 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Major M. Knowler.
  6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & P. Parsons.
  8th. 11 a.m. Messrs. J. House & A. Bates.
  6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & H. Dashwood.
  15th. 11 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries & W. F. Lys.
  6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & F. Marsh.
  22nd. 11 a.m. Messrs. P. Parsons & G. Ward.
  6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. A. Bloomfield.
  29th. 11 a.m. Messrs. P. Marsh & A. Bates.
  6 p.m. Messrs. J. House & M. Barnes.
June 5th. 11 a.m. Messrs. K. Woolfries & W. F. Lys.
  6 p.m. Messrs. M. A. Bloomfield & M. Barnes.

SERVERS' ROTA – To be arranged.

BELLRINGERS' ROTA – To be arranged.

THE MOTHERS’ UNION

We were so glad to join other members of our church for the celebration of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday evening, and afterwards to meet in the Vicarage for tea and talk. Our next meeting is at 7.30 at the Vicarage on the 4th May when Mrs. Welsh, who is a very interesting and entertaining M.U. speaker, will be coming from West Stour to give us a talk on "How does your Garden Grow?".

Doreen Shaw – Editor.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

May 1st. Mrs. Boyd
May 8th. Mrs. R. Barnes
May 15th. Mrs. G. N. Griffin
May 22nd. The Young Wives
May 29th. Whit Sunday

NOTICE: The Sanctuary Guild Meeting will now be held at 2.30 p.m. in the Vicarage on Wednesday, May 10th and NOT on Wednesday, May 25th.

The flowers in the Church for the Jubilee celebrations will be arranged by our friends from the Congregational, Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches, and from all organizations in the village.

C.T.T.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

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See Jubilee Calendar for "Jubilee Celebrations".

MAGAZINE EDITOR: Mrs. P. M. Bloomfield, 7 Boswell's Close, Bere Regis.
Phone: 581.

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

A belated 'thank you' to Mrs. K. Boyd for her poem printed last month, also thank you to Miss Blanche Combes for the one in this issue.

Now then you Poets, get busy with the "Jubilee" Poem for the Church Garden Party Competition.

P.M.R.

A Meditation on the Foolishness of Destruction.

Oh wonderful world of Music and Art,
Why do we plunder and pull apart,
This God given globe of beauty and splendour,
Full of genius, invention, courageous endeavour,
Yet still we must kill and pierce its heart!

cont’d....
why, oh why must man go on killing?
Are we really civilised? or just beginning!
Man seems not to know, or care any more,
That God made us all, and we should adore,
This Miracle given to us by His Willing.

Time has passed and my mood has changed,
Since last I wrote on man deranged!
There's so much left to inspire one still,
And give one faith in men of Good Will,
The Spark that fired our Prophets of old,
Goes on and on 'till it lights like gold,
The souls of those who strive without sword,
But see instead the Face of our Lord,
Who passes on that Spark Divine,
And proves as surely as the Sun doth shine,
Bringing forth life from the winter's sod,
"THERE IS NO DEATH!"
But life Eternal thro' the Living God. — Blanche Combes.

REVISED PROGRAMME FOR JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

Saturday 4th June. Whist Drive, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m. Entrance 15p.
M.C. — Mr. Bob Austin.

Sunday 5th June. Thanksgiving Service, Inter-denominational, 6 p.m.
Parish Church.

Tuesday 7th June. Sports & Gala Day at Recreation ground 2.30 p.m.
Enterance Free. Tea for children 4.30 p.m. (if wet at School & Drax Hall) ages to be announced.
Dance at Drax Hall 7.45 p.m. — 12. Admission by ticket 50p. from Butchers. Light refreshments, Bar, Band — Bennett Trio.
Big Raffle to be drawn at 9.30 p.m.
Disco at Youth Club 7.30 p.m. — 12. Entrance 20p.

Wednesday 8th June — Concert for all the Over 60's of Bere Regis,
ADMISSION FREE. List for names at Butchers Shop. Tea to commence at 6.30 p.m. Concert at 7.30 p.m. See Invitation below.

INVITATION — The Bere Regis Jubilee Committee invite all the over 60's of Bere Regis to tea and a concert at the Drax Hall on Wednesday 8th June at 6.30 p.m. So that we shall have an idea of the numbers would you please put your name on the list at the Butcher's Shop or please telephone The Secretary —

/The Secretary — Bere Regis 204 (Mrs. Jeeves), or
The Chairman — " " 633 (Mr. Goldie) or
The Treasurer — " " 406 (Mr. Kein).

BEST DECORATED BUILDING: To be judged on Mon. 6th June.
3 Prizes to be won. Application forms at the shops, Post Office and Garages. — NO ENTRANCE FEE.

Let us have a good number of entries, please, and make this an interesting competition for all the Village to see.

K. Jeeves.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS — CALENDAR OF FUND RAISING EVENTS —
Saturday, 7th May.
Jubilee Barn Dance. Diggory Venn Band at the Drax Hall 8 — 12 p.m. Admission £1 including refreshments. Tickets now available from Mrs. Jeeves.

Saturday, 7th May.
Darts Marathon starting at 10 a.m. at the Royal British Legion Headquarters.

Thursday 26th May.
Coffee Evening starting 7.30 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. C. Jeeves, 'Larkspur', Snow Hill.

Monday, 26th June.
Bere Regis and District Swimming Club Sponsored Swim at the School Pool.

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

R. Holman,
on behalf of the Village Jubilee Committee.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

On Tuesday, May 10th the Group are staging their Spring Show and as it is the year of the Queen's Jubilee the theme will be "Celebration". The classes will include "Royal Toast", "Happy Anniversary", "Crown Jewels", and "The New Elizabethans".

The Judge will be Mrs. Jean Cox of Parkstone, and the Show will be open to the public at 2.30 p.m. Do spare a short while to come and view our efforts. I am sure you will enjoy it.

A.L.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Once again we would like to remind you of the 'Teddy Bears Picnic' to be held at "Woodburyside" (on the Poole Road) on Saturday, May 14th, by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. David Parsons. There will be something to entertain all the family at this event. Skittles, Pony Rides, Tombola, Bottle Spinner, Teddy Bear Stall, Children's Sports, Entertainment by the Play Group, and a competition for the best dressed Teddy Bear. Also a large Raffle for a Portable Television, a Transistor Radio, and other good things.

Tickets are now on sale from all Members of the Committee and also from
some village shops. We should be very grateful for anyone willing to sell some
tickets and help to make this afternoon a success for the Drax Hall.

Mary Lewis, Hon. Sec.

THE BERK REGRS CHURCH GARDEN PARTY.

Just to remind you of the date of the Church Garden Party at "Summerrods"
on Sat. 25th June at 3 p.m. There will be all the usual Stalls, Side shows etc.
but will you please make a special note of the following:

Competitions:
1. Painting - Subject - "Jubilee". Children only.
2. Poem - Subject - "Jubilee" - Adults and Children.

More about the Church Garden Party next month.

OLD CURIOUSITY SHOP STALL.

To those who are Spring cleaning and turning out, please remember this bargain
stall at our Church Garden Party on June 25th. We should be most grateful for
all kinds of objects, except clothing.

SCRIPTURE UNION - Beren Regis Branch.

Most friends in the village will have heard, and seen, details of the re-
cent Teach-In Mission, led by Mr. Harold Robertson. Here figures and times
cannot possibly indicate the enjoyment of the various coffee times, at which
Harold introduced the day's topic for the children, and where new Friendships
were forged between members and other helpers from local Churches. The evening
Teach-In periods were even more of a blessing to the 'helpers', and children
alike. Mr. Robertson used the Scriptures in an exciting and visual way
to demonstrate that a personal and living Faith in God can only be realised in
the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, leading to a fuller and more committed
Christian life.

A few days after the Mission, a meeting was held in the village, attended
by representatives from the three local Churches, which confirmed the earlier
opinion that a series of 'Following Jesus' talks and discussions should be
held for all young people, (under 90) following on from where Harold Robertson
had left off. So invitations for fellowship went out as follows :

TUESDAYS. Ages 7-10 at 7 to 8 p.m. at the Congregational Church Manse,
Initially April 19th & 26th, and May 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th.

SUNDAYS. Ages 11 upwards at 4 p.m. at the Manse which will include tea.

Harold was present on April 19th to 'set us on course', and it is hoped
that these times of sharing will become a permanent feature of our Spiritual
lives, and we will issue a report from the 'logbook' from time to time.
Better still, look in sometime and see how we are getting on - you will
be very welcome. Any transport problems, please 'phone Dr. Boyd, Tel. 304 or
Mr. Chris Legg, Affpuddle, Tel: Dorchester 431.

PARISH COUNCIL.

"Site 88" Development. The amended plan is now on view at the Old Barn Garage
and the Parish Council have been informed that it is hoped to make a start on
Phase 2 in late Autumn.

Blocked Drains in Sitterton. The County Council recently sent workmen to
clear existing road drains and have assured the Parish Council that, if ne-
necessary, further action will be taken to try to improve matters as and when
the financial situation allows.

"AUTUMN LEAVES" OVER 60 CLUB.

A wonderful 1st Tour was enjoyed by 60 of our Members to Merley Park
Gardens and then a ride around Blandford and Milton Abbas to see the beauti-
ful countryside in sunny weather.

Our next Meeting will be a Whist Drive at the Drax Hall on Wednesday,
May 11th. The Competition will be a "Necklace".

The June Meeting will be the 3rd Wednesday, June 15th, which is our
Summer Outing.


A most enjoyable Easter Dance was held at the Drax Hall and £50 was
made - thanks to everyone who supported us.
The large Easter Egg was won by Mrs. Mullin's friend, also various
other prizes were won.

K.J.

BERK HEATH METHODIST CHURCH.

Berk Heath Methodist Church will be holding a Coffee Evening at
Culzean by invitation of Col. & Mrs. Barne on Friday, May 20th from 6 p.m.
Proceeds for Chapel Trust Funds.

WOMENS' INSTITUTE.

The May meeting will be on Tuesday, 17th May. We shall be studying
resolutions for the A.G.M. in London, with the help of some of our mem-
bers.
The competition will be to Write and Read a Limerick.
Hostesses will be: Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Cheseeman.

S.M.W.

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