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without the Three Wise Men and the bright,
shining Star. The journey and the arrival
with the presentation of gifts has captured
the imagination of many writers and artists:
on January 6th., the Feast of the Epiphany
of our Lord, we again remember this very
special part of the story.

But we are all on a Journey: we all need
a Star or something to follow!

Life must have a purpose if it is to be
meaningful. We need a direction, a plan:
a star to follow.

New Year Resolutions may help - a new and
hopeful beginning is a marvellous opportun-
ity to look at life, to see what is of real
value, to see our strengths as well as our
shortcomings. Resolutions may get us back
on course - back on our journey.

Take some time: think back over the events
of 1986 - what were your priorities, what was neglected?
What plans have you got for 1987 - what Star are you following?

Where will GOD come in your vision of 1987?
What about your FAMILY?
Will there be time for involvement in the LOCAL COMMUNITY,
or for CHARITABLE WORK? The list goes on - it must be your
list, your own priorities as a Christian: it must reflect
the Star that you are following.

May your New Year have a thought-
ful beginning and a real sense
of purpose. May it be a Christ-
centred Year, and above all a
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jonathan Burke
CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

BERE REGIS

Sunday 4 January
2 after Christmas
9.30 am Parish Communion followed by Coffee
11.15 am Matins and Bring & Buy for Christian Aid
10.15 am Sunday School
6.00 pm Evensong with an Audio-visual presentation

Tuesday 6 January
The Epiphany
7.00 pm Holy Communion

SUNDAY 11 January
1 after Epiphany
6.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Procession leaves Old Barn Garage for THE PLOUGH SUNDAY SERVICE
2.30 pm Holy Baptism
6.00 pm Holy Communion and Laying on of hands

SUNDAY 18 January
2 after Epiphany
9.30 am Parish Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Affraipase: Family Worship
6.00 pm Evensong
8.00 am Holy Communion
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SUNDAY 25 January
Conversion of S. Paul
10.15 am Sunday School
NO Matins

SUNDAY 4 February
4 after Epiphany
9.30 am Parish Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
11.15 am Matins
6.00 pm Evensong

EVENSONG is normally said in Bere Regis Church at 6 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and in Affpuddle Church at 5.30 pm on Tuesdays. (See weekly notices)

THURSDAY is usually the Vicar's day off, please avoid contacting the Vicarage on that day except in emergency.

THE PRAYER GROUP meets in the Morton Chapel at Bere Regis at 11.45 am on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.

BIBLE READINGS IN OUR CHURCHES IN JANUARY

SUNDAY 4 JANUARY Theme: The Holy Family
8.00 am Holy Communion and 9.30 am Parish Communion
Romans 8.11 - 17; Luke 2.41 - end
11.15 am Matins
Isaiah 43.1 - 13; Matthew 2
6.00 pm Evensong
1 Samuel 1; John 4.19 - 26

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY Theme: Revelation - The Baptism of Jesus
8.00 am Holy Communion
Romans 12.1 - 5; Luke 2.41 - 52
9.30 am Parish Communion
Acts 10.34 - 48a; Matthew 3.13 - end

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY Theme: Revelation - The First Disciples
8.00 am Holy Communion and 9.30 am Parish Communion
Acts 26.1, 9 - 20; Mark 1.14 - 20
6.00 pm Evensong
1 Samuel 3.1 - 4.1a; John 1.35 - end

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY Theme: The Conversion of Saint Paul
8.00 am Holy Communion
Acts 9.1 - 22; Matthew 19.27 - 30

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism
December 7 Emma Louise JOHNSON
December 14 Rebekah Ann HARLEY

Holy Matrimony
November 29 Andrew John MILNE and Wendy Jane JACKSON

Burial of the Dead
November 17 Euphemia Malcolm BURKE
November 26 Trevor Douglas Maurice APPLIN
December 12 Dorothy Minnie DAVIS

The Family of Mrs Minnie DAVIS would like to thank all who have shown kindness to Mrs Davis over the years and all who have sent messages of sympathy and who attended the Funeral Service.

COME AND SEE the 'CHRISTMAS STORY' presented in Slides and Words by Tony Bates and Geoffrey Booth in Bere Regis Church at Evensong on SUNDAY 4 JANUARY at 6 pm.
IN MEMORIAM

Euphemia ('Effie') Malcolm Burke died in Dorset County Hospital after a very short illness. Effie had lived with her husband and daughter and son-in-law in Bere Regis for some six years, previously being in Swanage for thirty years since leaving her native Scotland. She will be remembered with great affection by her family and friends, maintaining her keen interest in all that was going on right up until the end. She was an avid reader and loved crosswords, all helping to keep her mind so active.

Our sympathy goes to the family at this time of loss. May she rest in peace.

Trevor Douglas ('Doug') Maurice Applin was a well-known figure in Bere Regis. Although he had lived in Ringwood latterly, Doug had been employed by Bere Regis Coaches before transferring to Hants and Dorset. He will be missed by his three daughters and seven grandchildren and the rest of the family as well as by his many friends in the world of steam engines. He had exhibited his engines widely throughout the South of England, and it was his hobby which was such a central part of his life.

We offer our love and prayers to all who mourn his passing, but we rejoice that his suffering is now at an end.

Dorothy Minnie Davis was one of Bere Regis' oldest residents and also one of the few people to live in the village for so long; this meant that she knew so many local people and was known and loved by them. Her home in North Street was always a place where visitors were welcome - and where the local news quickly reached her. She was a loving mother of four children and had a happy marriage until being widowed twenty five years ago. Her many local interests had included being an organist and she loved the community in which her life had been spent. 'Aunt Min' as she was known to many was a real local character with a great sense of humour and a simple life style; she was always honest and would always say what she thought in her lovely Dorset accent. She remained independent thanks to the kindness of many friends and neighbours until just before her death; she will long be remembered and deeply missed. Our sympathy goes to the family at this time.

From a Letter on Death by Canon Henry Scott Holland...

'Death is nothing at all,... I have only slipped away into the next room... I am I and you are you... Whatever we were to each other that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone; wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effect, without the ghost of a shadow on it... Life means all that it ever meant... there is absolutely unbroken continuity... I am but waiting for you... All is well.'

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STEPPING STONES our Study and Discussion Group meets on MONDAYS at 8 pm at Hazel Cottage, 25 Briantspuddle: all are welcome!

We continue looking at The Letter of James on 19 January and 2 and 16 February.

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THE PLough SUNDAY SERVICE

THIS YEAR WILL BE ON SUNDAY 11 JANUARY IN THE MORNING.

The procession of choir, servers and clergy together with flags and banners of local groups and organisations will leave the OLD BARN SERVICE STATION at 11.00 am and proceed to the Church for the Service when our preacher will be The Archdeacon of Dorset, the Ven. Geoffrey Walton.

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THE PARISH CONFIRMATION SERVICE WILL BE IN AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ON SUNDAY 25 JANUARY AT 9.30 AM.

The Bishop of Sherborne will be conducting the Confirmation Service and it is hoped that many from both Parishes will come to support those to be baptised and confirmed.

Note: There will be no Matins at Bere Regis on that morning.

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THANKS to all who helped to decorate our Churches or gave contributions of money or flowers; thanks also to all who distributed the Christmas Newsletters throughout both Parishes.

At the beginning of another year we thank also the magazine editors and distributors for their efforts on our behalf all year round. Special thanks to Mrs Phillipa Thorniley who has efficiently edited the Affpuddle and Briantspuddle sections of the magazine, we are most grateful to her for all that she has done. Mrs Sue Smith takes over her editorial duties.
CHURCH DUTY ROTAS - BERE REGIS

SIDESMENS ROTA
1987
January 4th 9.30 a.m. Mr. J. House, Mr. G. Ward
6.00 p.m. Miss P. Chésney, Cdr. C. Maunder
January 11th 11.00 a.m. Plough Service, Mrs. P. House, Mr. J. House
6.00 p.m. Healing Service, Mrs. M. England, Cdr. C. Maunder
January 18th 9.30 a.m. Mr. J. Strange, Mr. A. Bates
6.00 p.m. Mr. H. Dashwood, Mr. M. Barnes
January 25th Confirmation at Affpuddle
No Evensong
February 1st 9.30 a.m. Mr. G. Ward, Mr. J. House
6.00 p.m. Miss S. Frampton, Mr. R. Stallard

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD
January 4th Mrs E Bangay Mrs Clark
January 11th Mrs P House
January 18th Mrs Hudson Mrs Bates
January 25th Mrs Hudson

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS - AFFPUDDLE

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BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL Notice was brought to the Council that because of work by Wessex Water, the road between Chapel Cross and Jeakings Corner will be closed from January 5th to January 30th approximately.
Purbeck District Council will include widening of the road at Southbrook to Cemetery Lane in the next financial year.

The Book "Bere Regis - A Survey", is now available in village shops and the Post Office priced £1.50. Thanks are expressed to the shop keepers and Post Master for their co-operation in selling these books.
The Chairman and members of the council wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

WOMENS INSTITUTE Voluntary County Officer presided over the election of Officers at the Annual General Meeting on 18th November. Mrs Pat Mills was re-elected President, and Mrs Cis Lewis and Mrs Peggy Moss as Vice-Presidents. Mrs Janet Gilpin is Secretary and Mrs Betty Dyer Treasurer. Other Committee Members are Mrs M Blake, Mrs M Carlyle, Mrs B Ferguson, Mrs S McLeod and Mrs R Wise.
Mrs Sally Cheeseman read two interesting Link letters from New Zealand and was thanked for organising the skittles matches, of which we had won three.
The first round of the Whist Tournament had been played at an enjoyable evening at the home of Mrs Jesty.

MOTHERS UNION At the December meeting, members enjoyed one of Fred's now famous ghost stories.
This time it was a story with a different twist, and everyone agreed it was very good. After coffee and mince pies, the meeting ended with some fine singing of favourite carols.
Tea hostesses next time Fiona, Mrs Chalk and Olive.
There will be no prayer group on 26th December but will start again in the new year.
A happy new year to all Mothers Union members past and present, also to everyone in Bere Regis and surrounding area.

PUZZLE CORNER Last month's anagrams were:-
1. Briantspuddle 2. Athelhampton
3. Alderholt 4. Dorchester
5. Spetisbury 6. Lyme Regis
7. Badbury Rings 8. Martinstown
9. East Morden 10. Wallisdown

Here are 10 more Dorset place names:-
1. Father's Busy 2. Any Long Stick
3. On Calm Night 4. Wee Dragon-fly
5. Takes Nothing 6. Stop Her Going
7. Body Wear 8. Grand Site
9. No Left Leg 10. Don't Weld Up
BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP  At the next meeting on Tuesday, 13th January there will be slides and a talk given by MRS A STEVENS.

A GOOD READ  JOURNEY FOR A SOUL  - by George Appleton, published by Fontana. This is a book of prayers and meditations using passages from scripture and insights from other writers. The selection of material reflects George Appleton’s long and varied Christian ministry and his quiet wisdom and compassion.

BRSC FOOTBALL  Bere continue to keep up the pressure on new league leaders Steering Wheel of Dorchester, who lead the Dorset FA Division 1 on goal difference from the local side. Trevor Dando leads the goal scorers with 17, and Colin Phillips, revelling in the extra responsibility in the centre of midfield, continues to impress.

NOVEMBER - 1ST TEAM RESULTS
Nov 1 Division 1  Bere 4 Britannia 2
Nov 8 Senior Trophy  Bere 1 Oakford 1
Nov 15 Senior Trophy Replay  Oakford 4 bere 3
(After Extra Time)

Nov 22 Division 1  Royal Signals 2 Bere 2
Nov 29 Division 1  Bere 3 Royal Signals 0

The Reserve Team carry on climbing the Division 3 League and currently lie in fourth place. Although this is due to some good all round team performances, Alan Crocker with his prompting from midfield and Paul Snook’s goal scoring ability, have been the highlights of the month.

NOVEMBER - RESERVE RESULTS
Nov 1 Junior Cup  Castlesports 6 Bere 1
Nov 8 Division 3E  Lychett RT 3 Bere 5
Nov 15 Division 3E  Bere 3 Swannage 0
Nov 22 League Cup  Longfleet 1 Bere 2

JANUARY FIXTURES
Jan 3 Blandford UTD - away
Jan 10 League Cup Rd, 2
Jan 17 Hamworthy - away
Jan 24 HMS Osprey - home
Jan 31 Broadwayne - away

A new footballing venture this season, has been the starting of a 3rd side who play on Sunday morning. New players are always made welcome for this friendly side and they should contact Martin Mullins, or anyone at the Club.
BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP
West Dorset Hospice, Macmillan Service, Christmas Collection Thank you for your contributions to our charity carol singing. The collecting boxes were getting heavy by the end of the second day singing in Winterborne Kingston.

Waste Paper Collection From the beginning of January our Waste Paper collecting firm is only requiring newspaper (not stapled paper or magazines or Telephone Directories) due to the enormous stocks held at the paper mills. We would appreciate collectors keeping the newspaper separate for collection or delivery to our store in West Street.

Your continued support of the Group through this paper collection is still vital for our funds and we thank you all for spending your time in sorting it out for us.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

AFFPUDDLE 1000 In 1987 we celebrate 1000 years of recorded history in Affpuddle. By the time the magazine has been delivered to every house, every house should have received a calendar and circular letter giving details of the years programme.

Do join in and take part in all or as many events as possible and help make 1987 a truly memorable year in the village annals.

For starters there is the Village Quiz on 4th February when a special cup will be awarded for the best Youth Team and again with the accent on youth a Valentines Disco will be held, SURPRISE, SURPRISE, on 14th February. Details in next month's magazine. Don't forget to buy your mementos of the year - mugs and pens from Mr. Halgh, 25 Brianspuddle.

VILLAGE QUIZ This year's quiz with questions set by the 1986 winners, Rogers Hill, will take place in the Village Hall on the 4th February at 7.30 p.m.

This year a special cup to mark Affpuddle 1000 will be presented to the Youth Team with the highest winning mark.

Teams need not be just from organisations - groups of like minded people can form a team. As usual the questions will be asked of the team and not individuals. Please let Mrs. Phyllis Bowell, 13 Bladen Valley (Bere Regis 471387) have your entry by Wednesday, 28th January.

MULLED WINE AND Mince PIES There will be a post Christmas Mulled Wine and Mince Pie Party at 5 The Hollow, Brianspuddle to help raise funds for the new Venture Scout Ranger Guide Unit on Friday, 2nd January 1987 from 6.30pm to 8pm. Also Raffle and Bring & Buy. Please come and support this new organisation for the youth of our parishes.

GINGER SNAPS

4oz Golden Syrup, 8oz sugar, 4oz margarine, 12oz S.R flour, 1 tsp baking powder, 2 tsp ground ginger.

Melt sugar, syrup and margarine in saucepan, add rest of ingredients. Mix well. Form into walnut sized balls and place on well greased baking sheet, cook for 15 minutes at 375F.
DATES FOR THE DIARY

JANUARY
2nd 6.30 p.m. Mulled Wine - 5 The Hollow, Briantspuddle
3rd Bere Regis Floral Group - slides and talk

FEBRUARY
4th 7.30 p.m. Village Quiz - Affpuddle
4th Valentine's Disco - Affpuddle

MARCH
8th RBL Women's Section - Church Service to celebrate 60 years in Bere Regis
3rd 6.30 p.m. Sidesmen's Quarterly Meeting - Vicarage

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

AUTUMN LEAVES
2.30pm 2nd Wednesday

BEAVERS
6.00pm Monday Winterborne Kingston School

BELLRINGERS
6.30pm Wednesday Learners; Improvers 7pm

BINGO
7.45pm Drax Hall (Mondays)

BLUE VAN
3.45-4-15pm 2nd Monday - Post Office

BRITISH LEGION CLUB
7.00pm Mon to Fri: 12 noon to 2.30pm & 7.00pm Sat: 12 noon to 2pm Sunday

BRITISH WOMENS SECTION
2.30pm 3rd Wednesday at HQ

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CHOIR PRACTICE
7.30pm Friday in church

CUBS
6.30pm Thursday School

FLORAL GROUP
2.30pm Tuesday Drax Hall

MOTHER & TODDLER
2.15pm Monday Congregational Church

MOTHERS UNION
7.30pm 1st Wednesday, The Vicarage

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SCOUTS
6.30pm Thursday, Youth Club Hut

SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.15am Every Sunday in Parish Church

BERE REGIS YOUNG CHRISTIANS
9.30am Saturday, Youth Club Hut

TUESDAY CLUBS:
ADVENTURERS
7.00pm 7-11 years, Congregational Church

YOUTH GROUP
8.15pm 12 years & over, Congregational Church

WIVES GROUP
7.30pm 4th Tuesday, Vicarage

WOMENS INSTITUTE
7.00pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall

YOUTH CLUB
7.00pm Friday, Club Hut
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PACIFIC RADIATION

REPRESENTATIVES of the New Zealand Council of Churches and the Maori Council of Churches visiting the UK said: “We in the South Pacific don’t see some kind of nuclear disaster as a future thing.”

Pacific Island people were still being rehoused. ‘Jelly baby’ foetuses were still being born to them and many Pacific Island women had become infertile due to radiation exposure.

“We are disturbed by people saying it might happen in the future. For us in the South Pacific it is happening already.”

CHINESE ARE GOOD LISTENERS

DAVID AIKMAN, recently Bureau Chief for ‘Time’ magazine in the People’s Republic of China writes:

The most important thing I can say about China is the openness of young Chinese to the Gospel. It is quite breathtaking. I never encountered anybody who was unwilling to hear what the Christian life is all about. I met some who didn’t respond sympathetically, but I never met a person who wouldn’t listen.

RICHES FROM ASIA

WHEN THE Rt Revd Alexander Malik, Bishop of Lahore, visited England in May he told the Asian Christians to get involved in English churches.

He said they must share their spirituality from Asia and enrich the church.

His message to the English churches he visited? “I become evangelistic when I talk to an English congregation” said Bishop Malik who noticed that English people also needed to know the Gospel.

WAITING ON SOUTH AFRICA

“LESOTHO’S PROBLEMS will never be solved until South Africa is solved” said the Revd Michael Worsnip, Secretary of the Lesotho Council of Churches.

The tiny mountainous kingdom is hostage to South Africa’s fortunes — and her whims. In January the shops were empty within a week when South Africa blockaded Lesotho.

From across the border have come 100,000 South African refugees. But unemployment faces Basotho workers who cross in the other direction to work in South Africa.

WORLD VIEW

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