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FEBRUARY

THE VICAR’S LETTER

My dear Friends,

"Thou Lord, in the beginning has laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands; They shall perish; but thou remainest........... as a vesture shalt thou fold them up and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail."

Hebrews: 1: 10-11

It is often said, with some truth, that we British people dislike change very much. If we could choose we would prefer things to go along as they are rather than face some alteration in what has become established. Yet we live in a changing world, and we know in our hearts that there is no permanence for us here, for “Here we have no abiding City.” Seeing, then, that we acknowledge the fact that change is inevitable it may be profitable to consider why we dislike it so much. Surely the basic and underlying reason is FEAR; fear of the consequence of change; fear of the unknown. The changes heralded by the commencement of another year tend to underline our fears. We dread a change for the worse in our economic circumstances, in our ability to maintain our standard of living. We dread a deterioration in relations between the nations of the world, bringing nearer the threat of nuclear war. We fear for our own health, or the health of those dear to us, and we dread the onset of old age. Yet as Christians we should surely face these dreads, and fears with courage and with hope. In his New Year message our Bishop wrote: “As people get older, change is something not easily assimilated or welcomed.”

But God is not a God of “the precise, of the neatly packaged religion, of the static as-it-was-in-the beginning sort. Christians must be ready, therefore, to wrestle with new truths and insights so that they may be free of blinkered prejudices, and free of resistance to change and new ventures.”

If we can only have faith to regard our journey through life as an adventure, a journey on a road unknown to us yet where there are signposts on the way, companions on the road, and an end of the journey, which is God himself, then we shall surely throw off much of our fear of change. This we can do because we know that amidst all the changes which confront us God is unchanging and unchangeable.

Let us go forward, therefore, with quiet confidence and joyful anticipation knowing that God is there as our “safe stronghold, our rock and our refuge.”

May God be with you all.

Yours very sincerely,

DENIS SHAW.

NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE

THE HEALING MINISTRY of the Church is one which has regained prominence during the past few years, and with very good reason. Our Lord himself committed the Healing of the Sick to his disciples, in an unmistakably clear command. The first necessity in healing is PRAYER, for this prepares both the sick person, and the intercessor.

Our intercessions for the sick continue at weekly intervals, and in February will be on the 5th, 12th, and the 19th, at 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage. In addition we shall have our quarterly healing service with the laying-on of hands in the context of the Holy Communion on Wednesday, 25th February at 7.30 p.m. Please join us then, either for yourself, or for someone close to you who is in need of healing.
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL has gained in strength, and numbers during the past year, and as we have seen, continues to do interesting work and to produce good results as the moving Nativity Play at Christmas indicated. Now is the time to plan the Sunday School party, which is to take place on Saturday 14th February at the Royal British Legion Hall. Once again the Sunday School teachers, who are organising the party, would be grateful to receive gifts of money or food to help with the tea. If you can help, please see either Mrs. England or Mrs. Brenda Pittfield.

LENT 1981 commences on March 4th, which is Ash Wednesday. On that day there will be the usual service, but on subsequent Wednesdays during Lent there will be a study programme, details of which will be announced in the March magazine. The meetings will be the 11th, 18th and 25th March, and the 1st and 8th April. Please make a note of these dates in your diaries.

CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY

BERE REGIS

SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY
9.30 a.m. Family Comm.
6.00 p.m. Evensong.
Epiphany 4.
SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
11.00 a.m. Matins
Epiphany 5.
SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY
9.30 a.m. Family Comm.
11.00 a.m. Matins
Septuagesima
SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
11.00 a.m. Matins
Sexagesima
SUNDAY 1st MARCH
9.30 a.m. Family Comm.
6.00 p.m. Evensong
Quinquagesima
St. David’s Day

ADDITIONAL SERVICES
TUESDAY 24th FEBRUARY
6.45 p.m. Commissioning of Impact Messengers.

WED. 25th FEBRUARY
7.30 p.m. Healing Service with Holy Communion and Laying-on of Hands.

WED. 4th MARCH
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Mother’s Union Corporate Communion).

AFFPUDDLE

BURYAL: ARTHUR WILLIAM CLEVERLEY called to rest on 16th December 1980. Burial at Affpuddle on 22nd December.

BERE REGIS

JOHN BURDEN called to rest on 27th December 1980. Burial Bere Regis on 31st December.

IN MEMORIAM

ARTHUR WILLIAM CLEVERLEY, was born in Titherleigh, Wilts where he went to school. In course of time he left school, and worked first on a farm, but later on a rural Post Round. Joining the Army in 1914 he was badly wounded in France, and took his discharge in 1918. Arthur Cleverley married his wife in 1930, and the couple celebrated their Golden Wedding in April. They have one step-daughter and one adopted daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Cleverley lived in the Bladen Valley for some 30 years during part of which time, Arthur Cleverley was employed by the late Sir. Ernest Debdenham. For many years he was very interested in bee-keeping and became an acknowledged expert. He was also a keen gardener and indeed had a large part in laying out the Peace Garden in Affpuddle Churchyard.

A home-loving man he loved to listen to Songs of Praise, and was by all accounts a devoted and loving husband. He and his wife had of late lived in Weymouth but their roots remain in Affpuddle, where his mortal remains are at rest.

JOHN BURDEN was born at Briantspuddle, and after attending the village school, went on to Puddletown and Poole College to complete his education. He served an Engineering Apprenticeship at Bovington.

In 1961 he married a local girl, and they lived for a time at Southbrook.

An expert in his job, John Burden became a Vehicle Examiner, and worked for a time at Warmminster 27 Command Workshops.

Latterly he was not attached to any one depot, but travelled extensively in the course of his work, although he was quite frequently at Lulworth. John and his wife had two children, Anna and Neil, and of recent years have lived in a new bungalow at Southbrook, where they all took a great interest in establishing a fine garden. John’s chief interest in his younger days. He was also a keen darts players, and was a member of the Dorset League Team for many years. His sudden and unexpected death has saddened his many friends, and will leave a gap in our community. To his family the loss is very great, and we extend our loving sympathy to them in their bereavement.

SIDESMEN’S ROTA - BERE REGIS

Feby. 1st 9.30 a.m. Mr. G. Ward and Mr. J. House.
8th 11.00 a.m. Col. A. Barne and Mr. W. F. Lys.
15th 9.30 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfies and Mr. R. Ives.
22nd 11.00 a.m. Mr. A. Bates and Mr. F. Marsh.

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

February 1st Mrs. G. R. Griffin Mrs. Steele
February 8th Mrs. Ricketts Mrs. Steele.
February 15th Miss E. Lys. Mrs. Steele.
February 22nd Mrs. Lys. Mrs. A. Lys.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM: received into the Christian Family in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

BERE REGIS

4th January Karine Magali Cummins daughter of Richard and Meriol Cummins.
18th January Ricky John son of Richard and Gillian Hall
and
Michael Dean son of Anthony and Marian Read.
A CALL TO VOLUNTEERS!

During March new rotas for the various Affpuddle church duties will have to be compiled. The rota compilers would be most grateful for new volunteers to take a turn in arranging the flowers, cleaning the church, reading the lessons, epistles and gospels at the various services and acting as sidesmen (this involves ringing the bells and taking the collection.) If you feel you could help with any of these jobs please contact the following people:

Flowers - Mrs. Martin, Cruck Cottage, Briantspuddle. Tel: Bere Regis 297.
Cleaning, Reading and Sidesmen - Mrs. Thornley, Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle. Tel: Bere Regis 497.

The more people who help with these jobs the less work for everyone and it is a splendid way to contribute in kind.

THURSDAY GROUP, Affpuddle.
Plans for February are as follows:-
Thursday, 5th Feb. Toddlers Group at Andrea Smith's.
Thursday, 12th Feb. Slimming Food - a demonstration by Mrs. Angela Cox at Taisy Russell's Creche at Sylvia Burgess's.
19th Feb. No Thursday Group
26th Feb. Toddlers Group at Lyn Penman's
In March it is hoped to arrange a talk on the Samaritans and their work, details in next month's magazine.

BERE REGIS WIVES GROUP

Our new banner was carried in procession for the first time at the Plough Sunday service. We wish to thank Mrs. Benjafeld, Mrs. Collis and Mr. John Pitman who helped us with it. It is to be dedicated in Church on Sunday 8th February at the evening service. Major Kayll was the speaker at our first meeting of the New Year, and he showed us some lovely films of Briantspuddle and Africa. On 10th February Mrs. Jeaves is to tell us about her holiday in Denmark, and on the 24th Mr. Ventham will talk to us about 18th century tea and caddies.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60s.

The New Year Party was a great success. We were entertained by the Club's Concert Party "The Gadabouts" who gave an excellent show. It was their 25th Concert.

A delicious tea was served to Members and their Guests and a Raffle was drawn. The first prize was a lovely cream shawl given and made by Mrs. Bush and won by Mrs. Hamilton-Brown. The second was a beautiful crocheted blanket made by our own Mrs. Sollins and was won by Mr. John Cleall. Several other prizes were won.

Mr. Sollins, on behalf of the Club, thanked the Hostesses for all they had done for the Club during the past year and presented Mrs. Jeaves and her Hostesses with boxes of chocolates. Many thanks from us all to Members, we really do enjoy it.

Next Meeting is on Feb. 11th 2.30 Drax Hall - General games and a Whist Drive, Tea, Raffle, Sales Table etc. New members very welcome. Just come along and enjoy yourselves. Has anyone a shoe-shop board they can spare?

Also required:- any evening dresses, hats, feathers, stoles, etc. for the Gadabouts or anything suitable for us to alter or remake for our future shows? Please bring to Butler's Shop.

The Members of Autumn Leaves wish George Osbaldeston a speedy recovery and to all other sick members of the Club. Good Health in 1981.
BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT SCOUT GROUP

Many thanks to everyone who helped the Scouts, Cubs, parents and friends to collect £28.40 when carol singing before Christmas. This is to be added to the Youth Club’s collection towards a party for some of the children at the Victoria Home at Bournemouth.

The Cubs and Scouts are presenting their show “Variety Pack” at Briontpuddle Village Hall on Friday 13th February, and at the Drax Hall, Bere Regis on Saturday 14th February, both at 7.30 p.m. Entry by programme 25p, including coffee and biscuits.

J. E.

IMPACT 1981

February sees the start of the period when the Impact Campaign gets into top gear.

It is hoped that the messengers of our Parish Church will meet for a short commissioning service at 6.45 p.m. on Tuesday 24th February. Visiting, with letters from the Bishop of Salisbury and the local Parish Church will then take place during the following three weeks.

We trust that all those on whom the messengers call will make them welcome, read the letters, and be prepared to have a talk about their contents.

J. E.

PUZZLE CORNER

Last month’s anagrams were:

Here are 12 more Dorset place-names:

DRAX HALL: On Saturday Dec. 6th the Drax Hall Committee held their annual Xmas Fair. A very enjoyable affair was had by all especially the children. Father Xmas arrived at 2.30 p.m. after riding around the village in Mr. Hogg’s car. There were all the usual stalls and competitions as well as the Grand Xmas Draw. A total profit of £104.00 was made on the afternoon. The Management Committee wish to thank all those who came to support, gave time and helped to make this afternoon a success. Special thanks to Mr. Hogg for the transport and Mrs. Howard for allowing Father Xmas to start his Bere Regis tour from her house. On Monday December 22nd the Xmas Prize Bingo was held. It was a very successful evening with over 100 people coming along to enjoy a game and a chat. There were twenty prizes to be won plus 8 raffle prizes which included turkey, hamper, meat and other Xmas Fare. Special thanks to Mr. Jeff Green who did the calling for us in the absence of Mr. Wiltman. Mrs. Mooney and the ‘Bingo Team would like to thank all our members for their support throughout 1980 and to wish everyone a Happy New Year.’ We would like to remind all over 18’s that Bingo is held every Monday evening in the Village Hall starting at 7.45 p.m. Please don’t be shy; we will welcome your support and membership is free.

M. L.

The Young People and Friends of the Bere Heath Methodist Church raised £17.00 from their Carol singing at Christmas time. This is to be donated to the National Children’s Homes.

BERE REGIS PLAYSCCHOOL: After the final toot-up, our Christmas Bazaar raised £45, more than previously stated. We will be holding a Jumble Sale on 28th February; more details will be given in due course.

‘CRAFTSMAN’S ART AND MUSIC’S MEASURE’

In conjunction with the Village Carnival to be held on Saturday, July 18th, 1981, the Parochial Church Council hope to stage in the Church an exhibition of local arts, crafts, skills and hobbies. There will be more information in the Parish Magazine as time goes on. Meanwhile any queries please to Mrs. P. Howard, Bere Regis 295 or to Lieut. Commander C. Mauden R.N. Bere Regis 342.

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB held a ‘Tramps Disco’ at the stable bar of the Drax Arms on New Year’s Eve. This was a popular venue for many tramps and their friends.

Mr. Cyril Cheeseman and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick judged the tramps and awarded first prize of a steak dinner for two to Richard White; 2nd prize, a bottle of whisky was won appropriately by Ian McLead. Steve Painter was third and won the mystery prize. A tablet of soap was awarded to the ‘dirtiest’ tramp. Prizes donated by the Drax Arms. A raffle organised by Mrs. Hazel Hall and Mrs. Eileen Hewitt was won by Martin Campbell-Bell, towards Sports Club funds.

* Sports club dinner dance, Fri, 20 March at Crown Hotel Blandford. £5.50 per head. Tickets available at Drax Arms where coach leaves 7.30 p.m. Also from Jeaves, the butcher and the Greyhound, Winterbourne Kingston.

CHRISTMAS NEWS, Affpuddle.

Firstly thank you to everyone who contributed towards the purchase of flowers to decorate the Church at Christmas. £8 was collected and Mrs. Jeaves supplied us with some beautiful yellow and white chrysanthemums which lasted well into January. Thank you too to the ladies who gave up their time on Christmas Eve to decorate the Church. The result of their labours was magnificent.

The collections taken at the main Christmas services were donated to the following charities:

Gift Day Service - £39.05 this together with toys was sent to the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester.

Christmas Day - £16.52 Dorset Association for the Disabled.

Carol Service - £29 - Church of England Children’s Society.

Letters of thanks and acknowledgement have so far been received from The Cheshire Homes and Dorset Association for the Disabled who have asked me to pass on their thanks to all who contributed to these collections.

YOUTH CLUB: 50/50 Charity Auction in aid of the building fund. WANTED good quality furniture, china, jewellery, glass and silver, copper, brass, pictures and bric-a-brac. To be held on Saturday, 7th March 1981. For all items to be donated please contact Mr. & Mrs. A. Frampton, 9 Sitterton, Bere Regis. Tel: 668.

AROUND TOWN

* Is there a budding composser in town? I ask because of the Midlands school which has completely paid for a new gym by writing and singing “Grandpa” and its follow-up “Grandma we love you.” That leaves mums and dads, uncles and aunties and sisters and brothers. I should be delighted to put pen to paper in an effort to try and crash into the pop world on behalf of the Church Fund and the hard-pressed PTA. But I need a catchy tune. Alternatively we should perhaps follow the lead of our Piddle Valley cousins whose delightful cookbook has now raised more than £3,000 for their church. It’s far too close to home to do a direct crib, but perhaps we could choose another subject. For instance are there any ghosts in Bere district? Publishers love a good ghost story. Another idea that intrigues the book world is ‘folk medicine’, i.e. such things as the healing of qualities of acorn coffee. I would be very grateful for any recipes, advice, or contributions.

* Talking of fund-raising, I will take on all-comers at a penny a point at backgammon, anytime, anywhere. Sets of seven games, and bring your cheque book for the Magazine Fund.
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* BERE REGIS COACHES: For every kind of excursion and holiday. See local press for daily trips and special tours. Luxury coaches available for any group booking. For all enquiries and bookings, call Dorchester 2992.

* TAXI R. Ricketts, operating from Tolpuddle at quickest response. Weekdays from 4.30 p.m. and all day at weekends. Lamorna, Tolpuddle.

Tel: Puddletown 598.

* BLADEN VILLAGE STORES, Brantspuddle. Everything you want can be got from us. The original family village store and grocers. Orders delivered free in the area. Telephone your orders to Bere Regis 214.

* MOBILE FISH & CHIPS: Calling at Turbeville Court Car Park, Thursday evenings 6.30 - 7.00 p.m. or call Mrs. Hudson, Parkstone 734715.

* DRAK ARMS: Fish and chips, cod or plaice, takeaway bargain at 75p. Sausages and chips just 65p. Madras curry and rice, £1.25. Comprehensive lunch and dinner menus. Skittle Alley available for private parties. No charge for 20 persons or more.

* MINI - BUS FOR HIRE, seats 15 very comfortably, (Bere Regis 386).

* FREELANCE brick and stone fireplaces to any design. Renovations, modernisations, roof and chimney repairs, extensions etc. All building work considered.

* Phil and Christine of the ROYAL OAK extend a warm welcome to all their patrons. Under-a-pound lunches a specialty. Now serving eight different beers. Please support our Dart's Marathon on January 31st. All sponsors welcome during afternoon extension (2.30 - 4.30 p.m.). We're going for the Grand, 11 months before the target date. Every penny will count.

* KATHLEEN: Floral artiste. Flowers and houseplants for all occasions. Show your valentine your true feelings with a special floral present. But please order early.

Tel: B. R. 204.

* Simon, even after seven nerve-racking years, you're still my Valentine.
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and
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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.
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.
SCOUTS: 7 p.m. Thursdays. Youth Club Hut.
CUBS: 6.30 p.m. Thursday, 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: 4 mornings at Youth Club, phone B.R. 777 (Mrs. Carr)

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

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