THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

"Once more the Heavenly Power makes all things new"

Tennyson

When a year has produced so many difficulties as 1980, it is understandable that some people turn the page to a New Year with a sigh of relief. Surely, they tell themselves, 1981 cannot be so bad as last year. Surely the news will be brighter, the weather better and our lives a bit easier. Surely... Yet we know in our hearts that the mere fact of a change of date, just another figure on a calendar, cannot make any real difference. Certainly we may try to use the New Year as an opportunity for starting again. Certainly we may make all kinds of well-meaned resolutions, (although these are usually broken very quickly), but if this is all we are prepared to do then we are unlikely to make much progress. The change which we long for, is not to be made merely by good intentions on our part. There has to be something much more radical than this and it is not to be achieved on our own. As with other major changes the starting point is humility - a readiness to admit our own inadequacies and to plead for help. Then to ask God to come and make his abode with us in the person of his Holy Spirit and third to claim the promise made by him who sits upon the throne. "Behold, I am making all things new." This divine renewal embraces everything that exists, and if it is to mean anything to us it must begin with ourselves. Our prayer should surely be:

"Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me."

So cleansed and renewed we shall be enabled to face whatever the New Year may bring with calmness and with hope. The news will not necessarily suddenly get better, but we shall find ourselves facing the ups and downs without gloom or despondency. We may still expect our share of difficulties and disappointments, but a realisation of God's intimate concern in all these will enable us to surmount them.

Let us then go forward into 1981 with courage and with confidence and if we must make a resolution let it be that we may trust more and more in God and less and less in ourselves.

May God bless, strengthen and protect you this year and always.

Yours very sincerely,

DENIS SHAW,

NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE

PLOUGH SUNDAY 1981 falls on the 11th January, and we are all looking forward to our traditional Plough Sunday service in Church at 3 p.m. This is preceded by a procession of village organisations with their banners and the plough, (weather permitting). This is a great occasion in the life of our village, so do make a careful note of the date, and make up your mind to take part.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY runs from the 18th to 25th January. During this period special prayers are offered for a better understanding between the various denominations, and the acceptance of a common purpose in winning the world for Christ. There will be special services in Church on Sunday 18th January, with Unity as the theme.
THE HEALING INTERCESSION GROUP will meet in January on the 8th, 15th and 29th at 7.30 p.m. The next of our quarterly services devoted to Divine Healing will be on Wednesday 25th February at 7.30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES which were not held during the Christmas holiday period will be resumed on Saturday 10th January at the Vicarage at 9.30 a.m., and on each Saturday thereafter.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION
Mrs. Carlyle and family would like to thank all friends for messages of sympathy, letters, cards and all kindness shown in the sudden and sad loss of a dear and loving husband and father. Special thanks to Dr. Benjafield for his care and to Canon Shaw for his help and words of comfort and for the moving service he conducted.

CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY

BERE REGIS

SUNDAY 4th JANUARY
9.30 a.m. Family Communion
6.00 p.m. Evensong

CHRISTMAS 2
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Matins

SUNDAY 11th JANUARY
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. Matins

EPIPHANY 1
11.00 a.m. Matins

PLough Sunday
3.00 p.m. Plough Sunday

SERVICE
6.00 p.m. Evensong

SUNDAY 18th JANUARY
9.30 a.m. Family Communion
6.00 p.m. Evensong

EPHPHANY 2
6.00 a.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY 25th JANUARY
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.15 a.m. Family Service

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL
11.00 a.m. Matins

SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY
9.30 a.m. Family Communion
6.00 a.m. Evensong

EPHPHANY 4
11.15 a.m. Matins

ADDITIONAL SERVICES
THURSDAY 1st JANUARY
Feast of the Circumcision
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

TUESDAY 6th JANUARY
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM
Received into the Christian Family in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

BERE REGIS:
15th November 1980
Philippa Anne daughter of Nicholas and Margaret Watson
Kevin James son of Douglas and Diane Curtis

AFFPUDDLE:
7th December 1980
Lisa Jayne daughter of Martin and Geraldine Ames

HOLY MATRIMONY
Joined together in the Bond of Matrimony

BERE REGIS:
20th September 1980
Crispin Ellis and Sara Felicity Booth

AFFPUDDLE:
6th December 1980
David Tubbs and Sharon Legg

BURIAL
Bere Regis:
Called to rest on 18th November 1980 - Thomas Alexander Carlyle
Burial service at Bere Regis followed by Cremation at Weymouth.
Called to rest on 9th December 1980 - Charles Frederick Mileham.
Service at Bere Regis followed by burial at Bere Regis Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM
THOMAS ALEXANDER CARLYLE born 17th April 1919 at Cranbrook, Kent. He spent the early part of his life Nr. Stourbridge, Worce., and matriculated from King Edward VI Grammar School, Stourbridge. He joined the army in the war in 1940, serving in Europe from then until the end of the war with Guards Armoured Division. He married in 1947, and served in Egypt where Christine was born. He had a spell in BAOR when Katherine was a baby, and then a 3 year tour in Cyprus from 1958 when Thomas was born. Mr. Carlyle completed his 28 years service at Bovington where he was well known locally for his tank and recovery expertise, and lived in Bere Regis since 1963, where he had many friends.

CHARLES FREDERICK MILEHAM was born at Ewhurst, Hants, and attended the village school at Hale. When the time came for him to leave school he worked for his uncle for a time driving a horse and cart and later a steam traction engine.

Charles Mileham joined the Army, the 11th Hussars, in 1925 and because of his knowledge of horses was attached to the Remount Depot at Aldershot. When the Regiment was mechanised Charles turned from horses to armoured cars and during the Second World War he was Sergeant Major Instructor at Bovington Camp. He was an acknowledged expert on tanks and had much to do with the introduction of the Churchill Tank when it came into service. He suffered a back injury and was discharged from the Army in 1945. After leaving the Army Charles Mileham worked as a driver until 1973 when he was forced to retire because of increasing ill-health.

An enthusiastic member of the Royal British Legion Charles was at different times Secretary and Chairman of the local branch and also Chairman of the Bovington Branch. Charles Mileham leaves a widow and six children as well as twelve grandchildren to whom he was devoted. He was a kind and helpful man, a good neighbour and a good friend and will be greatly missed.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA - BERÉ REGIS

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THE MOTHERS’ UNION

At our December meeting we had the great pleasure of listening to Mr. Fred Pittfield who had written a ghost story which he had written especially for us. It had all the ingredients of a first-rate spine chiller - mystery, creepiness and magic to keep us on the edge of our seats, and then a touch of Fred’s own humorous humour to bring us safely to earth again at the end. We also sang carols and consumed mince-pies and thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the evening.

In January we meet at the Vicarage on Wednesday, the 7th at 7.30 p.m., when it is hoped that all the members will bring their material for the scrap-book which our Overseas Representative, Mrs. Jenny Sherwood, is preparing for our Link Branch in Nkwerre. There will also be a raffle, the proceeds to go to the Overseas Fund. On Friday, 16th January, there will be a walk arranged by Mrs. Diane Phillips, which will start from her house, “Culver Dell” in Sittenor at 10.30 a.m. All are welcome to join us. The Prayer Group will meet on Fridays, 9th and 23rd January at 11.00 a.m. in the Morton Chapel. Doreen Shaw.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE:

WITHOUT FAIL EVERY ONE OF THE ASSOCIATIONS WHO USE THIS MAGAZINE HAVE WISHED OUR READERS GOD BLESS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR, MAY THE EDITORS JOIN THEM

FIRE: Dr. and Mrs. Greenfield had a small fire at their home on 29th November 1980, caused by an electrical appliance. Damage was confined to one bedroom. We would like to put on record that we were very impressed with the speed and efficiency of the Bere Regis Fire Brigade.

BERE REGIS CARNIVAL COMMITTEE:

A meeting was held to discuss raising money to buy specialised equipment for our surgery. Dr. Greenfield stressed that an ECG machine would be of vital benefit to the whole community and a target of £1,000 was made for this year. The fund will kick off with a sponsored darts marathon to be held in the New Year, and part of the profit raised on Carnival Day will be put into the fund. A special account will be opened for the fund. If you have ANY ideas for fundraising or wish to make a donation please contact any member of the committee.

Dr. Greenfield writes: An Electrocardiograph (or ECG machine) is a sophisticated piece of medical equipment, producing a record of the electrical activity of the heart, provides for the more precise diagnosis and treatment of certain heart conditions including coronary thrombosis (heart attack) and disorders of heart rate and rhythm. The relevance of this information will be apparent later!

BERE REGIS PLAYGROUP: Our Christmas Bazaar went off very well, making about £30. The children had their Christmas party on Friday 19th December, the last day of term. The new term starts on January 7th.

THURSDAY GROUP: At the December meeting held on 11th December an interesting discussion took place on Christianity and Family Life led by Mrs. Lyn Brooks. The January meeting will take place at Raithby Cottage on 22nd January, 1981 at 2.15 when members are discussing the Structure Plan for Dorset (excluding the South East part of the county). The findings of the meeting will be forwarded to the Structure Plan Team. In February Mrs. Angela Cox who gave the excellent demonstration of cake icing will return with ideas for slimming food to help repair the ravages to the figure caused by over indulgence at Christmas. This meeting will be held at Tasy Russell’s house. The cream for both of these meetings has yet to be arranged.

WHAT IS IMPACT?

It could be father’s hand upon an erring child, but 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.

Two meetings for the training of the lay visitors are to be held on Wednesday 28th January and Thursday 5th February at the Vicarage starting at 7.45 p.m.

Have you any talents which you can offer to help make an IMPACT in the day to day working of your Parish Church?

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (Women’s Section). The RBL Women’s Section held their monthly meeting on November 24th, with 24 members present. After the business had been discussed, there being no speaker, a game of blind bingo was enjoyed by all. A raffle was run by Mrs. House and Mrs. Steele and teas were served by Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Snook.

J.C.

BERE REGIS WOMEN’S INSTITUTE: The Christmas party held at Little Meadow by kind permission of Mrs. Jesy was a most enjoyable and entertaining evening. Our first meeting of 1981 will be on 20th January, at which Mrs. Ganderton will talk on “Working with Children”, the hostesses being Mrs. P. Howard and Mrs. S. Mullins. At the AGM the following officers were elected for 1981: President, Mrs. M. Catley, Vice-Presidents Mrs. P. Howard, Miss P. Beatty, Secretary Miss G. Miller, Treasurer Mrs. P. Mills. Newcomers are most welcome as indeed are all former members.

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE: The Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle P.C.C. has been changed from Thursday, 29th January, 1981 to Thursday, 5th February, 1981. The time 7.30 and venue Raithby Cottage, Britanspuddle have not been changed.
*AUTUMN LEAVES, OVER 60: CHRISTMAS CAROLS: A very pleasant afternoon for all. We were entertained by six pupils from the Bere Regis School who sang carols and played their recorders. Mrs. Cecilia Lewis read poems and we sang carols with the Concert Party 'Gadabouts' with Kathleen Jeeves on the piano, afterwards enjoying a traditional Christmas tea. Two new members were warmly welcomed by Mrs. Jeeves. Next meeting is the New Year Party, at the Drax Hall, 14th January, at 2.30 p.m.

* The Bazaar and Afternoon Tea in aid of our funds raised about £100, thanks to all.

YOUTH CLUB: 50/50 Charity Auction in aid of the 'building fund'. WANTED: good quality furniture, china, jewellery, glass and silver, copper, brass, pictures, bric-a-brac. Held on Saturday 7th March. Items to be donated to Mr. and Mrs. A. Frampton, 9 Sitterton (BR 668).

The cavalcade of costume arranged for February 7th has been changed to May 3rd, by this time the weather will be warmer. In the New Year a short dressmaking class will be held for members. Has anyone got an old but working sewing machine that they would lend or give the club? Please contact D. Phillips (423).

SCHOOL NEWS. The staff and pupils at Puddletown Primary School staged a most successful Christmas Play, the Twelve Days of Christmas. Staff and children took part, Mrs. Pfaff was a very pretty "wicked fairy" and David Hyman was the principal boy (in these days of sex equality boys may now take this role). Two performances were given and after the evening performance on 11th December coffee and mince pies were served and a sale of work held.

TREE PLANTING. On Sunday, 7th December a large crowd of villagers old and young turned out to plant thirty trees to commemorate the Queen Mother's 80th birthday. The trees had been sponsored by many residents of the parish. Thanks are due to Miss Waterhouse as the inspiration and driving force behind this project, the sponsors and the people who gave up a Sunday morning to help plant the trees.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB. The club now moves into the second part of the winter swimming season and sessions will re-commence at Bovington on 10th January. We will meet at the usual time of 5.30 p.m. at the lay-by opposite Lower Church Gate. New members always welcome.

THANK YOU!

** To everyone who has supported "Autumn Leaves" during last year. The club has been very successful and our membership is now over 115. New members are always welcome.

** From all residents of Turbeville Court for very welcome Harvest Festival produce.

** To everyone who has contributed to the Guide Dog for the Blind collection at the Butcher's shop. £20 collected. Also for the 50 sacks of tin foil which have just been taken to HQ (K. Jeeves)

** For all the newspapers and magazines collected at our shop for the cubs and scouts. Please continue to bring them to the stable in the yard where a sack is provided. C. Jeeves

AFFPUDDLE SCHOOL BUILDINGS

At a well attended meeting held on 3rd December and chaired by the Vicar, Canon Shaw, parishioners were consulted about the possible future use of the Affpuddle school buildings. Mr. Douglas Morris of the Diocesan Council for Education explained the legal position with regard to redundant school buildings and stated that he was present to find out the views of local people. Also present were representatives from the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas who were interested in acquiring the buildings for use as a small workshop or factory. Mr. Morris and the CoSIRA representatives answered questions as a small workshop or factory. Mr. Morris and the CoSIRA representatives answered questions as a small workshop or factory.

Committee of Purbeck District Council for any future change of use. The Development Services Committee of Purbeck District Council consult the Parish Council about any planning matter within the parish. Parish Council meetings are advertised on the Parish Notice Boards and interested parishioners should look out for any future development and make their views known at the right time and to the right people.

BERE REGIS WIVES GROUP

The meetings are held in the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. The cup competition was held in November, and this was for a Christmas cracker, and was won by Mrs. Christine Tucker. The judge was our speaker for the evening, Mr. Charlie Orchard, who also showed us lovely slides of Dorset. On the 13th January the speaker will be Mrs. Roffey, who will talk on China Mending, and on the 27th Major Kayll will show us slides.

JOINT BERE REGIS AND AFFPUDDLE P.C.C. MEETING

The two P.C.C.s held their annual joint meeting in the Drax Hall during November about twenty council members attending. The major subject of discussion was future parish magazine policy, provisional accounts for the current year showing a small surplus but large increases in costs for the next year requiring changes to prevent large losses being incurred. Major Booth presented a series of alternative schemes which the magazine sub-committee had considered, after some considerable discussion a reduction in magazine size from 16 to 12 pages was agreed, with no increase in subscription. The provision of a magazine meeting parish needs, providing good value for money, and avoiding a large subsidy presents considerable problems and parishioners may be assured that great efforts are made to achieve these aims by the editors and magazine sub-committee. Discussion of the period between joint meetings led to agreement to hold a single joint meeting each year, unless special business required attention.

PTA: THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE was a great success, raising over £200. Many, many thanks to all those who donated draw prizes and all others who helped. The Over-70's Xmas party was held at the school, attended by nearly 40 people who really enjoyed themselves. The children's party was also a great success with a huge, sticky tea, lots of games and a visit from Father Christmas himself.

PUZZLE CORNER

Last month's anagrams were:

Here are 12 more Dorset place names:

FPF.
* Something had to give. The printing costs of this magazine alone are rising by 20% a year. The Sandling Link by 50%. OAP’s already find it difficult to find the 10p cover charge. Nobody wants a run-off from the Gestetner while we can still have a little quality. So pages had to go. Many thanks to the advertisers who have supported us in the past. But at a cost of £4.5 a page we had priced ourselves out of the market. We shall have to survive the year, but the headaches will accumulate and there will be a point when this magazine will no longer be possible. We like to think it serves the community. And we like to think we are very useful to the village associations. Perhaps some of them might find a way of contributing to this magazine which is trying to continue acting as a village sounding and notice board. Small and voluntary contributions would go a long way to reducing next year’s headaches.

* Apart from the normal paraphernalia children and pets generate as Christmas approaches, my house was also shared with Worzel Gummidge, Wonder Woman, Dr. Who, and even K9 - all props for the children’s panto at the school. I put up with it all only in the hopes of seeing teacher Claire Trusswell as a Bunny Girl. I am sad to report she managed at the very last moment and took no chances at all by appearing as Mop. Shame on you, Miss.

* Welcome to the forthcoming “Newsletter” which I hear will soon be circulating the village as an advertising ‘Freebee’. As the legendary Lord Beaverbrook once said, “Competition is essential for our health.” I shall sharpen my quill.

* It was delightful to see village children planting new trees in the recreation grounds of the new estate. They walked long and hard to earn enough to buy them. But it was nearly a month before we saw our vicar beaming from the pages of the local press. Did someone mention competition?

* On a daily basis I observe that a very great majority of cars entering the village from the South break the speed limit at an alarming rate. The lighting in this street is appallingly inadequate. It is a stretch of road used frequently by village children on bikes without lights who often travel at breakneck speeds on the wrong side of the road, sometimes with their feet on their handlebars. We can only pray that the inevitable does not happen.

* People passing through the village in the New Year will be excused for coming to the conclusion that Bere Regis is a set of traffic lights surrounded by a loony bin. Both pubs are holding fancy dress parties, the crazier the better. All are welcome, but don’t linger on the street, we might get a bad name.

* The County grapevine tells me that under future development plans for the immediate area, the water-cress beds may well be threatened. As a varied history, a church roof and water cress are virtually all we can boast about, we should all be watching these developments with interest.

* How many of our readers realise that in five years time Bere Regis football club will be celebrating its centenary?

* The Whitbread Quizes are to start up again in the New Year. The Royal Oak walked away with this distinguished prize last year, I hear that Vic Stone the resident guru has pulled out his old copies of ‘Things to Know’ and is swatting prodigiously.

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**PARISH CALENDAR**

**JANUARY**

11th Sun.
Plough Sunday Service at 3 p.m.

13th Tues.
Bere Regis Wives Group, at the Vicarage, 7.30 p.m.

13th Tues.
BR Floral Group. Cdr. Hodgkinson will give a talk and show of slides, of the flowers of the Pyrenees.

26th Mon.
Bere Regis friends of Imperial Cancer Research Fund AGM, 7.30 at Summerolds. All most welcome.

28th Wed.
Impact meeting at Vicarage, 7.45 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

5th Wed.
Impact meeting at Vicarage, at 7.45 p.m.

13th Fri.
‘Scouts Entertain’ Briantspuddle Village Hall.

14th Sat.
‘Scouts Entertain’, Drax Hall, Bere Regis.

**MARCH**

7th Sat.
Youth Club Charity Auction, 50-50 at club hut at 2.30 p.m.

21st Sat.
Scout’s Jumble Sale, Youth Club hut.

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**SMALL ADS.** Because of lost revenue from advertising we now really need a vigorous small ads section. Advertisers so far have told us that, at 10p a line, or a £1 a line a year, it really does pay.

* KATHLEEN. Florist. Flowers and house plants, china. Specialist in funeral tributes. Send flowers or plants to say ‘thank you’ for your Christmas gifts. Mrs. Jeeves, 85 West Street, Bere Regis 204.

* BERE REGIS COACHES: For every kind of excursion and holiday. See local press for day trips and special tours. Luxury coaches available for any kind of group outing. 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 505.

* Phil and Christine at the Royal Oak announce new Whitbread Best Mild now introduced. Prizes for the best outfits on New Year’s Eve Fancy Dress Night, with live sing-a-long with the ever-popular Monty. We are now also undertaking outside bar functions of every kind. Now serving eight beers.

* Mobile Fish and Chips: Calling at Turville Court Car Park, Thursday evenings 6.30 - 7.00, or call Mrs. Hudson, Parkstone 734715.

* OAP wants to sell splendid old oak cupboard. Apply warden Turville Court.

* FREELANCE brick and stone fireplaces to any design. Renovations, modernisations, roof and chimney repairs, extensions etc. All building considered. (BR 863).

* DRAX ARMS: Special New Year’s Eve Tramp’s Ball and musical evening. Everyone welcome however ridiculously they dress. Happy Hour every Sunday lunchtime with all beers at 45p. All-year takeaway service with under-a-pound-gourmet bargains. Extensive menu and restaurant operating during licensing hours.

* MINI-VAN for hire, seats 15. (Bere Regis 368).

* BLADEN VILLAGE STORES, Briantspuddle. 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.

* PERSONAL: Petronella. I’ve sent python to your mother in plastic bag instead of socks. Geraniums and I now willing quickly. Please say ‘yes’, Maximilian.