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My dear friends,

"Her Ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace."

Proverbs: 3:17

The writer of Proverbs is referring here to the ways of Wisdom. The Divine Wisdom which is manifest in creation and that Providence which guides nations and individuals. To a traveller in unknown country the misfortune of losing his way may literally be a matter of life and death. To a pilgrim striving to follow the Christian Way the loss of direction can be equally disastrous. I suppose these thoughts are prompted by the opening of our splendid new by-pass road at Bere Regis. Long and eagerly awaited, it provides a much needed relief to a village which was under threat of being submerged in the ever increasing volume of traffic. So, on 5th July the new road was opened and suddenly, as if by the waving of a magic wand, the cars and lorries were gone. Unfamiliar, and to some people unwelcome peace descended upon the village and as one old resident remarked, "I can't sleep now, it's so quiet."

It struck me after hearing this remark that we are sometimes ill-prepared for the undoubted change which takes place in the road we are treading, when we turn back to the Christian Way after some digression. Sometimes the busy bustling highway with all its excitement and distraction may seem preferable to the much narrower and quieter route which we are required to travel. Yet it is the goal we are pursuing rather than the attractions of the road itself which is vitally important. On his journey to the
Celestial City, Christian passed through Vanity Fair and was very nearly persuaded to abandon his quest. It was only that the Shining Light which had been his guide from the outset was constantly in his eye that kept him faithful to his path. The ancient name of Christianity is The Way, and it provides for us and for all men of goodwill a sure path to the nearer presence of God himself.

So let us too be wise and follow this path in the steps of Him who led the way, Jesus our Lord.

Yours very sincerely,
Denis Shaw

NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE

LAMMAS DAY, 1st August, falls on Sunday this year, and I felt that it would be appropriate to celebrate this ancient festival with a special service. In place of Evensong at Bere Regis there will be a special Lammastide Service with a sheaf of new corn brought to Church to be blessed, and our farming community taking an active part. We all love our countryside and are proud of it, so do take this opportunity of thanking God for all His goodness to us in providing for our needs.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN’S SOCIETY holds a high place in our hearts because of its tireless work in caring for deprived children. On Wednesday 4th August a coffee evening will be held at the Vicarage in aid of the Society commencing at 7 p.m. Those who have boxes are asked to bring them with them for emptying. The children need your help so please come along.

A BARBECUE has been arranged by the Women’s Institute at Sitterton House on Friday 13th August at 7 p.m. The proceeds will be in aid of the Bere Regis Church Restoration Fund. Apart from the food the sideshows will include Skittles, Bottle Tombola, and a Raffle. Tickets £1.50 each are obtainable from Mrs Carlyle or Mrs Penfold. If it is raining on the 13th the Barbecue will be held on the following evening. This should prove to be a very enjoyable evening and your support would be greatly appreciated.

A DEANERY DISCOVERY DAY is being arranged by the Mission and Unity Committee, to be held at Winterborne Kingston on Saturday 4th September from 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The day will include discovery sessions on the subjects of Unity, Mission, Christian Aid and Vision. Those attending are asked to bring a packed lunch which will be taken between 12.45 and 1.30 p.m. During the afternoon there will be a service of Matins followed by worship. Tea will end the day. There should be something of interest everyone. So please do your best to support this imaginative event.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM
Admitted into the Family of Christ.
BERE REGIS: 4th July Sadie Louise Harris, daughter of Michael and Nicola Harris
AFFPUDDE: 4th July Camilla Anne Allen, daughter of Ferlina and Simon Allen

KEEPING OUT OF THE RED

When dealing with our personal financial affairs, most of us keep an anxious eye on our bank balance to see that our account is not overdrawn. Where Church Finances are concerned, we tend to imagine that these go smoothly on without too much concern about such mundane considerations. HOWEVER, we are informed by our Treasurer that the state of our cash balances at Bere Regis is giving rise to considerable anxiety. Quite simply our expenditure is exceeding our income by an ever increasing amount each year. THEREFORE, we must increase our income, and the only way of doing this is for faithful members of the Church whose names appear on the Electoral Roll to give serious consideration to increasing their giving. THE METHODS of giving are:

1. Bankers Order (Covenants are now for a four year period)
2. Through the Envelope Scheme
3. Through the collection bag at Church Services

Please compare what you are giving to your Church with other items in your weekly expenditure and then decide whether God is getting enough. We need your help, and are sure that you will not fail.

DENIS SHAW
VICAR

CHURCH SERVICES – AUGUST

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P.R. Thorniley

AFFPUDDLE FAMILY SERVICE

It is holiday time, when families give special thought to doing relaxing, recreational activities together. Not only our physical and intellectual natures, but our spiritual natures, also, need refreshment; an informal service of this sort is one way through which God can give it to us. Do join us.

J.H.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

At the meeting of the council held at the end of June a request for assistance for relief work in the Lebanon by Christian Aid was discussed and it was agreed to donate £100. It is intended that further support for Christian Aid should be considered at a later meeting of the council. The arrangements for the Harvest Supper (on 24th September) were reviewed. It is intended that this year there will be a Buffet Supper, followed by a Barn Dance. The council considered estimates of costs for the purchase of copies of the Alternative Service Book, and after extensive discussion decided by a majority vote to obtain fifty hardbound copies of the full service book.

THANK YOU TIME! On behalf of the O.A.P.s of the Parish I would like to express our thanks to the Bladen Social Club, also to the Lady Hostesses, Dinah, Ivy and Winnie, for a most enjoyable outing.

B. Clarke

OTHER THAN THANK YOU

Thanks and appreciation are due to Mr Ventham and the Affpuddle Parish members of the Bere Regis Cubs and Scouts who gave up time on one Saturday to cut the grass in the ring opposite the Village Hall and to oil the Jubilee seat and the Village Hall doors and porch. Well done boys!

SCHOOL NEWS - PUDDLETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term we said goodbye to Mrs Arnold and Mrs Savage who are leaving to take up teaching posts elsewhere. Presentations were made to both ladies at the last open assembly of the term. Unfortunately the sports day had to be cancelled because of rain. During this term all the forms have been on outings. The school concert held on 1st July was a great success.

BLAEDEN VALLEY PARTY

The Balden Valley residents organised a splendid party on 3rd July. There was a delicious barbeque and dancing. A profit, in the region of £110, was raised for the Playgroup funds.

THE VILLAGE HALL, BRIANTSPUDDLE

In recent years evening lettings of the Village Hall have been made to Bladen Social Club during the winter months for most of the Mondays and Fridays and many of the Saturdays. Police objections have recently been made to the serving of liquor into the hall by the Club as it is technically outside the boundaries of the Club. These objections have been met by a much more formal and rigid arrangement between the Club and the Hall management (the Parish Council) whereby all the hall lettings on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1st September to 30th April between the hours of 8 and 11 p.m. are allocated and paid for by the Club on the same financial terms as to other users. This has the advantage to the Hall management of a guaranteed income for the Hall, but the disadvantage to other potential users that Monday, Friday and Saturday evening bookings are largely pre-empted by the Club. A loophole has been left, however, by which the Club may concede some of its bookings by arrangement. It is expected that such...
concessions may be most easily arranged for Saturdays but least easily made for Fridays because of League Skittles fixtures. The rigid booking agreement was only entered into reluctantly by both parties as a means of countering police criticism in a way which would maintain the Club’s interest in using the Hall, so that it will continue also to be a main subscriber to the Hall revenues.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB ENTERTAINMENTS. On 30th June at 2 p.m. fifty-six O.A.P.s left Briantspuddle for a Mystery Trip in two of Mr House’s buses. We took our time going through small villages and parts of the New Forest. There we were able to see lots of ponies and their foals from inside the bus. Then it was on to Lyndhurst where we stopped for an hour, so enable us to have a cup of tea, and a look around the shops. From there we were taken on another superb tour of the countryside, making our way along the coastline to finish up at The Silent Woman Hotel near Wareham for our evening meal. Everyone seemed to be hungry by now and I think everyone enjoyed it. Finally it was back to the Bladen Social Club to finish off our outing with a free drink with the compliments of the Club. Just one last thing, many thanks to all of you for giving us your newspapers, because as most of you know the money collected from these helps towards payment for the outing. P.S. We have started saving papers ready for next year! Winnie Johnson

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB HORTICULTURAL SHOW – 7th AUGUST – 2.30 p.m.
The Show will be opened by the Rev. B. Johnson. There will be a children’s fancy dress parade which usually brings a little excitement and colour. Our usual stalls will consist of Tombola, Cake Stall, Plants, Ice Cream and Raffle. Games will be organised by the Youth Club.

RECIPES FROM AROUND THE PARISH. This month’s recipe for an Easy Fruit Cake is contributed by Mrs Janet Croft, a super cook. (I know, the most delicious smells of cooking waft over the hedge!)

Ingredients: 12oz mixed fruit 4oz sugar
4oz butter or margarine 2pt of water
1 egg 8oz self raising flour
1. Place fruit, sugar, margarine and water in a pan and simmer slowly for 20 minutes.
2. Allow this mixture to cool, then add beaten egg and stir in flour.
3. Turn into a greased cake tin (6 or 7 inches)
4. Bake for 1½ hours at 300°F. Leave in tin for 10 minutes to cool before turning out.

WOMEN’S INSTITUTE. At the ‘Member’s Evening’ in June we followed the ‘Trail’ in Thorncombe Woods, which all members thoroughly enjoyed and completed by having refreshments at a local hotelry. Mrs Mulliner, the National Treasurer, will be speaking at W/Zelston on August 26th, all group members welcome. Our next meeting after the summer break will be September 21st. Please remember our BARBECUE at Sitterton House, 7.00 p.m. August 13th, IN AID OF CHURCH RESTORATION FUND. Tickets £1.50 from Mrs Carlyle B.R.441; Mrs Penfold B.R.540 or any W.I. member. Bring your friends along for an enjoyable evening. N.P.

BER E REGIS PARISH COUNCIL The Chairman and Councillors were very pleased to see such a large number of parishioners attending the opening of the By-Pass for which they express their thanks. The turn out was noted by the Minister and reflected the feelings of the residents. There are still some snags but it is to be hoped that they will be rectified promptly. The council will certainly be aware of the problems and will submit them to the authorities concerned.

DRA X HALL. A very successful coffee morning was held on Wednesday 7th July at the home of Mr & Mrs Bloomfield in Boswell’s Close. A profit of £51.21 was made for Draz Hall funds. The Committee wish to thank Mr & Mrs Bloomfield for their hard work and for opening their home to us all. Also thanks to all who came to help and to support the Hall. Mr & Mrs Bloomfield wish to thank all those who so cheerfully helped at their Coffee Morning for the Draz Hall, and to say how grateful they are to the friends who came and gave so generously and made it such a success.

THE GARDEN PARTY AT SITTERTON FARMHOUSE will be on WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4th and NOT as stated in the July magazine. If anyone is willing to assist in making this an enjoyable occasion for all ages, as it was last year, kindly contact Mrs Gooch. Any suggestions or offers welcome.

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND. 1987 Christmas cards to be sold in aid of Cancer Research will be available at Summerrods on Tuesday 21st September – more details to be included in next month’s magazine. The Bere Regis Group is arranging its most ambitious fund raising event so far – a band concert in the Wessex Hall, Poole Arts Centre at which the bands of the Royal Tank Regiment and the Junior Leaders Regiment will perform. Other items will also be included in the programme making it a spectacular evening’s entertainment. Please note your diaries now for 18th November. Fuller details will be announced later.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN’S SECTION’s Annual Fete at H.Q.s on June 12th was opened by Mr Peter Clark from TVE who proved very popular by staying all the afternoon, signing autographs and mingling and talking. With many stalls and side shows and marching by the Blandford Majorettes, the afternoon was a great success and realised £286.75. The Chairman, Mrs Maidenhead, would like to thank everyone who donated, contributed and helped to make this event such a success. On June 16th forty one members and friends enjoyed a mystery tour, a beautiful day, when members were taken through lovely country scenery, with a stop for tea then home through the Dorset countryside. Everyone agreed that it was a very enjoyable afternoon and evening. War Memorial for August: Mrs Steele & Mrs Mitten, War Memorial for September: Miss Green.
AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60s

A successful afternoon was enjoyed by members and friends who supported our Open Day when our main theme for this year was a lovely display of christening gowns. They ranged from a modern knitted one to one over 100 years old—beautiful workmanship and a delight for all to see. Our Annual Rose Competition was judged this year by Mr Bob Porter to whom we extend our thanks. He had a difficult task judging the 23 entries especially after the dreadful weather two days previously. The winner of the Silver Rose Bowl was Mrs Pitman of Green Close. Mr P. Atrieside from Surrey staged a very interesting exhibit including a doll's house and various horses and carts and musical boxes in miniature made in brass and copper. Various stalls were raising funds and our thanks go to Mrs Jo Hewitt in particular for her stall selling woven toys. Our next meeting is our Summer Tour (with fish and chip tea) on Wednesday 11th August leaving Bere Regis at 2.30 p.m. The cost is £2.50 inclusive and the list is at the Butcher's shop. The Gadabouts Concert Party have again performed giving a two-hour show for Puddletown Carnival. Thanks to everyone including our violinists, John England. If anyone has any odd wool, left over materials or books please bring along to the Butcher's shop. Many thanks.

THE MOTHER'S UNION

Our July meeting started in Church with Holy Communion and then at the Vicarage we had our Annual General Meeting. On 30th June we had a very happy and enlightening "Church Crawl" organised by Mr and Mrs Fred Pitfield. We visited three churches at Piddletrenthide, Piddle Hinton and Puddletown, and in each one Mr Pitfield showed us things of interest and beauty. The evening ended with a ploughman's supper at the Blue Vyne at Puddletown. On the 6th July eight of us worked in the refectory at Salisbury Cathedral. Prayer Group will take place on Fridays 16th and 28th August at 11 a.m. Our next branch meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. on 1st September at the Vicarage, when Miss Sybil Frinton is to be the speaker.

Doreen Shaw

BERE REGIS FLOWER FESTIVAL

The Flower Festival organised in aid of the Bere Regis Church Restoration Fund and held on 10th and 11th July was an outstanding success. The Floral Group under the guidance of Mrs Cara Barne transformed the church into a wonderful bower of flowers. Members of the Cornet Group inaugurated the proceedings with a delightful concert on Friday evening and both Saturday and Sunday were days of perfect weather for the Vicarage Garden Teas and for the much appreciated Garden Walks. A full account of the festival together with the financial result will appear in the next issue of the Parish Magazine. Meanwhile, our very special thanks are due to all those involved.

YOUTH CLUB

In an endeavour to boost the club funds this year—just to keep going—a Gymkhana is to be held on 2nd October at Philliups Farm by kind permission of Mr John Baldwin. Support is required to get this venture off the ground in the form of donations and offers of help on the day. I hope that parents of members will see this as a very real way to help the club which is going through a bad financial state at present. Offers of help to Mrs Phillips, Culverdell, Sitterton and details of the Gymkhana events may be obtained from Mrs Churchill, 22 Springwell Close, Corfe Castle.
DON'T FORGET, SATURDAY 14th AUGUST and the venue is the
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Clubroom where the 10th Annual Flower and Vegetable Show
will be open at 2.30 p.m.
Admission 10p, children free.
Exhibits to be in place by 10 a.m. on morning of the Show, when judging will commence.
Come and admire a selection of the prize produce grown in the district.
To end the day join members in a Punch and Cheese evening from 8 o'clock.

PARISH CALENDAR
AUGUST
4th Wed. Garden Party, Sitterton Farmhouse
   Coffee Evening and Box Opening 7.00 p.m. at the Vicarage, for the Church of
   England Children's Society
7th Sat. Bladem Social Club Horticultural Show, Briantspuddle Village Hall.
11th Wed. Autumn Leaves Summer Tour. Leave 2.30 p.m. £2.50 inc. Fish & chips.
13th Fri. W.I. Barbecue in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.
   Sitterton Farmhouse 7.00 p.m.
14th Sat. B.B.L. 10th Annual Flower & Vegetable Show Clubroom 2.30 p.m.
18th Wed. Parish Council Meeting 7.00 p.m. Drax Hall.
SEPT.
8th Wed. Sidesmen's Quarterly meeting 7.00 p.m. Vicarage
   Autumn Leaves 12th birthday luncheon 1.00 p.m.
11th Sat. Horseshow, Gynkhana & Dog Show, Gallows Hill, in aid of Church Restoration
18th Sat. Scout Group Barn Dance 8.00 p.m. Drax Hall.
22nd Wed. Parish Council meeting 7.00 p.m. Drax Hall.
25th Sat. Rammage Sale Drax Hall.
OCT.
2nd Sat. Gynkhana and jumping classes in aid of Youth Club funds, Philliols Farm.
6th Wed. Coffee morning. Mrs Mooney's 10.30 a.m. in aid of Drax Hall.
20th Wed. Parish Council meeting 7.00 p.m. Drax Hall.
NOV.
6th Sat. Autumn Leaves Annual Ball, Bovington.

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