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My dear Friends,

"Then he who sat on the throne said 'Behold! I am making all things new'. Revelation 21:5.

At this season of the year when the whole realm of Nature is reviving and clothing itself afresh we can appreciate part of the significance of God's promise. After the rigours of winter trees and shrubs are bursting forth with new life, the glory of the Spring flowers is all about us and the animal kingdom too is stirring and rejoicing. But the Spring, after all, is a transitory season, soon merging into Summer with Autumn and Winter following in swift succession. It is, therefore, very much a case of: 'Change and decay in all around I see'.

We do not have to be old to be conscious of this so that all of us, without exception, need to have the reassurance of the promise that God is, even now, making all things new. Notice that the work is all embracing; that nothing is excluded. If, then, we are apt to become despondent because of the many abuses we see all around us; because of wanton destruction and waste in this beautiful world; because of the very transience of beauty itself, then let us take heart. The Lord God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep and Bishop of our souls, is still at work. His act of Creation is continuous and unending.

We may feel that life is passing very quickly and that our time is so limited. Yet our inheritance is eternal. We are partakers, with Christ, in His resurrection and we share in that promise of renewal, which is God's special gift to His Creation.

If only we are His, He will remake us as He always intended us to be. If only we are His - let us see to it that we are.

Yours very sincerely,

Denis Shaw.

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Notes from the Vicarage.

Easter 1978... was a joyous time. Early in the year though it was, the Church was made glorious with a profusion of flowers. The services were well attended and seemed to partake of the very spirit of the Resurrection. It was a joy to greet and be greeted by so many of you. Thank you for helping to make it so wonderful.

Thank you also for the generosity of your Easter Offering. Now that this is no longer a personal offering in quite the same way as in the past there must be a temptation to be less than generous. You certainly did not yield to it and the splendid total of £718 is good by any standards. Thank you all.
The Link between Bere Regis and the Affpuddle parishes is a legal reality but it has yet to be forged into a true fellowship. Meeting together cannot, of itself, achieve this end but it may well set the guide lines for future cooperation. There is a joint meeting of the two P.C.C.s at Affpuddle on 11th May. Please remember this in your prayers.

Another link is symbolized by the banners which adorn our Church. These represent the bonds between the various organizations which serve the village and the Parish Church. A recent and handsome addition is the Autumn Leaves Club banner which was dedicated at a great service on 13th April (Reference is made to this elsewhere). Yet another banner is to be dedicated at Evensong on Whit Sunday, 14th May. This is a new colour for the Cubs who will be present in force on that occasion. Please be there to support them.

The flowers which are used to decorate our Church are a constant source of joy and the beautiful arrangements are a subject for comment. Lovely flowers are expensive and with our forthcoming Flower Festival in mind there is to be a Coffee Morning to raise money for the purchase of flowers on 25th May. This is to be held at Summerrods and is from 10.30 - 12 noon.

Lady Macklin, whose death was announced recently following a long illness, was for many years a great friend of this parish. As wife of the incumbent, the Rev. R. C. Herring, she devoted herself to the welfare of Bere Regis and to the care of the parish church. Lady Macklin's interest continued unabated after her second marriage and it was typical of her generosity that she made the following provision in her will:

'To the Vicar and Churchwardens of Bere Regis Parish Church the sum of £50 to be used for the replacement of altar linen and candles at the Church including those in the Morton Chapel in memory of my first husband, The Reverend Roland Charles Herring.'

Lady Macklin will long be remembered in Bere Regis with gratitude and affection.

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**SIDEWALKS' ROTA**

- May 7th. 9.45 a.m. Mr. A. Bates & Mr. K. Woolfries.
- 6.00 p.m. Mr. N. Barnes & Mr. R. Dashwood.
- 14th. (Whit Sunday) 11.00 a.m. Mr. N. F. Lys & Col. A. Barnes.
- 6.00 p.m. Mr. R. M. Bloomfield & Mr. F. Marsh.
- 21st. 9.45 a.m. Mr. R. Smith & Mr. J. House.
- 6.00 p.m. Mr. M. Barnes & Mr. H. Dashwood.
- 28th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Mr. A. Bates.
- June 4th. 9.45 a.m. Mr. G. Ward & Cdr. C. Maundra.
- 6.00 p.m. Mr. M. A. Bloomfield & Mr. N. Barnes.

**SERVERS' ROTA**

- May 7th. - Martin
- 14th. - John
- 21st. - Richard

**BELLRINGS' ROTA**

To be arranged.

**SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD**

- May 7th. Mrs. D. Barnes
- Mrs. M. House.
- May 14th. WHIT SUNDAY
- Mrs. Shaw.
- May 21st. The Young Lives.
- May 28th. Mrs. Woolfries.
- Mrs. Ward.

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IN MEMORIAM

Reginald Keeping who died on 16th March had led a full life and an interesting one. From the Greater London area he served with the Middlesex Yeomanry in World War 1 with distinction. After the war he became one of the principals in a firm of Gun Makers and in course of time became a
member of the Worshipful Company of Gun-makers and a Freeman of the City of London. As was natural in a man of his profession he was interested in shooting and fishing and was also a keen gardener. He lived for many years in Surrey but retired in 1960 and came to live in Bere Regis, first at Sitterton and later in Southend. A man of strong character and quick intelligence he had a host of friends.

To his second wife, Beatrice, who nursed him devotedly during his last illness, we offer our thoughts and our prayers.

Albert Hewitt who died on 12th April had lived in Bere Regis all his life. Employed by Messrs. Bedford and Jesty as a painter for many years he was also a member of the Home Guard during World War 2. Always a keen follower of sport Mr. Hewitt ran the Betting Shop in the village for almost 40 years. He also had a keen interest in football and was a member of the local branch of the British Legion.

He married between the two Wars and there were three daughters of the marriage two of whom survive him. Mrs. Hewitt died some sixteen years ago. A genial and friendly man Mr. Hewitt had many friends who will miss him sadly. Our sympathy goes out to his daughters in their loss.

Hilda Rawbone was born in Bere Regis at a house in Snow Hill. Her father was a blacksmith in West Street. She spent much of her childhood with her grandparents at W. Whitechurch and on leaving school went into private service at Poole. She was married in Bere Regis Church in 1919 to Mr. Battrick and they had three daughters. After her husband died in 1947 Mrs. Rawbone remained a widow for many years but in 1962 she married Mr. Rawbone, an old friend, who was Verger at the Parish Church. He died in August 1972. Mrs. Rawbone was a keen and active member of the Mothers' Union and also of the Women's Branch of the British Legion. She was, with good reason, proud of her handwriting and helped her second husband by writing up his Church records. She was a lovable personality and a good Christian woman. She will be greatly missed by her many friends. Our thoughts go out to her family who mourn her.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.

The meeting was held at the Drax Hall on Wed. 12th April 1978 when some thirty parishioners were present. At the Vestry meeting which preceded the Church meeting the election of Churchwardens for the ensuing year was carried out. Mr. F. Marsh and Mr. J. House were re-elected as Wardens, and Mr. J. England was re-elected as Deputy-Warden.

After reports by the Treasurer, Major G. Booth, and by the Secretary, Mrs. P. Howard, which indicated a satisfactory financial situation, and a full programme of Church activities, the Church Meeting proceeded to the election of Officers. There are as follows:- Treasurer - Major G. Booth, Secretary - Mrs. P. Howard, Electoral Roll Officer - Mrs. N. Fenfold.

The election of the P.C.C. and Side-servants was also completed.

It was noted that 1977 with all the Jubilee activities had been a very full one. A major project was the electrification of the Church clock which was undertaken by a team of parishioners under the direction of Major Booth. There had been a number of money raising efforts to meet the cost of this work and a grant of £300 from the Bere Regis Jubilee Committee. Now that the work is completed a Commemorative Plaque is being placed in the Church to record the event.

A lively discussion developed concerning the pattern of services at Bere Regis and the question of the sung Family Communion was raised. As there appeared to be a wide divergence of opinion on this subject a sub-committee was appointed to canvass opinions and to report back to the P.C.C.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

THE MOTHERS' UNION.

It was a joy to see the Bere Regis M.U. banner amongst the nine banners of the Deanery branches at W. Whitechurch on the 4th April and all who were able to attend the Communion Service were impressed with the feeling of Fellowship throughout the service and afterwards at supper together in the Village Hall.

We met at the Vicarage for our monthly meeting on the 5th April when, in the absence of the Vicar who was unwell, the Enrolling Member talked of her experiences as the wife of a theological student.

On the 15th April, we had a very happy and successful coffee morning, taking £22.50 for Branch and Overseas Funds, and we would like to thank all the friends who so generously supported this event. The winners in the Draw were: Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Knowler, Mrs. England, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Eastment, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Howard.

Our next meeting will be on the 3rd May when Mr. Mitchell Davis will give us a talk with slides. The Prayer Group will meet in the Morton Chapel at 11 a.m. on the 12th and 26th May.

Doreen Shaw.

WANTED - ONE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER.

Are you willing to give up 1/2 of an hour each Sunday morning to teach one of the Sunday School children? If so, please contact the Vicar, or Mrs. England, 'phone 469.

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME
in aid of Nursing Association.

Golease Gardens will be open on WEDNESDAY, 10th MAY, and SUNDAY, 14th MAY, from 2 - 6 p.m.
This time last year I was very worried about the state of our finances. Today it is difficult to realise that the account is the same one which worried me so much a year ago. Our financial position is now good, as can be seen from the balance sheets. The changed position is entirely due to the generosity of the villagers and friends of our church, yourselves.

Last year, when the Vicar and Churchwardens launched the appeal, I felt confident that we should be able to raise some additional finance, but the response was quite beyond my expectations. It was magnificent. Everyone seemed to give something. Large and small sums of money came in. Whatever amount it was, I felt that people were concerned, and that they did what they could. The increase in covenants alone was 106%, which is £979, when tax rebate is included.

In addition to the money received from the appeal, there has been a large increase in donations. A great deal of the increase is due to the growing practice of giving money to the church, rather than sending wreaths and flowers to funerals. It is a worthy way to commemorate someone's passing, and leaves a permanent memorial to them - the Church, and its continued existence.

There have been two financial side events during the year. The first was the settling of the account for the lightning strike, which destroyed one of the pinnacles. Fortunately, we were covered by insurance. The cost of the damage was £1225.

The second event was the electrification of the winding mechanism of the church clock. A special fund was established for this. Money raised by individual donations and special events such as barn dances and concerts amounted to £66. In addition to this, the Jubilee Committee gave us £100, therefore a total of £466 was raised. The work is almost complete. Some small details remain to be finished. The cost has so far been £413. When all is completed, I will publish the account, and a decision will need to be made on any remaining. There were some small difficulties when the clock was brought back into service, but they have been mainly mechanical rather than electrical.

In the near future the churchyard lighting will be put into order. I expect that this will cost £275. The architect has advised that the south boundary wall will require attention. Tenders are being sought for this work. Finally, the organ is in need of restoration, and this may cost £100. We do have some expense before us, but your generosity has ensured that we can meet it.

We have had a successful and eventful year.

Many thanks once again to you all for your support this year, particularly to the Deputy Treasurer, Harold Dashwood, and to Stuart Horton, for all their help, particularly with the preparation of the tax return.
The FAMILY of the late Mr. Sidney Allen wish to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and donations given for the "Autumn Leaves" Over 60s Club.

Mrs. Lucy Beken would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Beeden, Mr. Hogg, and Son-in-law George Harvey for their help in making the Banner for the Autumn Leaves. The Banner is now hanging in Bere Regis Parish Church.

MUSIC IN BERE REGIS.

There will be a Concert in the Church on Wed. May 24th at 7.30 p.m. given by the Dorset Rural Music School Orchestra and Choir and the Brantspuddle Singers. The orchestra members are mainly young amateurs, so please come along and support them. Orchestral items will include works by Haydn and Mendelssohn. The choirs will sing works by Byrd, Purcell, Holst and Vaughan-Williams, and also a group of madrigals.

There will be no admission charge for this concert, but there will be an outgoing collection for the Organ Restoration Fund.

BERE HEATH METHODIST CHURCH.

A Coffee Evening will be held at "Culease" by kind invitation of Col. & Mrs. Burns on Sat. 20th May from 6p.m. Proceeds for Chapel Trust Funds.

DRAX HALL.

Please remember the Coffee Morning at Barrow Hill House on Wed. May 3rd at 10.30 a.m. Bring and Bay stall, and Raffle.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

On Tues. May 9th the demonstration will be given by Mrs. Marion Richmond and is called "Inspiration". The competition is "Much with Little". Date to remember - Thurs. 15th June when one of our members, Mrs. MacDonald-Smith, is having a Coffee Morning at her house, "Manor Park", Bloxworth, in aid of Group Funds, 10.30 a.m. - 12.0.

FLOWER FESTIVAL.

Two Coffee mornings are to be held to raise money towards the cost of the "FLOWERS" for the Flower Festival in the Church on the 1st/2nd July as follows:

25th MAY, Thurs. at Mrs. Tadam's, "Summerrods".
7th JUNE, Wed. at Mrs. Parsons, "Woodburyside".

There will be Bring & Buy Stalls 10.30 - 12 noon.

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE and HELP to make our Church look extra beautiful for the "FLOWER FESTIVAL".

FLOWER FESTIVAL.

A Flower Festival will be held in St. John Baptist Church on Saturday & Sunday, July 1st & 2nd from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Arrangements by the Bere Regis Group of the County of Dorset and Guernsey Area. Proceeds will be in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund. Special Services on Sunday at 5.45 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Morning Coffee & Afternoon Tea will be available at the Woodbury Cafe. Reservations for Coach Parties should be made to the Royal Oak Hotel.

FLOWER FESTIVAL CONCERT.

This Concert will take place in the Church on Friday, June 30th at 7.30 p.m. Those taking part will be Stanley Athill (Organ), Jean Gould (Soprano) & Richard Hall (Piano). Proceeds towards Organ Restoration Fund.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.

The meetings are held in the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. On Tuesday 9th May the speaker will be from McFenny's Nurseries, and on the 23rd there is to be a demonstration of biscuit making.

A number of members had a very interesting afternoon visiting Eldridge Pope's brewery in Dorchester.

BERE REGIS CHURCH GARDEN PARTY.

Now to tell you details of the Church Garden Party to be held at "Summerrods" on Sat. 24th June at 1 p.m.

There will be the usual Stalls, Sideshows, Children's Sports, Dancing Display, Tea, Raffle, etc.

Will you please make a special note of the following:

COMPETITIONS:

(1) PAINTINGS - subject "Winter in Bere Regis". (a) under 5 yrs. (b) 5 and 6 years. (c) 7-9 years.

(2) COOKING - 6 Jam Tarts. (a) 6-9 years. (b) 10-13 years. (c) 14-16 years.

All entries for Competitions to be at "Summerrods" before 12 noon on the day of the Garden Party.

Please support this Annual Event in aid of the Church, and also have an enjoyable afternoon.

THE BERE REGIS FRIENDS OF THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND.

A Coffee morning at "Summerrods", the home of Brigadier & Mrs. Tadam, raised £77 for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. A large number of people attended this first effort of the newly formed local Branch.

Among guests were members of the Wool and Wareham Branches. Stallholders were Mrs. Knowler and Miss A. Lys, - bring and buy, Mrs. Jesty - com-
petition, Mr. Boatswain - door, Mrs. Bates & Miss E. Lys - cakes, Mrs. Griffin; Mrs. Hows, Mrs. Hudson & Mrs. England - coffee.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank everybody for their very generous support for this our first money raising effort.

C. Tadman (Chairman).

HERE REGIS W.I.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 16th May in the Drax Hall. There will be no speaker at this meeting. N.A.G.M. Resolutions will be discussed. Hostesses: Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. cheeseman.

AUTUMN LEAVES.

Our first tour of the year was to Compton Acres when 53 members enjoyed a pleasant afternoon seeing the glorious gardens, and on our return journey we came over the ferry at Sandbanks & then toured Swanage, Langton Matravers and back home. The weather was pleasant and the tour was a good tonic after our wet and windy winter plus snow.

Our next meeting is at the Drax Hall on Wed. May 10th when we have a short talk by Tom Brice on Guide Dogs for the Blind and also a talk and demonstration on Corn Dollies by Mrs. Joan Hartridge, 2.30 p.m. - There will be a Sales table, Raffle and afternoon tea. The competition is a piece of Cut Glass not more than 6 inches high.

Any tin foil - please bring to Mrs. Jeeyes at the Butcher's Shop - This is for the Guide Dogs for the Blind - we have to date 8 sacks ready for delivery.

K.J.

Dedication Service

Our Service was at the Parish Church on 13th April and the Church was full with members and friends. 2 Canons took the service - Canon Eaton and Canon Shaw who dedicated our lovely Banner. 3 Hymns were sung, Lucy Beken read the lesson and beautiful singing by Linda Norton who sang "The Lord is my Light" - Pianist was Kathleen Jeeyes. The collection was for Church funds. The Church was decorated by Joyce Kain, Christine Lemmon and Kathleen Jeeyes. Our grateful thanks to Canon Shaw for the truly moving service. Thanks also to Lucy Beken who made our lovely banner by hand, a beautiful banner.

Afterwards a reception was held for 120 guests and members at the Drax Hall for friends who had helped with donations and deeds etc. since the Club had been formed 5 years ago. We are most grateful to these friends for their kindnesses. Canon Shaw thanked Lucy Beken for the beautiful banner and asked Kathleen Jeeyes to present her with a gift from Autumn Leaves. In her speech Kathleen Jeeyes also thanked Mr. Beeden for designing the banner and Mrs. Beken's son-in-law for making the pole and the clips in the Church and presented gifts to them. She also thanked Linda Norton for her truly wonderful singing and said it had been a pleasure and an honour to accompany her on the piano - a gift was also presented to Linda. Thanks were given to everyone who had one way and another helped to keep this club so successful and to the village for their gifts which we receive during the year.

Thanks to the Hostesses for the delicious food for the reception - in all a most enjoyable evening.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Annual Meeting was held immediately before the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday March 22nd. 1978.

As well as our District Councillor, Mr. Victor Stone, who attends all Parish Council Meetings, our County Councillor Mr. Martin Bond, also joined Parish Councillors and Parishioners on this occasion and there was plenty of opportunity for wide discussion on a variety of subjects including the proposed Bere Regis by-pass. Latest information received is that the Department of the Environment will publish plans for the by-pass in the very near future. As soon as these are on view to the public, notification will be posted on the Parish Council Notice Board.

As always, members of the public are most welcome at Parish Council meetings, and the Council much appreciate the interest of those who have attended regularly during the past year.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (WOMENS SECTION)

The R.B.L. Ws. Sc. held a Coffee Evening at the R.B.L.H.Q. on March 15th, £46 being raised.

Helpers were: Door, Mrs. House, Draw, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Sharman & Mrs. Lye, Tombola, Mrs. Collison & Mrs. Mooney, New-to-you Miss Green & Mrs. Carr, Cakes & Groceries, Mrs. Stickly & Mrs. Cleall. Coffee and biscuits were served by Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Snook & Miss Bennett. A raffle for a doll was run by Mrs. Cleall.

Winners of the Draw were Mr. H. Cleall, Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Maidment, Mr. Austin, Mrs. Young, Mrs. D. Barnes, Miss S. Green & Mrs. House. The Doll was won by Mrs. D. Stickly.

The Chairman, Mrs. Maidment, then thanked everyone who had supported the event including the helpers, and said the evening had been a great success.

J.C.

The following girls were successful in the Trinity College of Music Grade Examinations (Practical) for Recorder Solo, held early in March:

Grade 2: Samantha Skinner (Merit) Sandra Gale.
Grade 4: Wendy McDonald (Merit). Samantha Holman (Merit) Sally Harding, Sarah Gibbs.
Grade 5: Carolyn England (Honours). Sarah House (Merit).
Clare McDonald (Merit).

Grade 6: Elizabeth Booth (Honours). CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM ALL !

"SUNNY SMILES" Appeal for the National Children's Home.

Very many thanks to all those generous people who supported the children from the School in raising the splendid amount of £52.69.

A cheque for this amount has been forwarded to the local treasurer in Dorchester.
BERE REGIS CUB SCOUTS.
The cubs did very well to win the Purbeck area six-a-side football cup at
Bovington in March.
Future events include the Service of Blessing of the new Cub Scout Flag
at Evensong at the Parish Church on Sunday 14th May (6 p.m.) and the Purbeck
Area Cub Sports at Swanage on Saturday 20th May.
Many thanks to all those who supported the group in their Scout Job Week
which helped towards their headquarters subscriptions for the year. J.E.

BERE REGIS CARNIVAL - P.T.A.
CARNIVAL STALLS. We have had a good response to our letters from some of the
village organisations, and shall be glad to hear of anyone else who would like
to run a stall for selling or for exhibition, at the Carnival on July 1st.
We are hoping to have our usual 6-a-side football competition in the week
of the Carnival, as also a netball competition. Forms will be circulated dur-
ing May and June.
Float forms will also be circulated shortly.

BERE REGIS GARDEN PARTY.
Have you anything we can sell on the "White Elephant" stall? China,
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Organist: Mr. Stanley Athill, L.T.C.L., M.R.S.T.

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

MOTHERS UNION: 7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, Vicarage.
FLORAL GROUP: 2.30 p.m. 2nd Tuesday, Drax Hall.
WOMENS INSTITUTE: 7.00 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall.
YOUNG WIVES: 7.30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Congregational Schoolroom.
BELLRINGERS: 7.30 p.m. Practice, Wednesdays.
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6.30 p.m. Children, 7.30 Adults, Fridays in the Church.
BRITISH LEGION: 7.00 p.m. Thur. Fri. Sat. Sun.
CLUB: R.B.L. Headquarters.
   -do- WOMENS SECT: 2.30 p.m. 3rd Wednesday at H.Q.
BINGO: 7.45 p.m. Mondays, Drax Hall.
GUIDES: 6.30 p.m. Thursdays, School.
BROWNIES: 5 - 6 p.m. Wednesdays, School.
CUBS: 6.15 p.m. Wednesdays, School.
YOUTH CLUB: 7.30 p.m. Senior Members Monday & Wed.
          Junior Members Fri. Club Hut.
AUTUMN LEAVES: 2.30 p.m. 2nd. Wednesday
PLAYGROUP: 4 Mornings, 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

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