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THE VICAR’S LETTER

My dear Friends,

Father, let me dedicate all this year to thee”

New Year Hymn

Once again a New Year is opening out before us and not only a New Year but a new decade. Gone are the Seventies with all their problems, joys, and sorrows, and here are the eighties with a new set of problems and uncertainties, but also new opportunities for service. Inevitably, while we live on this earth, we measure our time in days and years and sometimes, as we grow older, lament the rapid passing away of our lives. Yet, as Christians, we should surely seek to keep time in its place. Our earthly lives, whether they be long or short, are times of testing and of opportunity and if we insist on trying to manage on our own we shall quite certainly fail the first, and neglect the second. Our only hope, therefore, is to ask God to take this New Year, and all our other years, and to use them in whatever way seems best to him.

Can we trust God with our time?

Surely, we can, for in the first place it is not our time but his, and in the second, we have the example of Jesus before us, who trusted everything to God, even in apparently hopeless situations. Such dedication must, of course, involve sacrifice. Our Lord achieved his triumph through the Cross and we, in our turn, must be prepared to follow the same road. Not that this willingness to suffer means perpetual misery; Jesus came to bring us life in its fulness and his own earthly life was full of joy in service to God, and his fellowmen, and he wants us to share in this joy.

How can we do this?

By remembering that we are all God’s children we shall also realise afresh that we are all members of his family— the great family of the Church. We in the Diocese of Salisbury are fortunate in that we are being invited by our Bishop to join, as a family, in a great campaign. This campaign is called IMPACT and immediately following this letter you will find some facts about it. Impact is a great challenge and a great opportunity, but it is not a solution in itself. Its success depends upon the sincere dedication and commitment of every single one of us. So let us all decide, here and now, to surrender our time and all that we are into the loving hands of God, and we can be sure that he will use both for the extension of his Kingdom.

“Father, let me dedicate all this year to thee.”

May I wish you all a happy New Year and one that is richly blessed in every way.

Yours very sincerely,

DENIS SHAW.

DIOCESE OF SALISBURY

Invitation to a Mission of Prayer, Action, Commitment and Thanksgiving 1980/81

Proposal

In 1980/81 each congregation in the diocese of Salisbury will be invited to take part in a programme of prayer, action, commitment and thanksgiving with the aim of challenging Church members to a deeper Christian commitment. The programme will involve the visiting of every Church family in the diocese.
FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM: Admitted to the Christian Family in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

Helen Marie daughter of Ian and Elaine May Stockley on 25th November 1979.
Carly daughter of Peter George and Elaine Elizabeth Standfield on 25th November 1979.

RETURNED THANKS. Glad Bennett and family wish to thank relatives and numerous friends, and neighbours who have shown so much kindness and sent messages of sympathy in our sudden loss.

Words failed me when I read in the Western Gazette, that over two hundred people came to the church service to pay their respects to my late husband. A special thanks to Canon Shaw for all his help, and beautiful church service. Thanks to Dr. Greenfield, Mrs. Beryl Cobb and also to Dr. Benjafield who is always available in times of need.

As many of you know donations have been made to the Physiotherapy Unit at Poole General Hospital, where Ray found so much relief after his accident nearly four years ago. What a marvellous tribute, for me to be able to hand over the sum of £165.38p.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY

BERE REGIS

SUNDAY 6th JANUARY
The Epiphany 9.30 am. Family Comm.
Epiphany 1 6.00 pm. Evensong
Epiphany 1 (Plough Sunday) 3.00 pm. Plough Sunday Service

SUNDAY 13th JANUARY
Epiphany 1 9.30 am. Family Comm.
Epiphany 2 11.00 am. Matins
Epiphany 2 (Plough Sunday) 6.00 pm. NO SERVICE

SUNDAY 20th JANUARY
Epiphany 3 9.30 am. Family Comm.
Epiphany 4 6.00 pm. Evensong

SUNDAY 27th JANUARY
Epiphany 5 9.30 am. Family Comm.
Epiphany 5 11.00 am. Matins

SUNDAY 3rd FEBRUARY
Epiphany 6 9.30 am. Family Comm.
Epiphany 6 6.00 pm. Evensong

AUFFPuddle

SUNDAY 6th JANUARY
The Epiphany 8.00 am. Holy Comm. 11.15 am. Matins
SUNDAY 13th JANUARY
Epiphany 1 9.30 am. Eucharist
Epiphany 2 11.00 am. Matins
SUNDAY 20th JANUARY
Epiphany 4 11.00 am. Matins

AUFFPuddle

ADDITIONAL SERVICES
TUESDAY 1st JANUARY 7.30 pm. Holy Comm.
Circumcision
Conversion of St. Paul

SIDESMEN’S ROTA

Jan. 6th 9.30 am. Mr. R. Stallard & Mr. G. Ward
6.00 p.m. Mr. H. Dashwood & Mr. F. Marsh
13th 11.00 a.m. Col. A. Barne & Maj. R. Knowler
3.00 p.m. (Plough Sunday Service) Young Farmers
20th 9.30 a.m. Mr. R. Ives & Mr. A. Bates
6.00 p.m. Mr. H. Dashwood & Mr. F. Marsh
27th 11.00 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Cdr. C. Mander
Feb. 3rd 9.30 a.m. Mr. R. Stallard & Mr. G. Ward
6.00 p.m. Mr. M.A. Bloomfield & Mr. M. Barnes

MINISTRY OF HEALING. I am certain that anyone who took part in the Healing Service on the 28th November could not have failed to be moved by the atmosphere of Worship and Faith. It was indeed a great occasion, and we are so grateful to the Bishop of Sherborne, and the Rev. Keith Denerley for having been present. The service however, was not an end but a beginning, and in 1980 we hope to follow up what has been already begun. With this end in view, it is hoped to establish a group of parishioners who are prepared to give time for prayer, and intervention for the Ministry of Healing. It is suggested that the group should meet at the Vicarage on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m., beginning on the 8th January. I should be very glad to hear from any who are prepared to take their part in this vitally important work.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE has come to mean a great deal to almost everyone in the Parish, and much of the credit for its success, and usefulness must go to our joint Editors Mr. and Mrs. Bloomfield, and to the Affpuddle editor Mrs. Thornley. Mr. and Mrs. Bloomfield have been shouldering this heavy task for the past three years, and would now be happy to hand over the Editorship to someone else. It would be splendid if an offer was forthcoming from someone in the parish, and I would ask you to consider carefully if you are not the one to make it.

THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP is to meet in January - dates to be announced later.
Sanctuary Flower Guild

January 6th  Mrs. Woolfies  Mrs. Shaw
January 13th  Mrs. J. House  Miss House
January 20th  Mrs. Hudson  Mrs. Bates
January 27th  Mrs. Roffey  Mrs. Howard

THE MOTHERS’ UNION

At our December meeting we all so enjoyed the slides that Mr. Fred Pittfield showed us of places of interest and beauty in Dorset, and made us realise afresh how blessed we are to be living in such a lovely county. We also enjoyed our mince pies and carol singing.

We meet again at the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. on the 2nd January when it is hoped that most of our members will bring with them “Something Special”, either an object or poem or book, so that we may be able to share the pleasure that the owner has in the object. There will also be a raffle for branch funds.

The Prayer Group will meet on Fridays, 11th and 25th at 11 a.m. in the Morton Chapel.

The members of our Deanery are knitting new blankets for the caravans at Durdle Door and if anyone would like to help us in this work the details are as follows:-

Knitting: No. 8 needles. Double knitting wool. Cast on 30 stitches and knit a strip as long as you like.

Crochet. 4.5 crochet hook. 5 rounds 4½ inches square.

Joy and blessings to everyone in 1980.

Doreen Shaw.

BERE REGIS VILLAGE CALENDAR & NEWS

JANUARY

9th Wed. Autumn Leaves New Year’s Party, Drax Hall, 2.30 p.m.
13th Sun. PLough Sunday - See Vicarage notes.

FEBRUARY

16th Sat. “Scout Group Entertainers”, Drax Hall, 6.45 p.m. 25p including coffee.
20th Wed. ASH WEDNESDAY
21st Thurs. Coffee Morning in aid of Drax Hall at Mrs. Slade’s, 22 Green Close, 10.30 a.m. Coffee and biscuits 15p.

MARCH

16th Sun. British Summer Time begins
29th Sat. Barn Dance in aid of Cub-Scouts, Drax Hall, 8 - 12 midnight.

APRIL

4th Fri. GOOD FRIDAY
6th Sun. EASTER DAY

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A very Happy New Year to all our contributors, advertisers, and of course our readers. I sincerely hope that you will continue to let me have news of your organisations and items of interest for our magazine during 1980. Should you know of anyone who would like to have a copy of the magazine each month, please telephone Mrs. D. Shaw at the Vicarage, and she will arrange for the distributor to deliver it.

P.M.B. (ed.)

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

MRS. NORMAN AND FAMILY sincerely thank everyone for their kind messages and sympathy in their sad loss, also for attending the Service and their donations to charities. To Canon Shaw thank you for the lovely service, and our two doctors thank you for your kindness.

Donations received total £180 of which £90 is for ‘Guide Dogs for the Blind’ and £90 to the ‘Sunday People Christmas Fund’. Receipts will be put in Mr. Seymour’s shop window. Thank you all.

THE PLAYGROUP AND MOTHER & TODDLERS CLUB are both going well, and many new friends have made this term. We hope to start a 3rd morning in February but we still badly need some more reliable helpers willing to give 2 or 3 hours each week or fortnight. It is most rewarding to watch the children develop.

A successful coffee evening was held at Miss Standfield’s house when approximately £40 was made.

BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL. The Chairman and members of the Parish Council wish their fellow parishioners a very happy New Year, especially those who have just moved into new homes and those who are newcomers to the village.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP. From the profit made at our Christmas Fair in November, and as it was the Year of the Child, we have sent donations to the Dorset Branch of the N.S.P.C.C. and to The Cherries, a Home for the Mentally Handicapped Children at Weymouth.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on January 8th when Mr. Fookes will give a talk on scented Gladioli. Intending new members may like to join at this meeting.

JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB. Age 9 - 13 years. Owing to the growth of the Junior Youth Club, will parents please note that children must now be 9 years before they may attend, and upon reaching the age of 13 years they will have to leave and attend the Senior Club.

Membership has to be limited to 50. Should any member miss 4 weeks in succession they will automatically cease to be a member and the next on the waiting list will be offered membership.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60s. Members enjoyed a very pleasant Xmas afternoon when we were entertained by a conjurer, a delicious tea was served and a 3 foot long chocolate cake cut. A raffle was drawn and the first prize, a piece of lamb was won by Mrs. Toop.

Our concert party have been entertaining again and have a few more concerts booked for the New Year.

Our Bazaar and Film Show made £90 profit.

Our New Year’s Party is to be held at the Drax Hall on Wednesday 9th January at 2.30 p.m.

K.J.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped with Autumn Leaves during the past year, the hostesses who work so hard to make the meetings such a success and to all who always support us in other ways. Also the Concert Party who have given up so much of their time entertaining others Over 60s, the Disabled, Rotarians Party etc. Our membership is now over 90. Anyone who is over 60 and would like to join us, just come along for our New Year Party and enjoy yourselves. If one of a couple is not 60, just both come along.

God bless you all and wishing you a very Happy New Year.

Kathleen Jeeves, President
Autumn Leaves Over 60s.
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION. The Services Committee of the R.B.L. had much pleasure in distributing some 70 parcels of groceries to Ex Servicemen and dependents throughout the large District at Christmastime. All enquiries relating to the Committee's work should now be directed to Mr. Steele following the resignation of Mr. R. J. Goldie as Honorary Secretary.

BERE REGIS WIVES GROUP. For the last meeting before Christmas, all the members, and guests Canon and Mrs. Shaw, went to the Drax Arms for our Christmas dinner. A very enjoyable evening was spent there eating the deliciously cooked meal in the beautifully decorated room. Our grateful thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Patrick. Our first meeting of the New Year is to be on the 5th January when the speaker will be Mr. Barnes, who will be showing us slides. On the 22nd January there is to be a talk about the blind.

BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. The Christmas Party was held early in the month before members got too involved with their own Christmas preparations. A sub-committee of four undertook the catering completely and members were invited to Sitterton House by Mrs. Howard where the wonderful selection of food was consumed. After this feast we adjourned to “Merrydown” by invitation of Mrs. Mills where the entertainment comprised games and carols. The exchange of small gifts completed a very enjoyable evening. All “W.I.” members send seasonal greetings to all readers of the magazine.

A Group Carol Service was held at Bere Regis Parish Church on Saturday 8th December with members attending from Winterborne Kingston, Winterborne Zelston and Almer, Lychett Matravers, Morden and Bere Regis. Members of the different Institutes formed the Choir and provided soloists and readers. The January meeting will be on the 15th January and the speaker will be Mrs. Matthews demonstrating “Simple Jewellery”. Hostesses Mrs. Percy, Mrs. Maundre and Miss Beatty.

DRAX HALL. On Saturday 1st December, the Drax Hall held its usual Christmas Fair. An enjoyable time was had by adults and children alike. Father Christmas arrived to open the Fair at 2.30 p.m. after being driven through the village by Mr. Hogg. The children were delighted to see him and receive a present. Several draws and competitions were held, also the big Christmas Draw. The Committee wish to thank all those who gave time or came to support this event. A profit of £115.52p was made.

CHRISTMAS BINGO. On Monday 17th December the Drax Hall Christmas Bingo was held and nearly 80 people attended. A profit of £25.98p was made on the evening, and 20 good prizes were won besides 8 draw prizes in the raffle. This was a very pleasing end to the year as the Bingo Team has worked hard every Monday to keep this event going.

The next Bingo evening will be held on Monday 7th January 1980 at 7.45 p.m. when any new members will be most welcome.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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THE 1979 POPPY APPEAL

It is estimated that there are 1½ million World War I ex servicemen now in their 70's and 80's and their dependents who are in need of even more help in old age.

This does not include the veterans of World War II who are affected in the same way, or the victims of present day troubles. All these people to whom we owe so much can be helped by money raised each year.

Dorset's contribution is always very high and this year Bere Regis and its 8 districts has contributed £714.68 so far for which thank you all. (The financial year ends in May).

This year I have had invaluable help from Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Harwin Pitfield who have given their time and petrol to save me so many trips from Wareham where I now live.

Please ask your collector if you would like a little plastic money box in which to put loose change ready for her call next year. Village organisation committees please ask your members if they would like to give £2 or more for a wreath to be laid on the memorial in their name next year and contact me at Wareham 3056.

House to House Collection: 

Church Collections:

Affpuddle 26.00
Bere Regis 22.46
Bere Regis Congregational 38.00
Bloxworth 10.00

Wreaths - including Cubs & Scouts 39.40

Donations:

R.B.L. Club 125.00
Women's Section 115.35
Branch 50.00

TOTAL £ 714.68

Jean Munro
Hon. Organiser

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**PUZZLE CORNER**

How well do you know your own parish? Test your knowledge and skill by re-arranging the letters in the following anagrams to form local road or place names:
1. Bill Chalk
2. Sent Down
3. Rum Factor
4. Bathe Here
5. Anne led
6. Let Bird Nest
7. Table Nut
8. Bedding for rats
9. Who'll sin?
10. Blank ace
11. Declog nose
12. I'd rub holly - ow!

F.P.P.

**A NEW YEAR MESSAGE**

One more year has passed away,
And as our minds retrace
The happenings, from day to day
And all we've had to face,
We might wonder, how and why
All the trials were sent.
Perhaps we faced them with a sigh,
Instead of quiet content.
Remembering God's promise true,
That, as His Son He gave,
To the Gentile, and the Jew,
Both, from sin to save.
So, He'll be for ever near,
And as we trust in Him
He will banish all our fear,
And make all doubts so dim,
That ev'ry morning, as we awake,
We can be conscious of peace.
So - for our and others' sakes,
Our cheerfulness will not cease,
So - let us start this New Year
Full of faith and joy,
Not allowing any fear
Our hopes and peace to alloy.

Rachel L. Murray.
AFFPUDDLE NEWS

Please let me have items for inclusion in the magazine by 14th OF THE MONTH.

P. R. Thorniley.

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS  CLEANING  FLOWERS
6th January  Mrs. Thorniley  Mrs. Thorniley
13th January  Mrs. Scott  Mrs. Rockshorough Smith
20th January  Mrs. Taylor  Mrs. Kellaway
27th January  Mrs. Corner  Mrs. Gooch

READERS AND SIDESMEN  SIDESMEN  READERS
6th January  8.00  Col. Corner  Mr. A. Smith
11.15  Mr. Prideaux  Mr. Prideaux
13th January  9.30  Mr. D. Payne  Maj. Kayll (E)
20th January  8.00  Col. Corner  Mr. Bentley (G)
11.15  Mr. G. Payne  Mr. A. Smith
27th January  9.30  Mr. Scutt  Mrs. Thorniley (E)
6.30  Mr. Reed  Mr. Russell (G)

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Annual Christmas Fair was held on Saturday 1st December. The Village organisations taking part were:-

Senior Citizens’ Outing Cttee – Jumble – £26.78
Brownie – Sweets – £14.00
Youth Club – Christmas cards and paper – £12.23
P.T.F.S.A. – Tombola and Football Draw – £35.00
P.C.C. & Thursday Group – Cake Stall – £36.00

Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Stockley looked after the refreshments. Mr. Reed organised the Raffle which after expenses were paid made £20.05 and went towards The Senior Citizens’ Outing Fund. Despite the hard work put in by all the stall organisers the Fair was poorly attended and the results were disappointing by comparison with previous years. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way either by contributing to the stalls or by attending the event.

THE THURSDAY GROUP

Thank you to the P.C.C. for allowing us to share their Cake Stall at the Christmas Fair.

Since the last entry the Group has enjoyed a talk by Miss Brocklebank on Village History and one on Christmas Customs by The Rev. H. Johnson. In future Group meetings will be on the SECOND THURSDAY of each month at 2 p.m. (in order to catch the magazine publication date). Programme for the New Year is as follows: Thursday, 10th Jan. “Breast Cancer” and “Child Development” Films and discussion with Miss Fooks, Health Visit (Meeting at Andrea Smith’s House).

Thursday, 14th February. Flower Arranging Demonstration by Mrs. Herridge.

The venues for the February and March meetings have yet to be arranged. Everyone welcome at all meetings for further details contact Lindy Ventham B.R. 489.

SCHOOL NEWS

On Wednesday 12th December the School gave a performance of “The Well at the World’s End”. Miss Palmer, Mrs. Pfaff and the pupils all worked very hard to produce an excellent show. The scenery was fantastic the costumes most effective and the children acted beautifully. A collection was taken for the Blue Peter Cambodia Appeal, the result of which is not known as the collections from the carol service and the singing have yet to be added.

THE GIFT SERVICE

The gift service in aid of the Cheshire Homes, Dorchester, was held in Church on Sunday, 16th December. The service was well attended and as usual everyone was very generous and brought masses of gifts for the children. The collection of £22.90 was forwarded to the Home in Dorchester.

“DORSET VILLAGE VENTURES”

The Dorset Community Council has asked me to publicise this competition which is open to voluntary organisations and is designed to encourage and support voluntary projects. Details may be obtained from The Parish Clerk, or direct from Mr. Ian Scott, the Dorset Community Council, 57 High West Street, Dorchester. (Tel: Dorchester 2270).

P.C.C. MEETING

The P.C.C. held a meeting which was devoted exclusively to a discussion about the Church’s consultative document “Marriage and the Church’s Task”. The participants were asked to consider the question of re-marriage in church of divorced people, the type of service to be used and whether or not they should be admitted to the Sacrament of Holy Communion afterwards. The P.C.C. felt that much more preparation before marriage was desirable and were against the re-marriage of divorced people in church in view of the nature of the vows as set out in the existing services. The views of the P.C.C. were forwarded to a meeting of the Deanery Synod.

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and
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Treasurer of P.C.C.: Major G. Booth, Tower Hill. Tel: 586
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: 7.30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall.
WIVES GROUP: 7.30 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Vicarage.
BELLRINGERS: 7.30 p.m. Practice, Wednesdays.
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6.30 p.m. Children, 7.30 Adults, Fridays in the Church.
BRITISH LEGION CLUB: 7.00 p.m. Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun. R.B.L. Headquarters.
· do · WOMENS SEC.: 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 and Wednesday
Junior Members Friday Club Hut
AUTUMN LEAVES: 2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday.
PLAYGROUP: 2 Mornings. Please ‘phone Bere Regis 480

Scripture Union Adventures Club at Congregational Church Hall - every Tuesday - 7 p.m.

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