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The Vicarage, Bere Regis

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

"Keep oh keep us Saviour Dear,
   Ever constant by thy side,
   That with thee we may appear,
   At the eternal Eastertide."
   - LENTEN HYMN

The fact that Easter Day falls on a date so early in April this year
means that during this month we see the start of the Season of Lent. Indeed
we seem hardly to have emerged from the celebration of Christmas and the
New Year, before we are plunged in to what for many is a gloomy period
in the Church's year. However, the course of our lives is inevitably a
series of peaks and troughs, so that when we come face to face with a
Penitential Season we should to some extent be prepared. In any event
perhaps the word "trough" is the wrong one to use for Lent. It is certainly
a time for calm reflection, and for the reappraisal of our religious life.
The world situation is such, that serious thought needs to be applied to
its many problems, as well as strong resolution. For Christians the serious
thought must involve a determination of our own place in the Family of
Christ, and of our usefulness in the worshipping community. The strong
resolution must involve us in "taking everything to God in prayer", and
accepting the guidance of his Holy Spirit in our future conduct.
If Lent is used thus constructively, it may be rather a springboard than a trough. A springboard that launches us into new action and firm witness for the cause to which we are committed. To walk with Christ means following the Way of the Cross, but through the Cross the light of Easter may be perceived, and Easter means a share in our Lord’s Resurrection. May the Season of Lent be for you a time of keeping close to Christ.

Yours very sincerely,
DENIS SHAW

NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN’S SOCIETY THANKSGIVING SERVICE As announced in the January magazine, a Thanksgiving Service for the work of the Church of England Children’s Society is being held in the Bere Regis Church on Sunday the 3rd February at 6 p.m. Representatives from the Blandford and District Branch will be present and it is hoped that this service will be well supported.

THE MOTHER’S UNION meets on Wednesday 6th February at 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage.

THE BERE REGIS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL meets at the Vicarage on Thursday 7th February at 7.30 p.m.

THE BERE REGIS RINGERS will be hosts to other ringers from the Dorset Guild on Saturday 16th February. There will be a special ringers service in Church at 4 p.m.

THE SEASON OF LENT commences on the 20th February which is Ash Wednesday. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in the Bere Regis Church at 7.30 p.m. It is hoped to arrange a Lenten Study Group on Wednesday evenings during Lent. The first of these will be on Wednesday 27th February at 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage. Further details will be given later.

CONFIRMATION 1985 On Sunday 3rd March a group of young candidates from Bere Regis will be presenting themselves at the Blandford Parish Church for Confirmation by the Bishop of Sherborne at 10.30 a.m. Your prayers are asked for them as they make this important step in their lives. The names of the Candidates are: Darryl Barrett, Ashley Black, Charlotte McDonald, Andrew Ward, Andrew Cheeseman, Joanne Skinner, Karen Pittfield, Colin Watkins, Andre Mooney, Lynn Fancy.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BURIAL - May they rest in peace
BERE REGIS
21st December
Malcolm Belben buried at Bere Regis Cemetery

AFFPUDDLE
8th January
Bessie Clarke buried Affpuddle Churchyard

IN MEMORIAM
Malcolm Belben was born in Lincolnshire, but when he was very young the family moved to Winterborne Kingston, and it was there that Malcolm first went to school. He completed his education at the Bere Regis School, and upon leaving he was apprenticed to a local firm of builders, Griffin & Son. Malcolm Belben saw National Service, and at that time he was mainly serving in the West Country. Upon returning to Civilian life he set up his own business as a builder and in 1957 he married his wife who came from Parkstone. The couple came to live in the bungalow between Bere Regis and Winterborne Kingston which had been built by Malcolm’s father. It was there that both their daughters were born. As well as his building business Mr Belben ran a small poultry farm in the grounds of the bungalow, sharing the work with his wife Hazel. They had recently sold this property and were living temporarily in Bere Regis. Malcolm Belben was essentially a home-loving man with few interests outside his family circle. Nevertheless he had many friends and was universally respected. The illness which brought about the sad end to his life was distressing in its effects and caused him great suffering. To his family we can only extend our love and sympathy at this time of great sorrow.

Mrs Bessie Clarke was born near Dorchester, one of a family of five children. She attended school in Dorchester but shortly after leaving school the family moved to Tolpuddle. Bessie continued living there with her mother for many years and worked for a time at the village inn. Later in life she married her husband Tom, who was a coachdriver for Bere Regis coaches, and the couple came to live in his father’s old house in the Hadrian Valley. They had no children but both were keen members of the Zedan Valley Social Club where, between them, they ran the bar for a number of years. After her husband’s death, Bessie continued with her many activities. She was very fond of Whist Drives, she was one of the early members of the Autumn Leaves Club at Bere Regis, and enjoyed many outings with them. She was also a great knitter and in her time had knitted hundreds of pairs of gloves which were in great demand. She loved her house and garden, and spent much time in them, but she had many friends and was always ready for a chat and a good laugh. Her health had been deteriorating for some time but her sudden death came as a shock to her relatives and acquaintances. She lived a simple unassuming life, but she will be greatly missed in the small community which had been her home for so long.

Mrs Norah de Boinville whose sudden death was reported on Christmas Day had close connections with this parish. For a number of years she lived with her daughter Mrs Pauline Howard at Sitterton House, and at that time she became a well known figure in the village, either walking with her dogs, or driving her car. In spite of her advanced years Mrs de Boinville
was remarkably active, and was indeed still riding her horse when she was in her late seventies. She was a lady of great courage and with a splendid sense of humour who will be greatly missed by her countless friends. Our sympathy goes out to her family at their time of loss.

CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY

**BERE REGIS**  **AFFPUDDLE**

**Sunday 3rd Feb.**  
9.30 a.m. Family Comm.  
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.

Septuagesima  
6.00 p.m. Church of England  
11.15 a.m. Matins  
Children’s Society Thanksgiving Service

**Sunday 10th Feb.**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.  
9.30 a.m. Family Eucharist

**Sexagesima**  
11.00 a.m. Matins  
6.00 p.m. Evensong

**Sunday 17th Feb.**  
9.30 a.m. Family Comm.  
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.

**Quinquagesima**  
6.00 p.m. Evensong  
10.30 a.m. Family Service  
Affpuddle Guides & Brownies

**Sunday 24th Feb.**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.  
9.30 a.m. Eucharist

**Lent 1**  
11.00 a.m. Matins

**Sunday 3rd March**  
9.30 a.m. Family Comm.  
8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.

**Lent 2**  
6.00 p.m. Evensong  
11.15 a.m. Matins

**ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

**Wed. 20th Feb.**  
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion

**Ash Wednesday**

**Wed. 27th Feb.**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

**Wed. 6th March**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

**SIDESMEN’S ROTA - BEREGIS**

**Feb. 3rd**  
9.30 a.m.  Mr G. Ward & Mr A. Bates

**Feb. 7th**  
6.00 p.m.  C. of E. Children’s Soc’y. Service - Special Collectors

**Feb. 10th**  
11.00 a.m.  Mrs M. England & Col. A. Barne

**Feb. 17th**  
9.30 a.m.  Mr K. Woolfries & Mr J. Strange

**Feb. 24th**  
11.00 a.m.  Mrs M. England & Mr M.A. Bloomfield

**March 3rd**  
9.30 a.m.  Miss S. Frampton & Mr H. Dashwood

**Sanctuary Flower Guild**

**Feb. 3rd**  
Miss A. Lys  
Miss E. Lys

**Feb. 10th**  
Bere Regis Wives

**Feb. 17th**  
Mrs Bates  
Mrs Hudson

**Feb. 24th**  
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**CHURCH DUTY ROTAS - AFFPUDDLE**

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**AFFPUDDLE FAMILY SERVICE**  
10.30 a.m. Sunday 17th February 1985

This Sunday we will be joined by the Brownies, Guides and Rangers of the Piddle Valley District. The Girl Guides’ movement celebrates its 75th Anniversary this year, so we will have much for which to praise God together. We shall of course have all the usual elements of our family services, including light refreshments afterwards. Do join us. J.H.

**AFFPUDDLE NEWS**

Please may I have items for inclusion in the magazine by 14th of the month.  
P. R. Thorniley

**THANK YOU TIME**  
Letters of thanks have been received from The Children's Society for £32.00 collection taken at the Gift Service, from The Cheshire Home in Dorchester for the toys given by the congregation and others at the Gift Service and from the Diocesan Society for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the collection taken on Christmas Day which amounted to £34.35. Thank you, too, to all those who contributed towards the purchase of flowers for the Christmas decorations in the Church. £6.00 was collected and white sprays of chrysanthemums were bought from Major Barne, which lasted well into January. The collection taken at the Carol Service for Christian Aid - Ethiopian famine relief amounted to £52.25 and the total amount collected for the Bishop of Salisbury’s special appeal for the relief of refugees in the Sudan amounted to £61.10.

**VILLAGE QUIZ**  
This year’s village quiz which is arranged by the Briantspuddle Hall Committee will take place on Wednesday 15th February at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Last year’s winners, St. Laurence Church Term, have set the questions and by the time the magazine is received all the organisations should have received an invitation to send a team to compete. If you or your organisation have not received an invitation and would like to compete please contact Mrs Bowell, Bere Regis 471387 before 6th February 1985. Light refreshments will be provided.
BRIANTSPUDDLE ETHIOPIAN FAMINE APPEAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY The children's Christmas Party to raise funds for the Ethiopian Famine Appeal was a great success and enjoyed by those who came. £400 was raised from the party, raffle, coffee morning and sponsored slim by Lindsay Howell. We should like to thank all firms and local people for their very kind contributions and those on the Village Hall Committee who donated money to cover the cost of hiring the Hall. The money raised will be passed on to the Save the Children Fund. Any further donations would be gratefully received. Lyn Penman, Maggie Reading, Lindy Ventham, Charlotte Sebag-Montefiore, Sally King.

BRIANTSPUDDLE SINGERS wish to thank everybody in Affpuddle (18th) and Briantspuddle (20th December) who generously gave to the fund for the special baby care unit in Dorchester Hospital during the Singers carol singing around the parish. The amount raised was £63.10.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB NEWS The Bladen Social A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday 20th February at 8.00 p.m. No admittance to the meeting after 8.15 p.m. Membership fees must be paid between 1st and 31st March. All members must apply in person to pay their own membership fees.

On 15th December members and guests enjoyed a good Christmas dance and cabaret, supplied by Summer Breeze. A buffet for everyone including turkey and ham, and other goodies were prepared by committee ladies, which was much appreciated. Our Grand Christmas Draw was once again very popular and a superb range of Christmas Fayre prizes which was bought by Mrs Jeanes. The Christmas Whist Drive was well attended and good prizes for the winners. This time it is Mr G. Poore we have to thank for buying the prizes for the whist drives. Also do not forget the fortnightly whist drives which have started again at the club. At the childrens Christmas party some 45 children had their Christmas tea which was followed by an entertainer from Weymouth. Then to round off the evening Father Christmas came to give each child a present. Finally on New Year's Eve an extra good evening was had by one and all in the Club. Superb music was supplied by Jimmy Gold to which everyone joined in. A few members came in fancy dress.

Prize winners were: adult class 1st prize Mrs Diane Holman, 2nd Mrs Winnie Johnson; Younger members 1st Jackie Prior, 2nd Miranda Holman, 3rd Debbie and Linda Jeanes. 1984 certainly had a good send off and 1985 a rousing welcome. One date for your diary, 9th February - Music with Pete Howell in the Club. Don't forget your newspapers for us! W. Johnson

Bladen Social Club - Singles Pool and Darts - For the last two weeks a singles pool and darts knockout has taken place. The finals night was on 12th January. Winners were as follows: Pool winner Bob Holman, Runner Up Chris Spenceley. Both these players belong to the Club's A Team. Darts Winner Bert Jeanes, Runner Up Geoff Gale. These two men also play in the club darts team. Trophies were presented by Mr Rolls and Mrs W. Johnson. Also our lucky winner for our club draw was David Hyman. Congratulations to him. W. Johnson

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS Complaints were received at the December Parish Council meeting about dogs overturning and "raking out" dustbins. PLEASE would all dog owners keep their animals under control. It is particularly unpleasant to collect up scattered rubbish and often it gets distributed around the village and sometimes when it is holiday home dustbins which are overturned the mess does not get cleared up immediately.

Parishioners are once again reminded that Parish Council meetings are held on the second last Wednesday in the month in the Village Hall. Briantspuddle Agendas are displayed on the Parish Notice boards together with forthcoming planning applications. It is up to Parishioners to make their views known about future developments to the Parish Council and the District Council before the meetings at which they will be considered.

PLAY GROUP AND UNDER 3s The Play Group is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays in the Village Hall. For details contact Sue Smith, Bere Regis 471919 or Rowena Clemens, Bindon Abbey 262024. The Under 3s meet every Tuesday from 2 to 3 by Lyndy Ventham.

HELP FOR THE CHURCH We still need volunteers for cleaning, flower arranging etc. Please contact Philippa Thorniley, Raithby Cottage, Bere Regis 471697

RECIPES FROM AROUND THE PARISH This month's recipe for TAFFY'S PIE is contributed by Mrs Norah Cornford.

Ingredients: 1lb potatoes, 3-4 leeks, 1lb cooked ham or chicken, 1 large tin of cream of chicken or mushroom soup, 1lb grated cheddar cheese

Method: Prepare the vegetables and parboil them separately then cut into 1 inch slices. Chop ham or chicken. Grease an ovenproof dish, put in a layer of potatoes then a layer of leeks, then the ham or chicken then another layer of leeks then potatoes. Cover with soup and top with grated cheese. Cook in an oven at 425°F for about 20 minutes. This dish can be made in advance and heated from cold at 425°F for 30 to 40 minutes.

BEREGIS PARISH COUNCIL After many years of asking, the County Council have agreed to move the 30 mph sign to the South side of the school, past Green Close. The Parish Council have pressed for this over the years and is pleased that, at last, action is being taken. Concern was expressed at the cut in the hours of the school caretaker which may result in the loss of a permanent post in the village. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the District Council asking that this matter be reconsidered. A time-table of all independent bus companies in Dorset is to be kept in the Post Office. Thanks to the Postmaster. Once again, the question of week-end cover for the doctors in the village was discussed.

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The Chairman referred this to the doctors who pointed out that, compared with most villages, Bere Regis was better served than most. The arrangement with Corfe Castle worked both ways and without the co-operation from our village Corfe would be left the worse off. Since the new surgery was opened the hours when the doctors can be contacted have increased and everyone is reminded that in an emergency, they are at liberty to call for an ambulance to be taken to hospital.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 'On the right scent' was the theme of our Christmas Competition when members sniffed 21 little bags (while drinking sherry and eating mince pies) to identify the contents. A happy pre-Christmas evening was enjoyed by 24 members which ended with carols after the unexpected arrival of Father Christmas with presents and who brought his own mistletoe and kissed all the ladies! The February meeting is at 6.45 for 7.00 p.m. for members. Tickets £1 for our 'Peanut Pie and Potato Party'. Cockney hats please for the Cockney evening.

MOTHER'S UNION On a cold winter's night members were transported around the world by Pat Mills telling us of her holiday to Australia, New Zealand, America and Hong Kong and of a day trip to China. Most of us were left dreaming that our chance would come one day. Members have been invited to a pre-Lent party on 5th February at 2.30 p.m. and anyone wishing to go should let Di Phillips know. At our next meeting Brenda will conduct an overseas evening. We shall have our photo taken for the scrapbook so please all attend. Teas - Jean, Shirley and Olive. Prayer Group meets on 8th and 22nd February. Our coffee morning will be on 9th March at 10.00 a.m. in the Vicarage and an afternoon outing to Forde Abbey has been arranged for 29th May.

BERE REGIS WIVES GROUP are holding the Pancake Race on 19th February at 10.30 a.m. in North Street which will be started by Vic Stone. This will be followed by a coffee morning with Bring & Buy stall etc., at Sally Cheese - man's home, in aid of new markers for the Bible in the church.

AUTUMN LEAVES Unfortunately, the New Year Party had to be cancelled due to the severe weather and for this we do apologise. However, this will now be held on 13th February, weather permitting! We wish all members and friends a Happy New Year and send grateful thanks to all those people who have donated to our funds during the year. A sincere thank you, also, to the committee members are to those who have supported us. God bless you all.

K.J.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER This year, the Women's World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday the 1st March and, in our area, it will be held at the Congregational Church in Bere Regis at 3.00 p.m., the speaker being Mrs Shirley Leggett of Wimborne. The Service has been prepared by the All India Council of Christian Women, a sub-unit of the National Council of Churches in India, and the theme is "Peace Through Prayer and Action."

This should be a very inspiring service, to which all women are welcome, and, following our time of prayer together, refreshments will be served in the Congregational Church.

Doreen Shaw

SCOUT GROUP

Whist Drive Thank you to all, especially Mr and Mrs House, for running the Whist Drive at Winterborne Kingston Village Hall, in aid of the Scout Group. We are very grateful to all those who contributed to the excellent total of £72.06 which was raised at this event.

Carol Singing An excellent total of £72.06 was collected in aid of Save the Children Fund on the two evenings carol singing at Bere Regis and Winterborne Kingston. Thank you to all who gave so generously and were kind enough to provide us with inner warmth on both evenings.

BELL RINGERS The Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Bellringers is holding its quarterly meeting at Bere Regis on Saturday 16th February. The branch will be ringing during the afternoon and evening, and will be holding a short service at 4.00 p.m. to which anyone is very welcome.

CHURCH CLOCK Thanks are due to Geoff Booth for many hours of work just before Christmas in getting the church clock back into action. It required recutting of some of the gear wheels which had become worn on one side over its 100 years plus life. Having got into action for a couple of weeks, one of the winding motors burnt out, but has now been replaced and is now striking the quarters as it has since 1877.

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* The Chancellor has promised not to change Pensions legislation in 1984. By inference and also what occurred in the 1984 budget regarding life assurance tax relief, adverse changes are very likely to occur this year. If you are self-employed or in non-pensionable employment and are thinking of pensions, there is no time like the present. You can still qualify for tax relief at the highest slice you pay and you may still withdraw a substantial tax free lump sum as well as a life time pension. These and many more benefits can still build up in a tax exempt fund. Don't wait until the Budget. Consult Bob Holman of the Canada Life Assurance Company - Telephone Puddletown 262

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