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CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Bere Regis

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER
9.30 am Parish Communion followed by Coffee + Bring & Buy for Christian Aid
10.15 am Sunday School
6.00 pm HYMNS OF PRAISE: come & sing your favourite hymns

All Saints' Day
11.15 am Matins

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
10.55 am Assembly at War Memorial for 2 Minutes silence followed by Matins
6.00 pm Evensong
9.30 am Parish Communion

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER
6.00 pm Evensong
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Matins
6.00 pm United Service: Congregational Chapel

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Matins
6.00 pm Evensong
9.30 am Parish Communion

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER
8.00 am Advent Sunday
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Matins
7.00 pm Holy Communion

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER
9.30 am Parish Communion
10.15 am Sunday School
6.00 pm Evensong

Affpuddle

8.00 am Holy Communion

BIBLE READINGS IN OUR CHURCHES IN NOVEMBER

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER  Theme: All Saints'
8.00 am Holy Communion and 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 810 ff)
2 Esdras 2.42 - end; Matthew 5.1 - 12
11.15 am Matins
Isaiah 65.17 - end; Luke 9.18 - 27

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER  Theme: The Election of God's People: Abraham
8.00 am Holy Communion
Ephesians 6.10 - 20; John 4.46b - end
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 407 ff)
Genesis 22.1 - 18; Luke 20.9 - 17
6 pm Evensong
Genesis 13; John 8.31 - end

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER  Theme: The Promise of Redemption: Moses
8.00 am Holy Communion and 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 413 ff)
Exodus 6.2 - 8; Mark 13.5 - 13
6.00 pm Evensong
Exodus 2.23 - 3.20; John 6.24 - 40

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER  Theme: The Remnant of Israel
8.00 am Holy Communion
Colossians 1.13 - 20; John 6.5 - 14
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 417 ff)
Isaiah 10.20 - 23; Mark 13.14 - 23
11.00 am Matins
Genesis 6.5 - end; 1 Peter 3.8 - end

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER  Theme: The Advent Hope
8.00 am Holy Communion
Romans 13.8 - 14; Matthew 21.1 - 13
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 422 ff)
Isaiah 51.4 - 11; Matthew 25.31 - end
11.00 am Matins
Isaiah 2.10 - end; Matthew 24.1 - 28

FROM THE REGISTERS  HOLY BAPTISM

September 20 Hannah Georgina CHISLETT
September 27 Peter Warren WILSHERE and James Stuart WILSHERE
October 3 Laura Mary GALE

HOLY MATRIMONY

September 19 Nigel John PITMAN and Annette Susan PITMAN
September 26 Kevin Stanley JOHNSTON and Karen Jane HOMES
AFFPUDDLE GIFT DAY was again very successful and we are most grateful to those who gave so generously. Over £300 was raised for Church Funds.

HARVEST FESTIVAL at both our Churches was a real time of Thanksgiving. The Harvest Suppers were both very enjoyable occasions. Our thanks to all who gave flowers, fruit and vegetables and to the Church decorators and Harvest Supper organisers and helpers.

The produce from Affpuddle was taken to the Cheshire Homes at Dorchester, while the gifts at Bere Regis were combined with those of the First School and distributed to Turberville Court and around the Village.

WE GIVE 10% AWAY: was the verdict of Bere Regis P.C.C. when considering the level of giving. When the Second Sunday Collections, the Christian Aid fund raising money and other miscellaneous donations are added together, they come to approximately 10% of the Church's income.

BERE REGIS CHURCHYARD is due for a clean-up on Saturday 7 November. Any volunteers will be very welcome, preferably with their own gardening tools.

CAROLS FOR ADVENT SUNDAY by candlelight will again take place in Affpuddle at 6.30 pm on Sunday 29 November. The Briantspuddle Singers will take part and there will be familiar hymns for all to join in.

TRADITIONAL SERVICES: the Parish Communion on November 29 at Affpuddle will be according to the Book of Common Prayer. This Service on the 5th Sunday and the monthly Matins at Affpuddle on the 1st Sunday will only continue if those who have requested these services actually support them.

In October there were five people at Matins - including the Organist and the Vicar.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Services will take place at both Churches at 10.55 am so that the two minutes Silence can be observed. The Royal British Legion Service takes place at Affpuddle.

THANKS
Jim and Rosalie Andrews would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards, presents and good wishes, given to them on their Golden Wedding day, making it a marvellous time to remember.

DUNCAN HOUSE
Would like to thank all who sent cards and good wishes to him at the time of his recent stay in hospital. It was very much appreciated.

M.P. SURGERY
Mr Ian Bruce will be holding a surgery in Bere Regis on Friday, 6th November. He will be at 15 North Street from 5.30 p.m. For an appointment phone Weymouth (0305) 786142.

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS - BERE REGIS

SIDEMENS ROTA
Nov 1st 9.30 a.m. Mr J House, Mr A Bates
       6.00 p.m. Miss S Frampton, Mr M Bloomfield
Nov 8th 11.00 a.m. Col A Barne
       6.00 p.m. Mr H Dashwood, Cdr C Mauder
Nov 15th 9.30 a.m. Mr J Strange, Miss P Chesney
       6.00 p.m. Mr M Barnes, Mr R Stallard
Nov 22nd 11.00 a.m. Mr G Ward
Nov 29th 11.00 a.m. Mrs M England
Dec 6th 9.30 a.m. Mr A Bates, Mr J House
       6.00 p.m. Miss S Frampton, Miss P Chesney

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD
Nov 1st Mrs Barne
Nov 8th Mrs Barne
Nov 15th Mrs Barne
Nov 22nd Mrs Barne
Nov 29th ADVENT

A meeting of the Sanctuary Guild will be held at the Vicarage on Wednesday, 18th November at 2.30 p.m.

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS - AFFPUDDLE

CLEANING & FLOWERS
FLOWERS  CLEANING
Nov 1st Mrs Parker Mrs Thornley
Nov 8th Mrs Russell Mrs Russell
Nov 15th Mrs Badcock Mrs Hogger
Nov 22nd Mrs Moriarty Mrs Harridge
Nov 29th ADVENT Mrs Kayll

SIDEMENS & READERS
SIDEMAN  READER
Nov 1st 8.00 Col Corner Mr A Smith
       11.15 Mr Prideaux Mr Prideaux
Nov 8th 9.30 Mr D Payne Family Eucharist
Nov 15th 8.00 Capt Johnston Mr A Smith
           11.00 Mr G Payne Affpraise
There will be a pre Christmas Coffee Morning December the 12th at "Coneygar", Turnerspudde, the home of Mrs Margaret Roffey, for Church Funds. Stalls will be Cakes, Christmas Table Decorations, Draw: Mince Pies or Biscuits will be served with Coffee. Time 10.30 to 12.00.

Please come and support your church.

If a lift is required please let the Vicar or Mary House know.

Youth Club The Bere Regis Youth Club has hit another crisis period. In reality there are two problems and both major. Firstly our Leader has had to give up as he has secured another job and this is not compatible with being the Leader of our Club. We are therefore looking for another Leader. Secondly, and by far the most important problem, is the fact that we lack members.

Bere Regis is not peculiar in having these problems. They are both common throughout the Youth Service. Apart from the rural areas there are for instance eight vacancies for Leaders in Poole alone. The sad fact is that the Clubs, where there are other attractions, are not bulging with members waiting for a Leader. One has to ask the question why? The answer may be illustrated by a place not many miles from Bere Regis. At this place there is a thriving Youth Centre which hums with activity both in the evenings and at weekends. They do the things associated with Youth Clubs of old and the reasons for this is that there are no other attractions, no soft options where everything is provided in return for its price. Our voluntary Village Youth Club is no match for the commercial club or establishment which can offer legally or otherwise, attractive facilities which once upon a time were not available.

Without members there can be no Youth Club and we would lose a valuable asset to the Village. If the Club is closed the site would quickly be used and that use would be of no benefit to the youth. In time there would be the usual outcry of no provision for the youngsters and the problems would have to be addressed again - finding a site, a hut, etc. Before we get to that state may I request parents who are interested to contact us so that we can see whether there is still the need for a Club which aims to help the young to help themselves in running their own Club. The very sad fact is that at present we have a redecorated hut and a healthy bank balance.

Given support of members and parents we would aim to try to get the Club back on its feet in the New Year. In between now and then it needs to be shown that there is a need for a Club. If anybody would like to talk about this please give Chris Maunder a ring on 471342.

Cyril Wood Memorial Trust The Trust held a successful Fete during the afternoon of 19 September. Unfortunately due to the inclement weather it was necessary to hold the event in the Drax Hall instead of the 'Old Vicarage' garden. The sum of £184 was raised which will go towards equipment required by the residents in the Workshop and Common Room. The Trustees are particularly pleased with this result and expressed their gratitude for the support of everybody concerned with the event. It was their first such event in the village and they hope that it will be a start to creating a permanent link.

Progress with the units is up to schedule and it is anticipated that the first residents will be arriving in the Spring. Great interest is being shown in the scheme as it is the first in the country to provide housing for retired musicians, artists and craftsmen, and it is felt that more like this is needed.

Bere Regis R.B.I. Branch The Armistice Day Service on Sunday, 8th November will be held at the Affpuddle Church at 11 o'clock, when it is expected a good turn-out will represent this Branch, and be supported by other organisations. Let us respect those who served this country in the two World Wars, and wear your awards with pride.

Transport will be provided for members, picking up at Winterbourne Kingston at 10 a.m., at the Cross, Bere Regis at 10.10 a.m. and proceed to Briantspuddle.

The Parade will be formed up at 10.30 at Bladen Valley, where a wreath will be laid by Branch Chairman, Mr T Vine, before the march-off to Affpuddle. After the Service, the transport will bring members back to Branch HQ's.

We will remember them.

Bere Regis Floral Group The November meeting will be a week early, on the 3rd, when Mrs M Fairhurst will give a demonstration called Christmas Magic, and then on Tuesday, November 10th we shall be having our Christmas Fair.

This will be at 2.15 pm and is open to everyone. There will be stalls including Christmas Decorations, Cook's Table, Bric-a-Brac and Raffles, also Teas.
FOOTBALL - September results and scorers

1st XI Division 1
5th Bere 2 Blandford United 1
7th Bere 2 Royal Signals 4
G Barratt 1 Pemberton 1
12th Royal Signals 2 Bere 0
19th Bere 4 Cranborne 1
B Johnson 3 Pemberton 1
26th Flight Refuelling 1 Bere 2
Reserves Div 3 East
D Watts 1 B Johnson 1
Womens INSTITUTE After the business and a reading of a link letter by Mrs Sally Cheeseman, at our September meeting we spent a most enjoyable evening with the Rev D Bussey. From the handwritting of 40 members present he made a random selection and revealed our characters, weaknesses and strengths with such accuracy that we were amazed. The evening was too short!

Twenty-seven members swelled the numbers to about one hundred at a most enjoyable Group Harvest Supper at Winterborne Kingston on 24th September.

W.I. Coffee Morning, 4th November, from 10.30 - 12 noon c/o Mrs Lee, Woodbury Cottage Tea Rooms, West Street, Bere Regis.

Hostesses for November - Mrs B Griffin, Mrs M Maunder and Mrs Lee.

MOTHERS UNION The October meeting of the Mothers Union celebrated Harvest. There were readings including poems by William Barnes and John Betjeman and the Parable of the Sower, as well as recordings of anthems and other sacred songs. Also some splendid singing and six harvest hymns.

To end the evening the committee provided a fine ploughman's supper. We all went home with joy in our hearts for a plentiful harvest and a full tummy.

Next meeting - Communion

BRSC FOOTBALL NEWS AND RESULTS The Sports Club would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Alex Mylee, licensee of the Drax Arms, for the new set of shirts he has kindly donated to the Club.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND Kath and Charlie Jeeves would like to thank all who visited our garden in August in aid of the Guide Dogs. A wonderful £400 was sent to this worthwhile Society. Kath has been presented with a Gold Medal for her work for the Guide Dogs.

AUTUMN LEAVES OVER 60 CLUB Sixty members sat down to our 17th Luncheon provided by our hostesses. Mrs Win Taylor gave the speech this year and outlined the activities during the past year. The Toast to the Club was given by Kath Jeeves who also thanked the Committee for their hard work and the members for supporting Autumn Leaves and making it so successful.
A very enjoyable talk with slides of Dorset was given by Mrs Joan Aburrow. A raffle was held and the birthday cake cut by Kath Jeaves for afternoon tea. Three new members were welcomed.

Our next meeting is our tour to Christchurch with tea at Pontins. Anyone who wants wool or material to make items for our Xmas Bazaar please let Nan or Kath know.

(Omitted in error from October magazine - with apologies, Editor.)

A very pleasant afternoon tour to Christchurch was enjoyed by thirty members. Tea was served by the river at Pontins.

Our next meeting is a Whist Drive at the Drax Hall on 11th November. A competition for a Tea Tray will be held.

Our Xmas Bazaar is on 28th November at the Drax Hall.

PUZZLE CORNER Last month's anagrams were:-

1. Hamworthy
2. Stapehill
3. West Chaldon
4. Up Sanders
5. South Parrott

6. Abbotsbury
7. Broadmayne
8. Ibberton
9. Bournemouth
10. Tarrant Rushton

Here are 10 more Dorset place-names to unravel:-

1. BLOND-GREY
2. BUT NOWHERE OR NOTHING
3. NOT TRAM NOR TANK
4. ENTER TEACHING
5. RED TILED IN DEPTH

6. I'M MID-GREEK
7. HATH NO HOTEL
8. NICE HOLY TENT
9. HE'S WILD
10. TOUR THE WALLS

100 YEARS AGO The following article is taken from the Parish Magazine for November 1887:-

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Early on the morning of Thursday, the 6th of October, the ringing of the church bells awakened once again in the minds and hearts of the dwellers in Bere Regis the memory of the "opening day". It will be many years before the great work of the restoration of the Parish Church, under the leadership of Mr. Warre, will fade from the memory of those who remember the church as it was. and who know it as it is. For many years past the Harvest Festival has been celebrated in the first week in October, in order to join together the two subjects of thanksgiving - the general one, viz., the blessings of the harvest; and the particular or local one - the beautiful and restored church. The services of the day were: the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and Evening Service (choral) at 6.30 p.m. The decorations of the church maintained their character for richness and taste. The south hagioscope presented a very picturesque and original design, in the shape of a grass field with a haystack in the back-

ground - a fitting subject to find a place in the decorations this year, when what hay there was to get was secured in better condition and in a shorter space of time than the oldest among us can remember. Mrs. Radclyffe and Mrs. Frederick Radclyffe undertook the decorating of the east end and chancel, Miss Lys the pulpit, and Mrs. Tozer and Mrs. Johnson the font and lectern. Among the objects of beauty and interest were some remarkably fine potatoes, kindly sent by Mr. David Hewitt.

On previous occasions of late years the choirs of some of the neighbouring villages have taken part in the anniversary service, the singers sometimes numbering over 100; but this year, from one cause or another, the musical part of the service was left to the Bere and Kingston choirs. Together they numbered over 50, and the hymns and chants and anthem ("Sing A Song of Praise") were all rendered in a very creditable manner. As "self praise is no recommendation" we will say no more on that part of the subject. The Rev. J.L. Williams, Vicar of Canford, preached the sermon. The text was from St. Matthew, vi., 25 and 28: "Behold the fowls of the air," and "Consider the lilies": the subject being "Our Father's care." His words were well calculated to quicken our love of our heavenly Father, and to increase our faith in Him.

AFFPUDDELE NEWS

All items for inclusion to be given to Sue Smith by the 14th of the month please.

PUDDLETOWN FIRST SCHOOL As from 1988 children who are five between 1st March and 31st August will be starting school on a part-time basis from the beginning of the January term. This year it starts on January 7th. I would be pleased to hear from any parent who has not already been in contact with me about their child starting school.

At the end of this term we will be sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Christine Thame and Mrs Jan Grocott. Mrs Diane Treblecock joins the staff in January. By half term all parents will receive a letter giving details of staffing. A collection will be arranged to purchase gifts for Mrs Thame and Mrs Grocott. All contributions to Miss Lutner please.

MEN OF THE TREES Mrs Todd's son, Mr Gerald Bredenkamp, has given The Men of The Trees £500 to plant trees in memory of his mother. If any landowner in the parish wishes to donate a site please contact Mrs Phyllis Bowell, 13 Bleadon Valley, Briantspuddle 471387.
AFFPUDDLE 1000 Copies of the late John Brocklebank's book on the granting of the Charter to the Abbey of Cerne and the gift of land in Affpuddle in 987 has now been received from the publisher and can be purchased from the village shop at £1.00. All profits to the Hall Roof Fund and Church Organ Fund.

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BRIANTSPUDDLE UNDER FIVES Our Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday, 14th November 2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Tea and cakes will be served on the stage. If you have any jumble, clothes, books, toys, bric-a-brac, etc could you please contact one of the following people and we will collect it if necessary, during the week ending Saturday, 14th November, or would you please drop in into playgroup during the same week.
Jean McGrorty 471766, Sally King 471894, Martha Tucker 471358
Playgroup photographs will be taken on 3rd November at 9.30 a.m.

AFFPUDDLE SERVICE 11.00 a.m. SUNDAY, 15 NOVEMBER St. Cecilia, patron saint of music, is commemorated this month so there will be special emphasis on music at our AFFPUDDLE family service. Your favourite hymns and Christmas songs will be sung, provided of course, that you tell us what they are in time and we can find some words and music for them. Requests by 8th November, please, to the Vicar, Mrs Gainsford, Emma Haigh or Jonathan Haigh.

J.H.

HARVEST FESTIVAL PRODUCE Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church and gave produce. The produce was given to the Cheshire Home for the mentally handicapped children in Dorchester. A letter of thanks has been received from the administrator on behalf of the management committee, who asks for their thanks to be passed on to all concerned.

SPECIAL CHURCH CLEAN Thanks to all the people who gave their valuable time during the week prior to Sunday 11 October to give the Church one of its quarterly clean-ups. These special cleans help to keep the Church looking loved and cared for. Your help is greatly appreciated by the Vicar and PCC. The next special clean will be on 16 January 1988 from 10 a.m. onwards.

CHRISTMAS FAIR The annual Christmas Fair will take place in the village hall on Saturday, 5th December from 2.30 pm onwards. If your organisation would like to participate please contact Mrs Phyllis Bowell on 471387. Do come along and support the Hall Thatch Fund and other village organisations.

RECIPE 1.2.3. Pudding
Stew some apples and place in buttered pie dish, adding sugar to taste. (Clove, lemon, etc.)
Mix with fingertips:
3 oz flour, 2 oz margarine, 1 oz sugar.
Sprinkle on top of apples and bake until golden brown.

J.P. THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND Please support our Christmas Fair in the Corn Exchange, Dorchester on Wednesday, 4th November 10.30 a.m.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 1987
1st 8.00 p.m. 'Messiah for all' St Mary's Church, Dorchester
4th 10.30 a.m. W.I. Coffee Morning, Woodbury Cottage Tea Rooms
6th 5.30 p.m. Ian Bruce M.P. at 15 North Street, Bere Regis
7th Bere Regis Churchyard Clean-up
10th 2.15 p.m. Floral Group Christmas Fair
11th 2.30 p.m. Autumn Leaves Whist Drive - Drax Hall
16th 2.30 p.m. Sanctuary Guild Meeting - Vicarage
28th 2.30 p.m. Autumn Leaves Xmas Bazaar - Drax Hall

DECEMBER 1987
2nd 2.00 p.m. RBL Womens Section Knitted Garments Sale - Church Cottages
4th 6.30 p.m. Bere Regis Quarterly Sidesmen's Meeting
5th 2.30 p.m. Briantspuddle Christmas Fair - Village Hall
12th 10.30 p.m. Coffee Morning for Church Funds, "Coneygar", Turnerspuddle
21st BRSF Christmas Draw
21st 6.30 p.m. Scouts Carol Singing - Bere Regis
22nd 6.30 p.m. Scouts Carol Singing - Briantspuddle

FUTURE EVENTS 1988
9th January Mince Pies and Punch, 10 Southmead
26th March Scout's Jumble Sale
20th April Autumn Leaves 'New to You' Sale
7th May Autumn Leaves 25p Sale
19th May Scouts Coffee Morning
18th June Mile of Pennies
25th June Bere Regis Church Garden Party
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, HQ

BROWNIES
6.00pm-7.15pm School Hall, Bere Regis

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Winter Season Opening Times Tues, Wed, & Fri
7.00pm, Sat 4.25pm, Sun 7.30pm

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

PLAYGROUP BERE REGIS
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PLAYGROUP BRIANTSPUDDLE
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Enquiries Jean McGrorty 471766 & Martha
Tucker 471358

SCOUTS
6.30pm Thursday, Youth Club Hut

SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.30am 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

ADVENTURERS
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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TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE OLD AND COLD

"O LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in their mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last ..."

So runs a popular prayer. It breathes the slower pace of old age; but for many it expresses also some of the depression that is a part of growing old.

On the whole, we don't like to think of our own old age, sometimes our way of avoiding this is to ignore others who are old.

For the last three decades or more we have lived in a youth culture; the media has idealised youth. To some extent, life has always belonged to the young and vigorous — especially in societies on the move where people think more highly of progress than experience.

GROWING

Yet the elderly are a growing proportion of our population. By 1995 there will be half a million more pensioners; even more startling, the numbers of those aged over 84 will increase by almost half during the 1980s. This growth is largely attributable, says Help the Aged, to the 'Victorian baby boom which saw a combination of large families and rapidly falling infant mortality rates.'

With shorter working lives, by the time most of us reach pensionable age, we are told, there could be too few people working to support us all. There is, indeed, anxiety attached to ageing. Yet it may not be difficult to make a difference to our neighbours lives, by just a little thought.

In the depths of winter what makes the difference is warmth. Help the Aged has brought out a leaflet advising old people how they can help themselves.

It includes hints on retaining body heat, insulation and draught-proofing, effective use of heating — and dealing with paying the bills! Make sure your elderly neighbours have a copy, and keep one yourself for reference. They are free from Help the Aged, 16 St James' Walk, London EC1.

CHURCHES

We are used to hearing that 'the churches are full of old people.' But in fact the statistics show a different picture. There are above the average number of both children and pensioners in the churches, but the percentages are not great.

As 'Old Father Time' clocks us all for another year we need to make a special effort to keep in touch with old people who can't get out during the winter months. Let them know that though we may miss seeing them at church they are still an important part of our Christian family. And when they can come give them a specially warm welcome.

G. W.
WHEN A HEART SURGEON OPERATES

Heart Surgeon LYLE DAMON-JOYCE M.D.,PhD of the Minneapolis Heart Institute was interviewed by Campaign Magazine. One of the questions they asked was:

Do you think a person's faith has anything to do with his recovery?

Dr.Joyce: Definitely. I think that people who are at ease and at rest with God enter an operation with much less anxiety. And many times that lack of anxiety is crucial. We don't understand the chemistry of anxiety, but there is no question that it is real, and that makes a difference....

I think that God gave me a job to do—helping people overcome their cardiac diseases. He has given me a skill and he expects me to use that skill. I have to recognise that certain patients cannot be treated surgically, but for others I believe that God wants me to use that skill to prolong life.

To understand what God wants, I have to walk as closely to him as I can. I try to depend on the Lord to give me that sixth sense about when it's right to operate and when it's not....

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