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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:  7.00 p.m. Thursday, Fri. Sat. Sun.
CLUB:  R.B.L. Hdqtrs.
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.
My dear Friends,

The Lord has sent me to proclaim a year of the Lord’s favour. Isaiah 61:2

What does the year 1978 hold for us? Not one of us can answer this question with any certainty. It may be that things will go along much as they have done in the past or it may be that something dramatic will occur that will change the whole course of our lives. Because of this uncertainty it is natural for us to look forward to a New Year with hope not unmixed with some dread. Yet if our faith in God is strong enough should we not approach the future with serenity and confidence? I believe that we should, even though the year may bring its share of disappointments and misfortunes as well as its times of happiness and rich fulfilment. I hold this belief, not because of a refusal to face reality, but rather because of a willingness to accept it.

In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul encourages his readers by first enumerating some of the perils they may be called upon to face but then assuring them of one great and all important fact. That fact is that nothing which happens to us need separate us from the all pervading love of God. Let me remind you of His words: ‘For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

If St. Paul is right, and I am certain that he is, then we can surely look forward with confidence to whatever the New Year may hold for us. Let us proclaim 1978 as a year of the Lord’s favour and remember that it is for us and for all mankind, ‘This Year of Grace’.

My Wife joins with me in wishing you all a happy and peaceful New Year.

Yours very sincerely,
DENIS SHAW.

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NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE.

Plough Sunday falls on the 8th January this year and once again the traditional Plough Sunday Service will be held in Church at 3 p.m. We look forward to welcoming representatives from all the organisations in the village and to a great procession of banners to honour the occasion. Banner Bearers should assemble at Jarvis’s Garage at 2.45 p.m. and we earnestly hope for better weather than we had last year.

The Inauguration of the new benefice of Bere Regis and Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle will take place on Wednesday 11th January in our Church at 7 p.m. The Service will be conducted by the Bishop of Sherborne and our
Archdeacon. The preacher will be Canon Peter Hinchliff, Chaplain of Balliol
College, Oxford. There will, of course, be full representation from our
partners from the 'Puddles' and I sincerely hope that the church will be full
to overflowing as we dedicate ourselves afresh to the service of God and of
one another in this new and exciting 'Venture in Faith'.

The Church Clock mechanism is a major project for us and a very costly
one. We have had wonderful help from a number of different sources and the
latest comes from the Autumn Leaves Club who organised a Barn Dance in aid of
this work and who have presented us with £15 towards its completion. Our
grateful thanks to them and to all who have given us such splendid help.

John House, one of our energetic churchwardens, was suddenly stricken with
acute appendicitis recently. After his operation and some unpleasant after-
effects he is now progressing well. We all wish John a full and speedy
recovery.

A Confirmation Service at Bere Regis does not happen very often but we are
to have one on Sunday 22nd Jan. at 3 p.m. when Bishop Tinkins is to confirm
five young people from our parish. Please try to attend this service to
give them your support and please pray for them as they take this vital step.
The Confirmation will take place in the Context of Holy Communion.

CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY.

Bere Regis                  Affpuddle
Sunday 1st January,         9.45 a.m. Family Communion. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
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Christmas 1.                6.00 p.m. Evensong.         11.15 a.m. Matins.
Sunday 8th January,         8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m. Eucharist.
Epiphany 1 (Plough Sunday). 11.00 a.m. Matins.
3.00 p.m. Plough Sunday Service.
Sunday 15th January,        9.45 a.m. Family Communion. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. Evensong.         11.15 a.m. Family Gift Service.
Epiphany 2                  6.00 p.m. Evensong.
Sunday 22nd January,        8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m. Eucharist.
9.45 a.m. Family Communion. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Matins.          6.30 p.m. Evensong.
3.00 p.m. Confirmation Service.
Sunday 29th January,        8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m. Eucharist.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 11.00 a.m. Matins.
6.00 p.m. Evensong.
Sexagesima.                 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m. Eucharist.
Sunday 5th February,        9.45 a.m. Family Communion. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Quinquagesima.              6.00 p.m. Evensong.        11.15 a.m. Matins.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES:
Friday, 6th January
Feast of the Epiphany 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Additional Services (cont'd...)

Bere Regis

Wednesday 11th January 7.00 p.m. Induction Service.
(See Vicar's Notes).

Wednesday 25th January
Conversion of St. Paul.

Affpuddle

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Having been held enthralled by listening to Mr. Fred Pittfield reading his
excellent ghost story, eating mince pies, and singing Christmas cards, we
felt full of the joy of Christmas during our meeting in December.

In January on the 4th we meet at 7.30 at the Vicarage for our A.G.M.
when it is hoped that all members will come along full of ideas for our pro-
gramme and advancement in 1978.

Our prayer group will meet in the Morton Chapel on Fridays 13th and
27th at 11 a.m.

Doreen Shaw.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA.

Jan. 1st.  9.45 a.m.  Mr. K. Woolfries & Major M. Knowler.
          6.00 p.m.  Mr. M. A. Bloomfield & Mr. F. Parsons.
          8th.  11.00 a.m. Mr. G. Ward & Colonel A. Barnes.
          3.00 p.m. (Plough Sunday) Two Young Farmers.
          6.00 p.m.  Mr. M. Barnes & Mr. H. Dashwood.
          11th. (Wed.) 7.00 p.m. Induction Service.
          15th.  9.45 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Mr. F. Parsons.
          6.00 p.m.  Mr. M. A. Bloomfield & Mr. J. House.
          22nd. 11.00 a.m. Mr. W. F. Lys & Major M. Knowler.
          3.00 p.m. (Confirmation Service) Mr. H. Dashwood & Mr. R.
          Smith.
          29th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Mr. W. F. Lys.
          6.00 p.m.  Mr. M. A. Bloomfield & Mr. M. Barnes.
          Feb. 5th. 9.45 a.m.  Mr. R. Smith & Mr. P. Marsh.
          6.00 p.m.  Mr. H. Dashwood & Mr. F. Parsons.

SERVERS' ROTA.

          8th. - John                                     22nd - Martin.

BELLEVENERS' ROTA.

To be arranged.
Sanctuary Flower Guild

January 1st. Mrs. Shaw.
January 8th. Mrs. Jessy.
January 15th. Mrs. Howard.
January 22nd. Mrs. Bates.
January 29th. Mrs. Ward.

Mrs. Tadmor.
Mrs. Wollfries.
Mrs. Munro.
Mrs. Hudson.
Mrs. M. House.

Village Calendar

Jan. 8th. Plough Sunday, 2.45 p.m. from Jarvis's Garage, 3 p.m. at Parish Church.

" 11th. Wed. Induction Service in Parish Church, 7 p.m.
" 11th. Wed. Autumn Leaves New Year Party, Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.
" 13th. Fri. Bible Study, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m.
" 17th. Tues. Playgroup term commences.
" 22nd. Sun. Confirmation Service, Parish Church, 3 p.m.
" 27th. Fri. Bible Study, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m.

Feb. 8th. Ash Wednesday
" 10th. Fri. Bible Study, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m.
" 24th. Fri. Bible Study, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m.

Mar. 10th. Fri. Bible Study, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m.
" 15th. Wed. R.B.L. Women's Section Coffee Evening, H.Q. 6.30 p.m.
" 24th. Good Friday.

" 26th. Easter Day.

June 10th. Sat. Garden Party at "White Lovington".
" 21st. Wed. R.B.L. Women's Section Mystery Tour.
" 24th. Sat. Bere Regis Garden Party, 3 p.m.

Magazine Editor:

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

A very Happy New Year to you all.

Bere Regis Playgroup

The most encouraging support for the Coffee Evening was very much appreciated, £47 profit being made. This will help offset the £68 deficit at the end of the year due to the Committee's reluctance to raise the fees too high.

A most enjoyable Party was held at the end of term with a surprise visit from Father Christmas. Next term begins on Tuesday 17th January.

The Committee would like to thank all three Supervisors for their hard work and enthusiasm. Names for places should be put on the waiting list.

(Bere Regis 480). J.C.

Bere Regis Floral Group

Our Xmas Fair was a great success and we were able to send a donation to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

At the A.G.M. the following Officers were elected:

President: Mrs. A. M. Barnes, Chairman - Mrs. E. Herridge, Vice-Chairman - Mrs. J. H Lodge, Hon. Secretary - Mrs. C. Crichton, Hon. Treasurer - Mrs. D. H. Tadmor.

At the next meeting on January 10th Mrs. Gordon Taylor will give a talk on Roses. Subscriptions are due at this meeting and it is hoped that we may be able to welcome new members.

A.L.

Drax Hall Xmas Fair

At the Xmas Fair held in aid of the Drax Hall funds on Sat. 3rd Dec. £96.32 was raised.

Father Xmas opened this event after being driven through the Village by Mr. Hogg and escorted by Miss Darlene Hayward and her horse Frostie. About 100 children visited Father Xmas and had a present. The many stalls and competitions were run by Committee members and other helpers. Raffle prizes were won by Mr. A. Brook, Miss P. Lewis, Mrs. I. Bastion, Mr. M. A. Bloomfield, H. Wallis, M. Lys, M. Rollet, N. Moss and Mrs. Bartlett. Competitions: Cake C. Hewitt, Doll's Name Mrs. Cleall, Smarties Mrs. Mileham, Cracker J. Barnes, Dinner Denis Shaw. A very enjoyable took place and the Committee wish to thank all the helpers and everyone who came to support us.

Mary Lewis, Hon. Sec.


£31.18 was the amount raised by Bere Regis and District, which includes the Winterborne, Kingstone, Zelston, Anderson and Tomson, Briantspiddle, Affpuddle, Bloxworth and Bere Regis.

The District Branch and the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion and the Appeals Organiser are grateful to everyone who helped in any way to raise this record sum. Complete lists will be displayed at the Churches, Post Offices, etc.

J. Munro - Hon. Organiser.

Royal British Legion (Women's Section)

The Bere Regis R.B.L. Women's Section held their Annual Whist Drive at H.Q. on Nov. 14th to raise the Poppy Fund, £19.21 was raised. Prize winners were Mrs. Bowditch, Mr. Pound, Mrs. Wellstead, Mr. Knight, Mr. Faulkley, Mrs. Crocker, Mr. Brady, & Mrs. Hauker. The raffle was won by Mr. Phillips, Mrs. Foulton, and Mr. Austin. Mr. R. Austin was M.C.
A Coffee Evening was held at H.Q. on Nov. 16th in aid of the Poppy Fund, £39 was raised. Helpers: Mrs. House, Mrs. Sharman, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Rowland, Mrs. Collison, Mrs. Stickley, Miss Green, Mrs. Symes, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Snook, Mrs. Presselee and Mrs. Hollinshead.

Winners of the draw: Mr. Young, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kain, Mrs. Mooney, Mrs. Milnes, Mrs. E. Green, Mr. Milton, Mr. E. Cleal, and Mrs. Sullivan.

The Club presented the W.S. Treasurer with a cheque for £25 for W.S.Funds, also £100 for the Poppy Appeal. The Men's Section donated £25 to the Poppy Appeal.

The Monthly Meeting was held at H.Q. on 23rd Nov., the Chairman Mrs. Maidment opening the meeting with the Exhortation. The Chairman was then proud to announce that the Branch had won the Ferndown Cup through the efforts of two of its members, Mrs. Presselee & Mrs. Hollinshead, for their outstanding work during the year selling B.M.I. goods. There being no speaker, a game of Blind Bingo was played. Draw winners were Mrs. Maidment, Hollinshead, Snook, Cleall, House, Sharman, Mitten, Symes, Presselee, Brown, Lambert, Miss B. Maidment & Miss S. Green. Teas were served by Mrs. Snook and Mrs. Bennett.

Please note an error in the December Magazine which should have read:-

Standard Bearer Mrs. Maidment and Deputy Standard Bearer Mrs. Austin.

J.C.

AUTUMN LEAVES.

Nearly 250 Over 60s from various Clubs and River House were our guests at Bovington when we were entertained by the Junior Leaders Band, conducted by Capt. Mackay, tea and biscuits being served. The guests were welcomed by Lucy Beken and a vote of thanks given by Kathleen Jeeves.

The Grand Xmas Draw was drawn by Mr. Jo Hewitt and Mrs. Lilly Daw from Puddletown Club - list of winners is in the Butcher's Shop. Our grateful thanks to everyone who supported our raffle, £90 profit being made.

Our Xmas Bazaar, Entertainment & Coffee Evening made £90 profit - the Coffee Evening was well attended and we listened to the delightful singing of the Nomad Male Voice Choir. Coffee & mince pies were served. Our grateful thanks to everyone who supported us.

Next meeting is on Wed. 11th Jan. 2.30 p.m. Drax Hall - our New Year's Party. New members will be welcome, just come along and enjoy yourselves.

6 of the Members and Violinist John England entertained the residents and guests at River House for the party of Mrs. Read who was 100 years old. Our congratulations to this lovely lady. Also we entertained the over 60s Club at Mileborne for their Xmas Part.

K. J.

Dear Friends,

May I thank everyone and Hostesses who have done so much to help Autumn Leaves over 60 Club during 1977 - the support we have had has been wonderful and without it the Club would not function - also thanks to the generous friends for their donations. Just for the record, the Club requires around £300 per year to enable us to do what we can for our Senior Citizens, e.g. we subsidise the Coach tours and pay entirely for the Coaches for the Summer outing, the Hall booking, New Year Party Speakers, Entertainers, refreshments, gifts, etc. so you see, we are always grateful for any support we receive.

Wishing you all a Very Happy New Year. God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Jeeves.

BARN DANCE.

A profit of £15 was made towards the Church Clock at the Barn Dance - it was disappointing the support from local residents - and we thank friends from Verwood, Poole, Moreton and various other places.

Grateful thanks to the helpers and excellent music provided by Diggory Venn.

K. J.

"SMALL ADS"

15p. for 3 lines.

K. J.
BERE REGIS & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB


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