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THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

What does the Lord require of you, but to do
justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly
with your God.' Micah VI: 8.

The question, so often asked at the beginning of a New Year, is answered
by the Prophet Micah. Putting it in the first person it is 'What does the
Lord require of me?', and it is one which will be asked by many thoughtful
people as we enter the year ahead.

I suppose that we are all tempted at some time in our lives to try to
perform some great task or to try to fulfil some impossible assignment or to
attempt to win the world for God with some magnificent and dramatic act.
Yet, for most of us, a far less prominent role is likely, a walking-on part
rather than a leading one. But if we are among this great inconspicuous host,
then there is no need to feel despair or even disappointment. We all of us
have our job to do and this job is more often than not the one which is
closest to hand. Furthermore, it is certainly true that, in nearly every
case, it is not what we do but the way in which we do it which is going to
set forward God's Kingdom in the world.

So what are we to do?

First, 'do justice'; that is acknowledge God's righteousness and seek
to achieve it.

Second, 'love kindness'; that is always show that forbearance and con-
cern to others that you expect God to show to you.

Third, 'walk humbly with your God'; surely this is the greatest of all
privileges. If we are allowed to walk with God, to share the perils of the
journey with him and to feel his guiding hand in danger and adversity then
our prospects are immediately transformed and our daily pilgrimage finds a
new purpose and meaning.

It would make a world of difference if every person calling himself a
Christian would consciously adopt these three principles as guide lines for
the New Year. It would make a world of difference and it would make a
difference to the world.

May your New Year be a blessed and a happy one.

Yours very sincerely,

DENIS SHAW.

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NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE

This Magazine is the first of a new production which is part of the fruit of joining our parishes of Bere Regis and Affpuddle in a single Benefice. The cover, which depicts this link in a graphic way, is the work of Mr. Fred Pittfield, to whom we are very greatly indebted. The editors for Bere Regis continue to be Mr. and Mrs. Bloomfield and for Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle, Mrs. Thornley. The price of 10p per month is an increase, the necessity for which is regretted but it is hoped that subscribers will feel that the news and information contained in the magazine represents good value for the money. Finally we are very grateful to our advertisers, without whose generous support the price of the magazine would have been inevitably higher.

At a Meeting of Servers which was held at the home of Mr. Richard Gooch on 28th November, the whole question of a rota of servers for the two parishes was considered. It was agreed that the most urgent task was to try to recruit some additional people from any age group who might be prepared to train as servers. Please ask yourself NOW if you would be willing to do this very important service.

The Bible Fellowship meets again at the Vicarage on Thursday 11th January at the new time of 7.30 p.m. and then at fortnightly intervals. It is hoped that by making this an evening meeting those who are unable to come during the day may be enabled to join in this short time of fellowship which is such a necessary part of our Christian life.

Do decide to come along.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Bere Regis

Holy Baptism: Admitted to the family of Christ by baptism:-
Colin Mark, son of Brian and Diana Phillips
Thomas Nathaniel and Victoria, son and daughter of Ian and Sheelagh Hunter.
All baptised on 3rd December, 1978.

Holy Matrimony:- joined together in Holy Matrimony on 19th August, 1978,
Kevin Pickering and Margaret Day. (This notice omitted in previous issues).

In Memoriam:
Arthur Harris George Perrott of Wool, formerly of Bere Regis, buried at Bere Regis on 30th November, 1978.

Affpuddle

Holy Baptism: on 10th December 1978.
Claire Diana, daughter of Simon and Ferlina Allen
Romana Jane, daughter of Philip & Rosalind Ventham.

CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY, 1979

Bere Regis

Sunday, 7th January
Epiphany 1
9.45am Family Communion
8.00am Holy Communion.
(Plough Sunday) 1.00pm Plough Sunday
Service
11.15 am Matins.

Sunday, 14th January
Epiphany 2
9.45am Family Communion
9.30am Bishops
11.00am Matins
Service
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday, 21st January
Epiphany 3
9.45am Family Communion
8.00am Holy Communion
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday, 28th January
Epiphany 4
9.45am Family Communion
8.00am Holy Communion
11.15am Family Service
11.00am Matins
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday, 4th February
Epiphany 5
9.45am Family Communion
8.00am Holy Communion
6.00pm Evensong
11.15am Matins

ADDITIONAL SERVICES:
Saturday, 6th January
The Epiphany
9.30am Holy Communion (with Confirmation candidates in attendance).

Thursday, 25th January
Conversion of St. Paul.
7.00pm Holy Communion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 1st & 3rd Sundays 10.45 a.m.
2nd, 4th & 5th 10.15 a.m.

SIDESMEN: ROTA
Jan. 7th. 9.45 a.m. Mr. E. Woolfries & Maj. M. Knowler.
6.00 p.m. Mr. H. Dashwood & Mr. J. House.
14th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. W. P. Lye & Col. A. Barne.
6.00 p.m. Mr. M. A. Bloomfield & Mr. M. Barnes.
21st. 9.45 a.m. Mr. C. Ward & Mr. A. Bates.
6.00 p.m. Mr. H. Dashwood & Mr. J. House
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Sidesmen's Rota (cont'd...)

Jan. 28th. 11.00 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Maj. M. Knowler.
Feb. 4th. 9.45 a.m. Mr. R. Stalard & Cdr. C. Maunder.

6.00 p.m. Mr. P. Marsh & Mr. M. A. Bloomfield.

SERVERS' ROTA

Jan. 7th. - John
" 14th. - Martin
" 21st. - John
Jan. 28th. - Martin
Feb. 4th. - John

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

January 7th. Mrs. K. Woolfries
January 14th. Mrs. Howard
January 21st. Mrs. Bates
January 28th. Mrs. Ward

Mrs. J. Jesly.
Miss Z. Harding.
Mrs. Hudson.
Mrs. Sherwood.

A meeting of the Guild was held in the Vicarage on Tuesday, 28th November, when the rota was made up for the first six months of 1979. It was learnt with regret that three members have had to resign, but we are fortunate that three new members have recently joined the Guild.

C.T.T.

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REPORT ON JOINT BERE REGIS AND APPFDULDE P.C.C. MEETING

A meeting of the Joint P.C.C.s was held on 23rd Nov. at Bere Regis. Amongst matters discussed were the arrangements for the joint magazine, the deanery conference on the work of Church councils, and the diocesan conference on education in the parish. Future activities considered included the Salisbury festival, Pilgrim 79, a quiet day for the joint P.C.C.s. and a Barn Dance for the combined parishes in the Autumn.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

On the 6th December, nine members from our branch joined others from Puddington and Winterbourne Whitechurch for a very enjoyable party at Milborne St. Andrew, and in the evening at Bere Regis we had a really fes-
tive time first watching beautiful slides of our village and its surround-
ings with a most interesting comment given by Mr. Fred Pitfield. After this we consumed mince pies and sang Christmas carols.

Our next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on the 3rd January to be held at the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m., and on Monday, the 8th January, accompanied by some husbands we are going to the Pantomime at Salisbury, the coach leaving Bere Regis at 6 p.m.

The Prayer Group will meet at 11 a.m. in the Morton Chapel on Fridays, 12th and 19th January. Starting in the new year whenever there is a school service in church we are going to offer coffee afterwards to Mums and friends who would like to stay behind for a chat.

It is always a joy to have new members and we would like to say how delighted we should be to have more members from the Affpuddle part of the parish as well as from Bere Regis. A very Happy New Year to you all.

DOREEN SHAW.

HERE REGIS

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Jan. 10th. Wed. Autumn Leaves - New Year Party, Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.

" 11th. Thur. The Bible Fellowship, Vicarage, 7.30 p.m. See Notes from Vicarage.


Feb. 14th. Wed. Autumn Leaves Whist Drive etc., Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.

" 28th. ASH WEDNESDAY.

Mar. 14th. Wed. Autumn Leaves - Slides - Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.


" 31st. Sat. April Fool's Concert, Barber Shop Choir, Drax Hall, in aid of Autumn Leaves. 7.30 p.m.

Apr. 13th. GOOD FRIDAY

" 15th. EASTER DAY

June 30th. Sat. Bere Regis Church Garden Party, 3 p.m.

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A very Happy 1979 to all our Readers. We hope you will like our "New Look" magazine, and take this opportunity of welcoming Affpaddle who have joined up with us to make it a Joint Magazine for the two Parishes. Also a big "Thank you" to Mr. Fred. Pitfield for all the work he has put into the composition of our new front cover showing both Churches.

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

Editor.

BERE REGIS FRIENDS OF THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND.

The Annual General Meeting of the Group will be held at "Summerrods" on Wednesday, 31st January at 7.30 p.m. This will be our first A.G.M. since the Group was formed so we hope it will be well supported. Anyone interested please come.

J. Hudson.
Secretary.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP.

January promises to be rather an exciting month for the Group as we shall be celebrating our 21st anniversary on January 23rd, and our President, Mrs. Barne, has very kindly consented to have a Wine & Cheese Party at Culeaze. This will be for members and their husbands and will be from 6.30 till 8.30. It would be appreciated if those members who intend being at the party would let Mrs. Barne have their names beforehand.

Another interesting date is our first meeting of the year on January 9th when three of our members will demonstrate Cooking & Flower Arrangement. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting and it is hoped we may have some new members. Visitors will be welcome at a charge of 20p.

A.L.

BERE REGIS WOMENS' INSTITUTE

The New Year commences with our monthly meeting on January 16th when Mr. Spence will explain "European Parliamentary Processes" to us. Hostesses will be Mrs. Percy, Mrs. Maunder and Miss Beatty. It is hoped all our members will be there and a welcome is extended to any new members.

The Christmas Sale raised approx. £20 and we are grateful to all helpers and those who supported this event.

M. C.
Mr. & Mrs. Standfield wish to thank all the kind people who sent cards & gifts on the birth of Baby Sarah.
Special thanks to Bob & Diana Holman for having Kevin, and Mrs. Mary House for her help on our return home.
Many thanks to you all.

Rose, Fred, Kevin & Sarah.

DRAX HALL.

The Drax Hall Xmas Fair held on Saturday, 2nd December was a great success making a profit of just over £36 for the Drax Hall. Everyone enjoyed themselves, especially the children, who watched Father Christmas arrive and then went to speak to him and receive a present. There were various stalls, competitions and raffles. The big Christmas Draw was won by 1. Kate Parsons, 2. - Webb, 3. H. Dashwood, 4. Tom Carlyle, 5. J. C. Cleall, 6. Miss C. Barnes, 7. T. Lewis, 8. Mrs. Bennett, and 9. E. Jeeves.
Small draw was won by Mrs. M. Miller and Mrs. Tatman. Competition winners were as follows:--

None the Doll - Mrs. Cleall, Sweets - in - Jer, Mr. Kain. Whose coming to Dinner, Mrs. Lys, Weight of Cake - Mrs. Pennfold, Bagatelle, Paul Moss.

The Committee wish to thank everyone who gave, attended, and helped this event to make it such a success, especially Mr. Hogg for driving Father Christmas from Sitterton, and Major & Mrs. Knowler for allowing Father Christmas to "Rest Awhile" in their home.

M. F. Lewis.

HERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES.

For the December meeting the members all enjoyed a Christmas Dinner at the Royal Oak. A pleasant evening was had by all those who attended the "Barber Shop" singing in Poole.

On 9th January, there will be slides, and a Competition for the Cup, organised by Mrs. Stickland. On the 23rd, a talk by the National Association of Children’s Welfare.

PARISH COUNCIL.

Rubbish Tip.
The Parish Council wishes to remind parishioners that it is illegal to dump large items of rubbish anywhere but on an official tip (not at the back of Snow Hill, for example!) - and that the nearest and most suitable of these is situated in Connegar Lane, Wareham.

The Council wish all who live in Bere Regis a happy New Year and invite us all to help keep the village as clean and litter-free as possible in 1979 - the year which could see the start of the long awaited by-pass.

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

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APPUDDE NEWS

Affpuddle Editor: Mrs. P. Thorniley, Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle.
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I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year. I hope you will enjoy the new magazine. Please may I have items for inclusion in the magazine by 14th. of the Month.

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APPUDDE FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

Flowers Cleaning
7th January. Mrs. Bentley Mrs. Thorniley
14th January. Mrs. Thorniley Mrs. Corner
21st January. Mrs. Rocksborough-Smith Mrs. Gooch

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NEXT F.C.C. MEETING

Change of date – Thursday, 25th January, 1979, 7.45 p.m. Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle.

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THE CHRISTIAN YEAR.

Now that the Feast of Christmas is over we have to face up to the cost. Bills start coming in and it is hardly the time to think about extra giving to the Church. The Church in its wisdom, however, has put the Feast of Epiphany at the beginning of January to remind us that the Wise Men brought material gifts to Jesus just as the shepherds offered themselves in worship.

What gifts can we bring this Epiphany? Unlike the Wise Men we do not have gold, frankincense or myrrh but we have what we earn or the income on which we live.

Last September the Liaison Committee of the Church Commissioners and the Central Board of Finance issued a challenge to every member of the Church to give £1 per week for every £1,000 of his or her annual income. If we in this parish did this, there would be no problem over the cost of the repairs to our Church nor for the work of the Church.

Some will say that Church buildings are our heritage and the Government should help. The Government will help by giving £1 for every £2 which each of us give if we are prepared to commit ourselves to that giving for not less than seven years and we pay Income Tax to the State.

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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: 7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall.
YOUNG WIVES: 7.30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Vicarage.
BELLRINGERS: 7.30 p.m. Practice, Wednesday.
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 & Wednesday.
Junior Members Friday - Club Hut.
AUTUMN LEAVES: 2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday.
PLAYGROUP: 2 Mornings - Please 'phone Bere Regis 480.

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