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The Vicarage, Bere Regis

The Vicar’s Letter

My dear Friends,

“...a sensible man gathers the crops when they are ready; it is a disgrace to sleep through the time of harvest.”

Proverbs 10:5.

There can be very few who will read this letter who have not been touched in some way by the Impact Campaign. Most of those visited have been sympathetic, a very few have been actively hostile, some have been enthusiastic. Although by the time these words are in your hands, the Easter Thanksgiving for Impact will be over, so that, it may be said, the climax has been reached, yet the first fruits of Impact are only just beginning to mature. These fruits must include a newly awakened interest in the life of the Church, a deeper sense of commitment, a desire to use those talents with which we are endowed in the service of God, and a joyous sense of belonging. These are the crops which await harvesting, and we should be failing in our duty if we were to neglect this vital aspect of the work.

It is not just a matter of money. It is true that money is needed to carry the work of Christ forward, and to maintain our centres of worship in good repair.

In the case of Bere Regis this is involving a wide-ranging appeal for a very considerable sum. Yet, if we have our priorities right, these are matters which should take their place in the on-going life of the Church. The promise of the Book of Revelation is that “The Tabernacle of God is with men...” This means that within the heart of each one of us exist a place for the living God to occupy, and it is God-centred men and women who constitute the true Church of Christ.

There is a unique feature about the harvest of the Spirit, and that is the fact that it is a harvest in which everyone of us can share. We are all of us in the position of bearing fruit to be harvested, and also of joining the work of the harvester.

Let us resolve to take our full share in offering these fruits to God so that he may use our offerings to revive and restore his Holy Church.

It is a great project, and its impact can be enormous.

Let us pray that we may not be found wanting.

Yours very sincerely,

Denis Shaw.

Notes from the Vicarage

A Confirmation Service has been arranged for Sunday 10th May at 9.30 a.m.
in St. Lawrence, Affpuddle. The services will be conducted by Bishop David Maddock,
and there will be some 16 candidates from both our Parishes. The Bishop will be celebrant at Holy Communion, following the Confirmation. Tea and light refreshments will be served to candidates and their family after the service.

The Ministry of Healing continues in the Parish with regular meetings of the Prayer Group. This constant Chain of Prayer is an essential part of Divine Healing, and we are grateful to those who devote time to these Intercessions. On Wednesday 13th May there is to be a Healing Service in Bere Regis Church at 7.30 p.m.

As usual there will be in the context of Holy Communion, and will conclude with the Laying On of hands for those who desire to receive it. It is hoped that a large number of people will be present to lend their support. Meetings of the Prayer Group during May will be at 7.30 p.m. on 7th, 14th and 21st.
THE ARCHDEACON’S VISITATION is to be held in the Bere Regis Church on Friday 22nd May at 7.30 p.m. We shall be glad to welcome representatives from the Purbeck and Blackmore Vale Deaneries.

THE CAVALCADE OF COSTUME to be held in the Bere Regis Church on 23rd May at 7 p.m. is a rare opportunity for us to see this unique collection of period costume so lovingly cared for by Mrs. Penny. Full details will be found under Youth Club notices.

ASCENSION DAY this year falls on the 28th May, and the Friends of Bere Regis service will be held in Church at 7.30 p.m., when once again we shall welcome friends from inside and outside the Parish.

A COMBINED SERVICE is held whenever there are five Sundays in the month, so on May 31st the Church of England will be host to other denominations, at 6 p.m. We look forward to having a full Church on this occasion.

A SHORT SERVICE FOR “ALL THE FAMILY”, will be held at Bere Regis on Sunday 24th May at 11 a.m. This will last for approx. 20 mins. and will be followed by a shortened form of Matins. This will be a simple service with readings and well-known hymns as well as a short talk, and it is intended for all the family, Mothers, Fathers and Children. It is proposed to have such a service each alternate Sunday on the 4th Sundays, so that the next one should be on Sunday 26th July. This is YOUR service, so come along and make it a success.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM: received into the Christian family in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism
5th April - Donna Lorraine daughter of David and Julie Miller.

HOLY MATRIMONY: Joined together in the bond of Holy Matrimony
4th April - Simon Waiton Ledger and Tessa Fiona Kayll.

AFFPUDDLE

HOLY BAPTISM: received into the Christian Family in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism
12th April - Michael Austin son of Austin and Sandra Watts.
Hayley Ann, Shirley Alison and Kingsley Richard
Andrew children of Richard and Joan Dickinson

CHURCH SERVICES - MAY

BERE REGIS

Sunday 3rd May 9.30 a.m. Family Comm.
Easter 2 6.00 p.m. Evensong
Sunday 10th May 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
Easter 3 11.0 a.m. Matins
Sunday 17th May 6 p.m. Evensong
Easter 4 3.00 p.m. Royal Brit. Legion
Sunday 24th May 6.00 p.m. Evensong
Easter 5 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
Sunday 31st May 11.00 a.m. Matins
Ascension 1 6.00 p.m. Joint Service
Ascension 2 9.30 a.m. Family Comm.
Whitsunday 6.00 p.m. Festal Evensong

AFFPUDDLE

Sunday 31st May 6.00 p.m. Joint Service
Sunday 7th June 9.30 a.m. Family Comm.
White Sunday 6.00 p.m. Festal Evensong

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Wednesday 13th May 7.30 p.m. Healing Service
Friday 22nd May 7.30 p.m. Archdeacon’s Visitation for Blackmore Vale, Purbeck and Milton and Blandford Deaneries.
Thursday 28th May 7.30 p.m. Friends Service
Ascension Day

SIDESMEN’S ROTA - BERE REGIS

May 3rd 9.30 a.m. Mr. R. Ives and Mr. K. Woolfries
May 10th 11.0 a.m. Mrs. W. F. Lys and Mr. A. Bates
May 17th 9.30 a.m. Mr. F. Marsh and Mr. M. A. Bloomfield
May 24th 11.0 a.m. Mr. G. Ward and Mr. J. House
May 31st 11.0 a.m. Mr. M. Barnes and Mr. H. Dashwood
May 22nd 7.30 a.m. Archdeacon’s Visitation - Bere Regis
May 24th 11.0 a.m. Col. A. Barne and Mr. A. Bates
May 31st 11.0 a.m. Mr. R. Stallard and Mr. R. Ives
June 7th 9.30 a.m. Mrs. M. England and A. N. Other
Cdr. C. Maudier and Mr. K. Woolfries
June 6th 9.30 a.m. Mr. M. A. Bloomfield and Mr. M. Barnes

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

May 3rd Wives Group
May 10th Mrs. Jestly
May 17th Mrs. K. Woolfries
May 24th Mrs. Cobb
May 31st Autumn Leaves.

Please remember the Guild meeting at the Vicarage on Wednesday May 13th at 2.30 p.m.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH DUTY ROTAS

3rd May The Bentley Family
10th May Mrs. Thornley
17th May Miss Duff
24th May Mrs. Corner
31st May Mrs. Herridge

READERS AND SIDESMEN

3rd May 8.00 Col. Corner
10th May 9.30 Mr. Prideaux
17th May 8.00 Mr. D. Payne
24th May 11.15 Capt. Johnston
31st May 9.30 Mr. Bentley

SIDESMEN

3rd May Mr. A. Smith (E)
10th May Mr. Prideaux
17th May Mr. A. Smith (E)
24th May Major Kayll (E)
31st May Capt. Johnston (G)

READER

Mr. Bentley

Mr. Bentley (G)
GRASS CUTTING
27th April - 10th May  Sir F. Coates, Lady Coates, Col. Massey
11th May - 24th May  Mr. Taylor, Mr. Bown, Mr. Reading
25th May - 7th June  Mr. D. Hall, Mr. Nesling, Mr. Bentley.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS
Please let me have items for inclusion in the June Magazine by 9th May.
P. R. Thornley.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
The major business of the Annual Meeting, the elections, were completed rapidly
with the re-election of Church Wardens, Sidemen, and retiring P.C.C. members; Mr. C.
Scott and Capt. Johnston were welcomed as additions to the ranks of sidemen.
Recognition was made of the dependance of the church on the voluntary efforts of
many people. Particular mention was made of Mr. George Payne and Mr. David Payne for their
many years of work in the churchyard, to mark their final relinquishing sole responsibility
for this work a presentation on behalf of the council was made. Arrangements were now
in hand to cut the churchyard grass using volunteers, which will no doubt lead us to a greater
recognition of their labours.

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts and reported a reasonable situation fund
raising events having been a great success and expenses being met. The advantages
of covenanted regular donations was again emphasised to obtain additional tax
repayments.

At the P.C.C. meeting following the Annual Meeting provisional arrangements were
made for the Gift Day on 18th June, the Fete on 25th July, and the Harvest
Supper on 28th September. A revision of family service arrangements was discussed,
it was agreed to try a Family Communion Service at 9.30 a.m. on the second Sunday
of each month, from June onwards.

MESSAGE OF THANKS
We would like to thank the Affpuddle Church Council for the gifts of a watch and a
wheelbarrow presented to us at the Annual General Meeting on 28th March for
our fifteen or so years of cutting the churchyard grass at Affpuddle. It was indeed a
splendid surprise to us both and we appreciate it, thank you once again.

GEORGE AND DAVID PAYNE

NEW HYMN BOOKS
New hymn books, purchased with part of the donation from the family and friends
of the Late Mrs. Gwendonole Rogers, were dedicated on Palm Sunday.

MR. N. W. COOK
The Affpuddle P.C.C. would like to thank the family and friends of the late Mr. N. W.
Cook for the donations in lieu of funeral flowers to the church fabric fund. At the
time of going to press £17 has been given.

DR. BARNARDOS
Dr. Barnados are holding a ploughmen’s lunch at Southover House, Tipton
on Monday, 8th June from 12.30 – 2.30. Details from Mrs. Sticock Puddletown 220.

WEDDING OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AND LADY DIANA SPENCER
At the March meeting of the Parish Council it was suggested that the Affpuddle
Jubilee Committee be re-convened to arrange suitable celebrations on the occasion
of the Prince of Wales' wedding. At a Committee meeting held on 6th April it was
agreed to hold a children's tea party on 29th July and a Barbecue in the
evening to which residents of the Parish would be invited. Accordingly a

Spring Fair has been arranged for Monday 4th May to raise funds for the celebrations
All the usual stalls 2.30 - 4.00 please help to make this a successful event.

SCHOOL NEWS
9th May will be a busy day for Puddletown Primary School and St. Mary’s Church
of England Middle School. In the morning from 10.30 onwards the Primary School
is holding a May Fair at the School. The May Queen and Princesses will be crowned,
there will be a gymnastic display by the children as well as all the usual stalls.
In the afternoon an Auction Sale is being held to raise a percentage of the £6,000
needed from the Governors for alterations necessary to comply with the change over
to the Comprehensive System of Education at St. Mary’s C. of E. Middle School.
H.R.H. Princess Margaret, who opened the School when it was new, is very kindly
sending an offering for the Auction. The Governors would be most grateful for any
saleable items from antiques to cakes and jams. Mrs. Dibbenham of East Farm,
Affpuddle, is the collector for this area. Please support this event generously.

AFFPUDDLE – VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH YARD MOWING
The agreed rota is shown below. Each team of three is asked to be responsible for
mowing the Church-yard once during the fortnight indicated. There are still 'vacancies'
after August, so further volunteers are needed, please.

ROTA
up to 12th April
13th April - 26th April
27th April - 10th May
11th May - 24th May
25th May - 7th June
8th June - 21st June
22nd June - 5th July
6th July - 19th July
20th July - 2nd Aug
3rd Aug - 16th Aug
17th Aug - 30th Aug
31st Aug - 13th Sept
14th Sept - 27th Sept
28th Sept - 11th Oct
12th Oct - 25th Oct
26th Oct - 8th Nov

Mr. and Mrs. David Payne have kindly volunteered to keep down the long grass
by the river and to keep the paths and headstones tidy.

The Parochial Church Council is very grateful to all who have volunteered to
help preserve the appearance of this village beauty spot which is visited by people
from far and wide, and has been featured in one of our national calendars. We
would also like to thank David Payne for continued maintenance work on the Church
mower; Roger Prideaux for cutting and trimming the yew trees; and Mr. and Mrs.
Kellaway for housing the Church mower, lending their wheel barrow, and for help
in many other ways.

AFFPUDDLE – IMPACT
In addition to the Churchyard mowing thanks to all those who have
volunteered for church cleaning, window cleaning, embroidery of kneelers or sewing,
and arranging church flowers – a very welcome addition to the present names on
the rota. Our thanks also to those who have served on the Impact Committee
to Major and Mrs. Kayll for the use of Moor Lane House for meetings; to Mrs.
Shirley Prideaux for typing letters and lists, and to Mr. Walls for housing our
'Suggestion Box'.

BERE REGIS NEWS — MOTHERS UNION
At our last meeting on the 1st April, Mrs. Jan Parsons gave an interesting talk on
the "Christian Family". Our next meeting will be on the 6th May at "Hillbutts,"
Butt Lane, the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Pitfield, when the Matron of the Victoria School for handicapped children will give an illustrated talk on the work of the school. The Prayer Group will meet in the Mortan Chapel on Fridays 9th and 23rd at 11 a.m., and the M.U. walk will take place on the 16th May starting at 10.30 a.m. There will be a Festival Service for members of the Wimborne and Blandford Deaneries at Wimborne Minster on the 19th May at 11.30 a.m., and on the 28th May the Bishop of Sherborne is leading a Quiet Day at Winterborne Stickland starting at 10.30 a.m. On the 3rd June we are having a branch outing to Broadlands, and if anyone would like to join us they will please contact either Mrs. Pitfield or Mrs. Shaw by the 15th May.

BERE REGIS WIVES GROUP

We have had a very interesting talk on Purbeck Oil by Mr. Bloxman, when a number of husbands were able to attend as well, also a very interesting demonstration of Easter Cookery, when Mrs. C. Townley won a Simnel Cake.

In May we are having a Brassrubbing Demonstration on the 12th May at 7.30 in the Church, and on the 26th we are preparing for the Summer Market, and holding a Beetle Drive.

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND: I am again having a book stall at the Village Carnival. Last year this made £12 for Cancer Research, so it seems a project well worth repeating. If anyone has any books of any sort they are ‘turning-out’ during Spring Cleaning etc., I can collect and store them (Diana Holman – Puddletown 262).

PARISH COUNCIL: With the coming of the long awaited bypass and the completion of a large new housing estate, Bere Regis Parish Council are well aware of the possible future need for extended amenities and recreational facilities in a developing village. Any suggestion or comment on this subject from any parishioner will be welcomed at any Parish Council Meeting. These meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Drax Hall on the following dates in 1981: April 22nd, May 25th (Parish Council Meeting – Annual); June 17th; July 22nd; August 19th; September 23rd; October 21st; November 18th and December 23rd.

MOTORCYCLES: The Parish Council again reminds motorbike riders that within the bounds of the parish of Bere Regis there are NO bridlepaths nor footpaths along which it is legal to ride motorbikes.

EXHIBITION: ‘Craftsmen’s Art and Music’s Measure’. To be held in the Parish Church from July 16th to 19th 1981. Please tell the P.C.C. Secretary, Mrs. Howard if you have some work of your own you would kindly lend for this exhibition. The editors would like to apologise for the omission of the following announcement from last month’s magazine. This was due to circumstances beyond our control, and we hope it has not caused too much inconvenience:

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION: On Sunday 17th May a band will head a procession through the village to a service at St. John the Baptist Church at 3 p.m., to mark the occasion of the dedication of our new Branch Standard. This is a rare event in village life so it is hoped that every Legionnaire both young and old will make every effort to attend. Assembly point for Parade is Green Close at 2.15 p.m.

R.B.L. WOMEN’S SECTION: Held a coffee evening at the R.B.L. H.Q. on March 18th. The Chairman Mrs. Maidment would like to thank everyone who supported, donated and helped to run the various stalls, make the coffee and run the draw, thereby making the evening a great success. On March 30th the women’s section were hostesses for the Purbeck Spring Group meeting, an enjoyable evening was had by upwards to 100 members of the various group branches who were entertained by their hostesses with games, competitions, and community singing, which was followed by refreshments and a draw. Both the women’s section and Branch Standard attended a Rededication Parade and Service at Fordington, Dorchester on April 9th.

J.C.

AUGUST LEAVES OVER 60s CLUB: What a lovely trip we had for our first tour of the year – lovely weather, beautiful scenery and gardens and a gorgeous cream tea awaiting us at Cadnam – what could be better for our 48 members. Our next meeting is on May 13th at the Drax Hall, 2.30. Competition is for a play in a wine glass – we hope to have a speaker. Our ‘Gidabouts’ Concert party have done more entertainments, 33 in all since they started 2 years ago, and last month included a Golden Wedding in their list. Our grateful thanks is extended to all our friends and members who gave us 50–50 clothes and all sorts of articles for our ‘New to You’ Sale – a profit of £150 was made towards our funds. We hope to keep this sale going every year. Thanks also to the hard working committee and members who helped – also, to everyone in the village who gave us such good quality articles, and clothes.

K.J.

BERE REGIS AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB: We have now collected all our sponsored swim money and the final sum raised for the Medical Equipment Fund for £169.09. Our thanks to all that took part and the sponsors for their generosity. Our Summer Swimming Season is to re-commence at Bovington on Saturday 9th May with arrangements as before. We meet at the Lay-by opposite lower church gate at 5.30 p.m. New members always welcomed.

B.H.

WOMEN’S INSTITUTE: At our May meeting there will be a ‘Market Stall’, produce most welcome the hostesses being Mrs. Cleall and Mrs. Watts. Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Chesham and Mrs. Mullins each received an award at the Group Spring Show. ‘Captain Moggies Band’, the amusing play given by our members at the Group Spring Meeting was a great success. Seven members attended the County Spring Council Meeting at Weymouth. The coffee morning held at Mrs. Carlyle’s made a profit of £33 to be divided equally between the Medical Equipment Fund and Dorset Federation Women’s Institute, our thanks to all who gave their support.

N.P.

YOUTH CLUB: Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Jumble Sale, which raised £58.00 for our building fund. Don’t miss Mrs. Penny’s ‘Cavalcade of Costume’, in the Church on May 23rd at 7.00 p.m. Tickets on sale now from Pam Collis, Corner Stores, or Di Phillips, Sitterton. Price £1.00 adults, and 50p children (including coffee).

LETTERS: We are always glad of the opportunity to publish your views on any subject, space permitting. The following was received with great interest:

Dear Sir,

I am surprised by the apparent obsession of this magazine in their attitude to the youth of this village. It seems that they have got its teeth into a section of our community which cannot easily hit back.

While no way condoning the misdemeanours of a few, I believe that an equal amount of coverage should be given to the many good aspects of the village youth. Our problems should be kept in perspective. They are typical of those which are occurring in small villages all over the country where amenities and activities are insufficient to satisfy modern youth in a changing technical world.
The problems in the cities are far worse. My recent involvements in Northern Ireland confirm this.

Are we adults doing our bit to solve these problems? There are the Club organisers who give up their spare time to assist in the several sporting and social activities but what about the rest of us?

A recent 'Bring and Buy' Sale to raise funds for the club was a dismal failure. Out of 400 circulars distributed by the organisers, there were only 4 replies. Yet the sponsored disco run by the youth raised £620. Draw your own conclusions.

I believe that all of us who have children have a duty to support the Youth Club. We must remember that its members are this village's next generation. If this village is to survive and thrive then the youth must be encouraged to stay here.

We must instill in them a sense of pride; it is up to use to create this.

As a start, may I suggest that this magazine gives more space to balanced and accurate reporting on their activities.

Yours faithfully,

Major C. M. Barne.

Well, it certainly gives us food for thought. I was beginning to think maybe we had been a little hard on 'the few' until I went out to my car on Mother's Day to discover it had been pelted with rotten eggs. The only thing that diffused my anger was the lovely bouquet I received at the special Church service later. Despite this, we are still interested to hear from you, whichever way you feel about this controversial matter.

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* ROYAL OAK: Phil and Chris would like to remind people that they now provide bars for outside functions, weddings, parties etc. Come and see us to arrange for all your special needs. Tel: Bere Regis 203

* DRAK ARMS: For good beer and good food. Venison sausages our speciality. Ring your order in for 'takeaway food' - Cod and chips, chicken and chips etc.

Tel: Bere Regis 396.