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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

"Be always joyful; pray continually; give thanks whatever happens; for
this is what God wills for you." 1. Thessalonians 5: 16-18.

In a month which is enriched by all the glories of Easter, it is not difficult for us to
be joyful. Indeed, there would be something seriously wrong if we were not, for this is the
greatest of all our Christian Festivals, when new life springs forth all around us, and we
cannot help but be glad. But the Festival does not last for ever, so that soon enough the
problems and troubles which have never really gone away tend to reassert themselves, and
we become anxious and uncertain. It is in these circumstances that the advice given by St.
Paul to his friends in Thessalonica becomes especially significant. The message he is trying
to convey is that they should constantly practice both Hope and Discipline.

The Hope is well founded, because it is based on no less an event than the
resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because he rose from the dead on Easter morning,
Jesus has opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. This must surely be a matter
for joy.

Discipline is necessary because without it we all too easily allow ourselves to fall
back into gloom and despondency. To achieve this discipline, says St. Paul, we must not
only give thanks for the things in life which we believe to be good, but we must "give
thanks whatever happens." Does this really mean that we must give thanks for all the
problems, difficulties, and seeming misfortunes that beset us, and worse still for those that
trouble the people nearest and dearest to us? Yes, it means just that, because this is the
way Jesus taught us to face our trials, and because by facing them with God we reduce
their power to hurt us.

It is well worth while our trying to meet our difficulties in this way once the Easter
flowers have begun to fade. It is indeed the best way of attaining those unfading joys
which Jesus has prepared for those who love and believe in him.

All Easter joys be yours,

Yours very sincerely,

DENIS SHAW.

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MUSIC AT THE PLEASURE GARDENS - A programme of words and music to illustrate
the story of Vauxhall and the other London Pleasure Gardens from the 17th to the 19th
century, presented by the Cornel Music Group (Annabelle Willetts: violin, Richard
Willetts: viola, Helen Senior: cello, Nancy Creighton: soprano, Richard Hall: harpsichord
and piano). Prior to appearances this summer in London and at the Edinburgh Festival
the Cornel Music Group will be presenting this programme in Bere Regis Church on
Easter Monday, (April 7th) at 7.45 p.m.

Admission by programme (Price £1.00; 50pence for children) available from:
Hall, Roger's Hill Farm, Briantspudle, (Telephone: Bere Regis 359) or at the door.

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NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

PALM SUNDAY

There will be a distribution of Palm Crosses at all main services.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

MAundy THURSDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

EASTER DAY

The Vicar would be glad to have the names of any sick or housebound persons who would like to make their Easter Communion.

Following the Family Communion on Easter Day, the Sunday School children will present a short play for Easter. It is hoped that as many as possible will remain to support the children.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING. This will be held on Wednesday 9th April, in the Drax Hall at 7.30 p.m and will be preceded by a Vestry meeting commencing at 7 p.m.

A SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD MEETING will be held at the Vicarage on Wednesday 7th May at 2.30 p.m.

A COMBINED P.C.C. MEETING will be held at Briantspuddle Village Hall on Thursday 8th May at 7 p.m.

A CHRISTIAN AID HUNGER LUNCH has been arranged for Sunday 11th May at 12.15 p.m. This will be taken in church. The idea being that a token lunch is provided, but that each person present undertakes to contribute at least as much as an ordinary lunch would have cost. The proceeds are then sent to Christian Aid.

THE VICAR AND HIS WIFE plan to take a short holiday from Wednesday 16th to Wednesday 23rd April.

CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL 1980. A number of different happenings are vying for our attention just now, and we cannot hope to involve ourselves in all of them. Nevertheless, the great Christian Festival which is being mounted at Poole this year is one which we cannot afford to ignore. Following a Festival of Praise in the Wessex Hall of Poole Arts Centre on Saturday 29th March at 8.00 p.m., at which the aims and objects of the Festival will be set out, there are to be special meetings during April and May, details of which may be found in leaflets on the Literature Table in church.

What IS IMPACT? - Launched by a Pastoral Letter from our Bishop IMPACT 81 is a campaign being organised in the Diocese of Salisbury, which aims at the visiting of every Church family in the Diocese during Lent 1981, by lay visitors who will take with them messages from the local Church and from the Bishop, to encourage Church members to achieve a deeper spiritual and material commitment.

IMPACT 81 is an invitation to a mission of Prayer, Action, Commitment and Thanksgiving.

It is good to know that Major Geoffrey Booth has consented to undertake the work of Deanery Organiser for IMPACT in the Milton and Blandford Deanery.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

IN MEMORIAM: WINIFRED LOUISE MILFORD - the mother of Mary England, was born in Cardiff, and lived most of her life in Newport, Gwent. About a year ago, when her health began to fail Mrs. Milford came to live in Bere Regis with her daughter and son-in-law, and their family to whom she was devoted. Later as her health deteriorated further, she became a resident in the James Day Home in Swanage, where she died on Saturday 23rd February. Cremation took place at Weymouth Crematorium on Thursday 28th February.

Mary and John England wish to thank all those who sent messages of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

MRS. MARJORIE FRANCES FOX - who died recently at Bournemouth, was sister of Mrs. Norah De Bounville, and aunt of Mrs. Pauline Howard. Cremation took place at Bournemouth on Friday 29th February.

CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL

BERE REGIS

SUNDAY, 6th April

EASTER DAY

EASTER 1

EASTER 2

EASTER 3

EASTER 4

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

AFFPUDDLE

SUNDAY, 13th April

EASTER 5

Easter 6

Easter 7

Easter 8

GOOD FRIDAY - See Vicarage Notes

Friday, 25th April

St. Mark

Thursday, 1st May

St. Philip & St. James

8.00 a.m. Family Comm.

6.00 a.m. Festal Evensong

11.00 a.m. Family Comm.

6.00 p.m. Family Comm.

9.30 a.m. Holy Comm.

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SIDESMEN'S ROTA

April 6th 9.30 a.m. Mr. F. Marsh & Mr. J. House
EASTER DAY 6.00 p.m. Mr. H. Dashwood & Mr. M.A. Bloomfield
13th 11.00 a.m. Mr. W. F. Lys & Mr. K. Woolfries.
6.00 p.m. Mr. R. Ives & Mr. R. Stallard.
20th 9.30 a.m. Cdr. C. Mauder & Mr. R. Ives
6.00 p.m. Mr. M.A. Bloomfield & Mr. H. Dashwood
27th 11.00 a.m. Col. A. Barne & Maj. R. Knowler.
May 4th 9.30 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Cdr. C. Mauder
6.00 p.m. Mr. M.A. Bloomfield & Mr. M. Barnes

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

April 6th EASTER DAY Mrs. Shaw
April 13th Mrs. Lys Mrs. Tadman
April 20th Miss Lys Mrs. Watts
April 27th Mrs. Sherwood Mrs. England

THE MOTHERS' UNION

After the joy of our Corporate Communion on the 5th March we had a pleasant time of fellowship together at the Vicarage. Eleven of our members attended the splendid service at Puddletown United Reformed Church on the 7th March for the Women's World Day of Prayer.

Our next Branch meeting is on Wednesday, the 2nd April, at 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage when we are to hear a talk by Canon Brooks entitled "Behind the Hymns". The Prayer Group will meet on Fridays, 11th and 25th April at 11 a.m. in the Morton Chapel.

On Saturday, the 12th April, there is to be a M.U. Coffee Morning at the Vicarage between 10.30 and 12 noon in aid of our Overseas Fund. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who supplied either crochet squares or knotted strips for the caravan blankets - a splendid array.

Doreen Shaw.

BERE REGIS VILLAGE CALENDAR AND NEWS

April 6th Fri. GOOD FRIDAY - See notes from the Vicarage.
7th Sun. EASTER DAY - " " " " " "
7th Mon. Easter Monday - 'Music at the Pleasure Gardens' - Bere Regis Church 7.45 p.m.
9th Wed. Autumn Leaves 1st Tour to New Forest, 2 p.m.
9th Wed. Annual Church Meeting, Drax Hall, 7 p.m.
12th Sat. Mothers' Union Coffee Morning at the Vicarage, 10.30 a.m.
15th Tues. Scripture Union Prize-giving at Parish Church, 7 p.m.
24th Thur. Coffee Evening in aid of Guides and Brownies at "Somerleigh", Snow Hill, 7 p.m.
26th Sat. W.I. Jumble Sale, Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.
30th Wed. Conservative Bch Coffee Morning at Churchen Green, East Morden, 10.30 to 12 noon.
30th Wed. Scout Group A.G.M. at Bere Regis First 'School at 7.00 p.m.

MAY

7th Wed. Sanctuary Flower Guild Meeting, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m.
8th Thur. Combined P.C.C. Briantspuddle Village Hall, 7 p.m.
11th Sun. Christian Aid Hunger Lunch in the Parish Church, 12.15 p.m.
14th Wed. Conservative Bch Coffee Morning at Culeaze, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Calendar and News (Continued)

May
16th Fri. Carnival Princess Disco at the Youth Club.
24th Sat. Carnival Queen Dance at the Drax Hall - see Bere Regis News.
June
8th Sun. Tug of War at Chamberlaynes.
14th Wed. Conservative Bch Coffee Morning, Bloxworth House. 10.30 to 12 noon.
14th Sat. Bere Regis Carnival.
28th Sat. Bere Regis Church Garden Party, "Summerrods", 3 p.m.
July
5th Sat. Royal British Legion (Women's Section) Garden Party at White Lovington.
9th Wed. Autumn Leaves Open Day.
Sept.
13th Sat. Rummage Sale in aid of Guides and Brownies.
Nov.
12th Wed. Concert in aid of Imperial Cancer Research Fund at Bovington Memorial Hall.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION held their monthly meeting at the R.B.L. Hqrs. on February 20th, 23 members being present.

A Cookery Demonstration based on "Easter and Spring" Theme was given by Mrs. G. Griffin and was found to be very interesting, giving many members new ideas on the art of icing, especially for children's parties. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Mitten. A raffle was run by Mrs. Steel and won by Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Gibbs. Teas were served by Mrs. Snook and Mrs. Bennett.

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Tel: Bere Regis 581

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

There is no charge for any item of interest you may like to put in our Bere Regis news section - just let the Editor have it.

A 'thank you' to Mr. & Mrs. P. Bartlett for their donation to the Magazine and for saying they always enjoy reading all the Magazine. Just a reminder that we shall be having the "White Elephant" stall again at the Garden Fete - please don't forget us when you are turning out or spring cleaning.

BERE REGIS FRIENDS OF THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

The coffee morning held at Summerrods on 12th March made a total profit of £116.63. This total included a number of generous donations of money. Almost a dozen raffle prizes, also donated, made a really outstanding display, and the winners must have had a very difficult choice amongst them all.

Rather less fortunately, the weather was our "standard issue", so an especially warm thank you to all the many people who turned out in pouring rain and howling wind to help to make the morning such a success.

D.M.H.

Percy and Virtue Bartlett wish to express their thanks to all their relatives and friends for all the gifts, cards, flowers and good wishes on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 1st March. A special thanks to Lewis, Margaret and our granddaughters for the lovely cake and oil painting.
THE SCRIPITURE UNION Adventurers prizegiving will take place this year at the Parish Church on Tuesday 15th April, at 7 p.m. If last year's prizegiving is anything to go by, it should be an evening of great blessing to us all. We have some "extras" this year: there will be a short talk by two visiting Missionaries and the evening will end with a film for the children called "The Clockmaker's Secret". This will be followed by refreshments and a general get-together.

BERE REGIS CARNIVAL. This year's Carnival (and Townsends Fair) is to be held on Saturday 14th June at the Recreation Ground. It is hoped that it will be as successful as last year's, so please try to support it on that day and at events leading up to it. Friday 16th May - Carnival Princess Disco, Youth Club. Saturday 24th May - Carnival Queen Dance, Drax Hall. Sunday 8th June - Tug-of-war, Chamberlaynes.
Further details will be available nearer these dates.

BERE REGIS CARNIVAL QUEEN DANCE. On Saturday 24th May 8 - 12 p.m. at the Drax Hall. Dancing to "The Easybeats". Bar, Raffle, Refreshments. Tickets £1.25 from The Royal Oak or Jeeves, the butchers.

CARNIVAL QUEEN ENTRIES. Entry forms from Jeeves, the butchers. Entrants must be 16 years or over and come from the following areas: Bere Regis, Morden, Bere Heath, Chamberlaynes, Briantspuddle, Alfpuddle, Bloxworth. The winner to enter the Dorset Carnival Queen Competition.

A REMINDER - If you are a treble or soprano, who can sing in tune, and keep reasonable time, the Bere Regis Parish Church Choir would be delighted to welcome you as a member. Choir practice is at 7.30 p.m. every Friday. If you are interested, ring the Vicar, Tel. Bere Regis 262.

PARISH COUNCIL. During the next six months the Parish Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the Drax Hall on the following dates: April 23rd, May 21st, June 18th, July 23rd, Aug. 20th, Sept. 24th. As always, members of the public are cordially invited to attend any of these meetings.

On behalf of the Congregational Church we would like to convey our thanks to the Wessex Gospel Choir who came to the Parish Church on the 9th March. It was a great blessing listening to them and to be able to share fellowship with those from the village Churches.

SCOUT GROUP. Scout Job Week takes place from Monday 7th to Saturday 12th April 1980. Special jobs are planned, please see local posters, and please support the Group by finding a suitable one for the Cubs and Scouts when they call at your door. The first load of waste paper (approx. 3 tonnes) has been collected from the store behind the butchers shop. Thanks are given to Mr. Jeeves for storing it, and to all those who bring it in, or save it for collection.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. At the February meeting we were told of the "Workings of a Magistrates Court" by Mr. A. J. Slow. This proved to be both informative and highly amusing. On March 18th Miss W. Hawker will demonstrate Easter Egg Decorating.

A Group Spring Show was held on March 5th in the Drax Hall with entries in cooking, craft, plant and floral sections. These were of a very high standard and Bere Regis W.I. were fortunate to win the co-operative class "Easter Theme", Easter Sunday breakfast on a tray.

The April meeting will be held on April 15th, Mr. Roland Tarr speaking on Dorset Heritage Coast. Tea Hostesses will be Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Penfold and Mrs. Abbott.

On Saturday April 26th there will be a Jumble Sale at the Drax Hall. Good quality clothes will be welcomed either on the morning of sale or please contact Mrs. Carlyle, Bere Regis 441 for collection to be arranged.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

We have again had a very successful and enjoyable winter swimming season at the Junior Leaders pool at Bovington. The Club now looks forward to its summer season which should begin at Bere Regis First School. Further details of this will be supplied later.

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Royal Oak lounge bar on Wednesday 23rd April starting at 7.30 p.m. We would like more support at this meeting, particularly from Mums and Dads of children who enjoy the facilities of the club. Do try to come along, everyone will be most welcome.

BERE REGIS & DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB. A new section has now been started to be known as the Saturday Activity Club. It is intended for 8 year olds upwards and will include general craft activities, painting, modelling, needlecraft etc. Offers of help with materials would be most welcome. The session will be from 10.30 - 12.30 and cost 10p per session.

Senior Club activities are going well, including under 16's 5-a-side football, netball, and darts. Some members have taken part in two training courses in basketball and badminton held at the Henry Harbin School. A weekend on Dartmoor is planned for a group in May or June. Also visits to icerink and beach. Rounders, 7-a-side cricket, cross-country, etc. are among the activities planned for the summer.

Will members please watch the noticeboard for details of openings during school holidays.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60's

60 members came to our March meeting in spite of a very windy and wet day, and we were rewarded with an excellent talk on the Aspin Villagers in America with some slides. These villagers are similar to Quakers and Mr. Foot our speaker had lived with these folk for many years before coming to live in Dorset, so the interest was the farming and the way of life which has not changed for centuries.

4 new members were welcomed by Mrs. Jeeves which now brings our membership to over 120.

A raffle was drawn and the competition for 3 daffodils was judged by Mr. Grigg - the flowers afterwards went to two of our members who were ill.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hewitt was read to members and the donation kindly given by them handed to our Treasurer. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt for their kindness.

Our Concert Party "The Gadabouts" have entertained the residents at the home at Eunby Park and have two more which will end Concerts for this season. We start again in October.

Our next meeting is a tour (our first) to the New Forest £1.30, list at Butchers - 2 p.m. usual pick-up places.

K.J.
BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP. On Tuesday, April 8th, Mrs. Jean Franklin will give a demonstration entitled "Welcome to Spring. Flowers for everyone and Favourite Containers." There will be a Plant Stall, and it is hoped that members will bring any plants they may have for the stall.

CULEAZE GARDEN OPEN:
11th and 18th May 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. in aid of Queen’s Nursing Institute
14th May 10.30 a.m. - Noon
Coffee Morning. Conservative Assoc.

BERE REGIS WIVES GROUP. A number of guests joined members for our Stainless Steel party. Raffle prizes were won by Mrs. B. McKenzie, Mrs. Ives, and Mrs. England. On the 11th March a pleasant evening was spent looking at slides of Purbeck with Mr. C. Orchard. On the 8th April Mrs. Hutchins is going to give us a Make-up Demonstration, and on the 22nd we hope to have an outing to a Theatre.

PUZZLE CORNER.
Last month’s anagrams were:-
Here are 12 more, also of local place and house names:-

F.P.P.

SMALL ADS.
MOBILE FISH & CHIPS - calling at Turberville Car Park, Bere Regis, every Thursday evening, 6.30 - 7. p.m. Mrs. Hudson, Parkstone 734715.

BERE REGIS/PHILATELIC SOCIETY. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30 p.m. in the Waiting Room of the Doctor’s Surgery in Roke Road.
Guest speaker: Mr. J. Harding.
Postmarks, water marks, and colour die in paper. Secretary: H. G. Leigh.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS
Please let me have any items for inclusion in the magazine by 14th of the month.

P. R. THORNLEY.

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THE LATE ALFRED CHARLES PERKINS. Mrs. Perkins would like to thank everyone who was so kind to her husband during his last illness, also for their sympathy and the donations in his memory to the Dorset Association for the Blind which amounted to £85.00.

THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD PROJECT IN BANGLADESH. This project which was supported by our church at Affpuddle when Forres School sang Evensong on 8th July last year. An extremely appreciative letter has been received from the Headmaster in Bangladesh - fortunately translated from the native language by U.N.E.S.C.O. Also enclosed were receipts of all the purchases resulting from the Fund of £1,000 (our contribution was £26.00). These included a water pump, new classroom roof, chairs, tables and latrines all of which were urgently needed.

J. Gooch.

NEW PARISH CLERK. Mrs. Thornley will cease to be Parish Clerk on 31st March. Her place will be taken by Mr. Ventham, 16 Bladen Valley, Briantspuddle, Tel. Bere Regis 498.

EASTER FLOWERS. The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday, 5th April, at 10.00 a.m. Offers of help with the decoration and gifts of flowers and foliage will be most welcome.

COFFEE MORNING. There will be a coffee morning at Broomhill House in aid of Church funds at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 22nd April all the usual stalls and a raffle, everyone will be welcome - do come.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE P.C.C. The Annual General meeting of the P.C.C. will be held at the Village School, Briantspuddle on Thursday, 10th April. This meeting will be preceded by a vestry meeting at 7.30 p.m. which is open to everyone.

FILM SHOW. A most successful film show was held on 12th March. Major Kayll showed some splendid films of Africa, Milton Abbas Street Fair and the 1978 Briantspuddle Fete. After expenses were paid £20 was raised for the kneeler fund.

VILLAGE QUIZ. The annual village quiz took place on 27th February. The questions were set by last year’s winners, the P.C.C. The Vicar, Canon Shaw was a very able question master. Mr. Allan Smith kept the score, the overall organisation was arranged by Mrs. Bowell and members of the Bladen Social Club. Mr. Bowell was the projectionist for the slide questions and Mrs. Shaw played the piano for some of the musical questions and finally but not least the Brains of Briantspuddle for 1980 were the Briantspuddle Singers who will be organising next year’s quiz - watch this space in January 1981 for further developments!

COUNTY STRUCTURE PLAN. By now many people will have seen the publicity in the local press about the Dorset County Structure Plan. I am a local volunteer Co-ordinator and will be holding meetings in my house in April in order to discuss the Plan. It is hoped that the discussion groups will recommend objectives of how the area would like Dorset to develop up to the end of the century. If you or your group would like to participate please contact me, Philippa Thornley, Bere Regis 497. Please remember that the discussion will proceed along guide lines.
set out in the Discussion Papers issued for the guidance of co-ordinators and will be
general and not parochial. We want to think of Dorset as a whole and not just our
particular part of the county. A detailed report of our views will be forwarded to the
County Planning Officer by 1st May, 1980 to assist him in the important task of
formulating a Structure Plan for Dorset.

Philippa Thorniley - Volunteer Co-Ordinator.

THE THURSDAY GROUP. The March meeting was a film and talk by Mr. Lunn,
Weymouth Police Crime Prevention officer, mainly on how to make our homes
more burglar-proof. It was an interesting and informative afternoon. There was a
creche provided again; we will provide this regularly at Thursday Group meetings
for those who can enjoy themselves more without their children. Helpers welcome.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:
No monthly meeting in April.
Thursday, 8th May: General Meeting to discuss future of the Thursday
Group. Please come if at all interested.
Thursday, 12th June: Slides and talk "Children and Hospital" by Mrs. N.
Honeyman - Play Organiser at Poole Hospital.
Information about the Thursday Group may be obtained from Mrs. Lindy Ventham -
16 Bladen Valley, Briantspuddle. Tel' Bere Regis 498.

MOTHERING SUNDAY. It was difficult to find a seat in the church at the
Mothering Sunday Service on March 16th. It was lovely to have such a joyful
gathering of Faith and Fellowship.

Miss Stoate-Blandy from Wimborne Minster assisted in the Service and
led our thoughts through the general theme of Love and Belonging. Belonging to
our own families, belonging to the wider family of our Mother Church and as the
Brownies know, there are other world-wide 'families' to which we give our prayers
and support.

The 30 or so children who came to the service each received a beautiful
posy and a card to be coloured to give to their mothers.

Well done - the School, the Readers, the Brownies, the Thursday Group
and all who came along and sang so lustily!

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