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ARE THE CHILDREN WHO COME TO YOUR CHURCH
'IN THE WAY OF CHRIST' - OR SIMPLY IN THE WAY?

The Bishop of London (Chairman of the Church's Board of Education) told the February General Synod of the Church of England: "that children baptized into Christ are as much members of his Church as adults, and that we adults have not merely to nurture them but also to learn from them - and that only when we have accepted this will our relationship be as it should."

Synod was debating a new report from the Board of Education - CHILDREN IN THE WAY: New Directions for the Church's Children.

Over the past few years the world of children has radically altered. Children face new pressures and choices and have become more aware of the world beyond their own. This new report argues that it is time for the Church to take serious note of these changes and to develop new ways of working with children, involving the whole Church.

The report, with its deliberately double-edged title, includes first results of a major nationwide survey on children's participation in parish life. Over 40% of English parishes (including our own) made responses to a detailed questionnaire. The statistics are likely to be both encouraging and challenging.

From the earliest days of the Church Christians have been known as the people of the Way. Here is an opportunity to remind ourselves that we are fellow-pilgrims and that the company is incomplete without children: they too are companions in the Way, with whom we have much to share and from whom we have much to learn.
**CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH**

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**BIBLE READINGS IN OUR CHURCHES ON SUNDAYS IN MARCH**

**SUNDAY 6 MARCH**  Theme: The Churches on Sundays in March - Suffering
- 8.00 am Holy Communion and 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 512 ff)
  - 1 Peter 2.19 - end
  - Matthew 16.13 - end
- 11.15 am Matins
  - Job 21 Matthew 26.57 - end
  - 6.00 pm Evensong
- Isaiah 55.8 - 20: Colossians 1.24 - 2.7

**SUNDAY 13 MARCH**  Mothering Sunday
- Theme: The Churches on Sundays in March - Transfiguration
- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- Galatians 4.21 - end
- John 6.1 - 14
- 9.30 am Family Communion
- Luke 2.41 - end
- 11.00 am Matins
- 6.00 pm Evensong
- Exodus 34.1 - 5, 29 - end; 2 Corinthians 3

**SUNDAY 20 MARCH**  Theme: The Churches on Sundays in March - The Victory of the Cross
- 8.00 am Holy Communion and 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 521 ff)
- Hebrews 9.11 - 14: Mark 10.32 - 45
- 6.00 pm Evensong
- Isaiah 63.1 - 16: John 12.20 - 36a

**SUNDAY 27 MARCH**  Theme: The Way of the Cross
- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- Philippians 2.5 - 11: Matthew 27.1 - 54
- 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 526 ff)
- Philippians 2.5 - 11: Mark 14.32 - 15.41

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**Informal all-age worship at 11 am -**
- at BERE REGIS on SUNDAY 13 March (MOTHERING SUNDAY) and on GOOD FRIDAY 1 April
- at AFFPUDDLE on SUNDAY 20 March.
- COME AND WORSHIP AS PART OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY!
WHAT IS A LAY READER?
The fourth in a series of articles about life in our Church

Lay Readers can be men or women who give their services free to carry out a variety of tasks in the Church. In our Diocese they are called Sarum Readers and wear a blue preaching scarf over their robes.

The institution of Readers goes back in origin to the right of laymen to read the Scriptures in the Jewish Synagogue and it would appear that in the early Church in the Eucharist this right continued. As time went on, in each community certain men were found especially competent to do this and so the Minor Order of Readers arose. There is evidence from the third century AD that ‘the reader is appointed by the Bishop’s handing to him the book. For he does not have hands laid upon him’. But there is no evidence that the reader ever conducted services, preached or engaged in pastoral work.

During the early part of Elizabeth I’s reign the office of reader was revived in England in order to provide religious teaching, to officiate at divine service, to bury the dead and to church women in those parishes which at that time had no clergy. The office soon disappeared, but was again revived in 1866 by the Bishops. Since 1869 women have been eligible for the office of Reader.

A Reader is admitted formally to the office by the Bishop who presents him or her with the New Testament. This normally follows a period of training.

Readers can take Matins and Evensong, assist in certain parts of the Eucharist, preach, teach the children, visit the sick and bury the dead (if authorised by the bishop, with the goodwill of the persons responsible and at the invitation of the incumbent), and generally to undertake such pastoral and educational work and to give such assistance to the incumbent as may be required.

PLEASE PRAY REGULARLY for our Lay Readers:
Mr E Rocksborough-Smith and Mrs Jonathan Haigh
as well as for Mrs Brenda Pitfield, training as a Lay Reader.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism
January 17 Kerry Ann PITMAN

Burial of the Dead
January 18 Ruby Rose LEGG
January 29 Alfred Thomas GALE

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IN MEMORIAM

Ruby Legg was a native of Bere Regis, having been born at Hollow Oak. She had loved the area and delighted in raising a family - her children were her "flowers" who, with the grandchildren, brought so much pleasure to her. Her working life was spent with Bedford and Jesty: at first in the orchard packing apples and later with the watercress. Her life was one of hard work and simple pleasures: her family and home, her work together with such things as Bingo and Eastenders all led to a contented life. Her last years were spent in Turserville Court in the village which she loved. Our sympathy and prayers goes to her family and friends at this time.

Alfie Gale was both a real local character and part of local history. His ninety years had been well-lived with plenty of hard work and much of it had been lived in this area of Dorset. Born at Buckland Barn near Weymouth and married near Southampton, it was the Bladen Estate which gave him the chance to put down his roots here. His love of horses and dedication to them in the First World War with service in Mesopotamia and India gave way to a love of traction engines. He finished his working life at Bovington as a pumping engine worker. But he was also known well as a chimney sweep, pedalling along on his bike with his brushes!

He will be remembered for his love of life, his humour and independence. He will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with his eight surviving children and the rest of his family and friends in their sad time of loss.

ALL ARE WELCOME on Friday mornings between 10 am and 12 noon at The Vicarage where a group meets over a cup of coffee to make home-made articles for sale at the monthly Christian Aid Bring & Buy stall in Bere Regis Church. If you are unable to come but have wool or materials that could be used please contact Fiona at the Vicarage (471262).

HELP THE AGED have launched an appeal called "Stamp out Loneliness" aimed at collecting used stamps and pre 1950’s postcards. The money raised will go towards purchasing minibuses for use by the elderly in the community. Collection bags are available in both churches and at The Vicarage for you to put your used stamps and old postcards in. Please support this good cause.

THE MARCH 2nd SUNDAY COLLECTIONS in Bere Regis will go to the Additional Curate Society which helps to maintain additional curates in poor and populous parishes especially in new areas.
The Play & Learn Van travels around to 28 villages in the Dorchester area, bringing activities for pre-school children, aged 1 to 5 years. These activities include reading and number games, colour and shape games, puzzles, constructional toys, art activities, small P.E. equipment, sand and water toys, musical instruments and books. All these can be borrowed quite free of charge.

Helpful booklets on such topics as toilet training, eating, dressing, sleeping and playing can also be borrowed by parents and there are many activity sheets to help older children with letters, numbers and shapes.

Sue Harrison drives the van and as a trained teacher of children in their early years is able to give advice to parents on how to help their children during these important years. It is hoped that by coming to the van regularly children will settle into school easily and make a confident start to work in the reception class.

Home visits are available for families who find difficulty in coming to the van due to transport or other problems.

Please ring Puddletown 846687 for any further information.

Dates for Bere Regis are: Wed. 9 March 9.15 – 10 in the school playground and Wed. 23 March at the same time and place.

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**Special Events**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY** is on March 13 and there are special Services in both Churches - 9.30 am Family Communion at Affpuddle and 11.00 am Family Worship at Bere Regis.

**COFFEE MORNING** at Moor Lane House on Saturday 5 March from 10 am – 12 noon. In aid of Affpuddle Church. All welcome.

**P.C.C. MEETINGS:** MONDAY 7 March (Affpuddle) at Raithby Cottage at 7.30 pm and TUESDAY 8 March (Bere Regis) at The Vicarage at 7.30 pm.

**MOTHERS' UNION LADY SERVICE** at Bere Regis on FRIDAY 25 March.

**PALM SUNDAY** Service of Hymns and Readings at 6.00 pm at Affpuddle.

**EASTER DAY** (April 3) 8.00 am Holy Communion at Affpuddle (BCP) and 9.30 am Parish Communion at Bere Regis (ASB: A) and at 11.00 am at Affpuddle (ASB: B); 6.30 pm Evensong at Bere Regis.

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**SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD**

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**CHURCH DUTY ROTAS - AFFPUDDLE**

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**APPRECIATION**

Ruby Legg. The family would like to thank everyone most sincerely for their letters, cards & messages of sympathy, at the time of the sad loss of their dea mother. And also to thank the local Doctors and the Rev Jonathan Burke for the beautiful service, it was very much appreciated.
BUSES It may seem difficult to believe, but Bere Regis now has a new bus service. As from 8th February a new company "Purr-Bus" has started a service between Bere Regis and Wareham, daily Mondays to Fridays. There is but one trip each way, and this leaves the Royal Oak at 0747. As this reaches Wareham rail station at 0805, and Wareham centre but a few minutes later it offers connections with rail services east and west, and with bus services to Corfe, Swanage, Lulworth and Wimborne (these last two destinations served by Purr-Bus). The returning service leaves Wareham at 1630, arriving back in Bere Regis at 1650. A bus service will only run if there is sufficient support - this service deserves maximum usage.

A timetable listing all the bus services through Bere Regis is available from the Post Office.

A.J. Wise
PARISH COUNCIL The January meeting was a long and busy one. Mrs. Franklin, our County Councillor, reported that Bere Regis is now on the list of places designated for a library, however, we are at the bottom of this list so it is likely to be a few years before we get a permanent library.

Mr V Stone, our District Councillor, reported on the fact that No 5 on a list of traffic items referred to the County Council is a scheme to relieve Bere Regis of through traffic. This simply means that it will be talked about, not that anything is sure to happen.

The precept and general accounts for the year were discussed and agreed. The precept was set at £3,410 with a rate of 2.5p compared with 2.4p for 1987.

A letter was read of the decision of the Appeals Inspector on the development at the rear of 21 West Street. This was refused on the grounds of layout and amenities.

Concern was expressed by a member of the public about the number of dogs roaming the village. Parishioners are asked to keep their dogs under control. PC Allen informs us that if strays were brought to the police, they were kept for seven days and if not claimed, put down.

A Sub-Committee is to be set up to look at the need for extra street lights in some areas of the village. This will depend upon the costs involved.

A parishioner presented a petition objecting to the Westbury Homes proposed development at Standbarrow Field. Some of the points raised received the following comments from councillors:

1. TOO HIGH DENSITY In most areas up to 16 dwellings per acre are allowed, and the planned development does not come up to this number.

2. TOO MANY HOUSES FOR LOCAL SERVICES The structure plan calls for a further 200 - 250 homes to be built in Bere Regis before the turn of the Century. Though many of these have now been built, the Council feel it is better to have development in the centre of the village, than to create a village 'sprawl'. It was pointed out that we now have a new surgery, the Post Office providing banking services and it is better to have two shops that are both kept busy and well supported than to have six that are struggling to survive.

3. TRAFFIC IN ELDOR ROAD The petition called for an exit from the new development on to West Street. The members of the Parish Council felt that this will create a circuit for the use of traffic coming from the south, going westward and vice-versa. It was agreed to ask the Highways Committee for rumble strips to be placed in Elder Road to slow down traffic.

A river walk is to be constructed from the new scout hut to Shitterton Bridge as part of the above development.

THE DEFEAT OF THE SPANISH ARMADA is being celebrated in July by the lighting of beacons throughout the country, and it is hoped to light one upon Woodbury Hill.

THE REL WOMEN'S SECTION Held their first meeting of 1988 on 20 January. 20 members were present.

A cookery demonstration based on "fish dishes" was given by Mrs G Griffin. These were sampled by members who all agreed they were 'very tasty'.

Teas were served by Mrs Payne and Mrs Reed and a 'Bring & Buy' was run by Mrs Cleall.

Genotaph for February - Mrs Adams and Mrs House
March - Mrs Orchard

BERE REGIS, BLOXWORTH AND MORDEN CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION BRANCH The Branch Annual general meeting will be held at the Drax Hall on Friday, 11 March at 7.30 pm.

Guest speaker, your MP, Mr IAN BRUCE MP.
Light refreshments will be served.

YOUTH CLUB We have been unable to find a Leader for the Youth Club to date and hence there has been no activity to re-start the Club. At the same time it has to be admitted that there has been no clamouring for the Club to get started and thus it has to be questioned as to whether there is indeed a need for the Club. To seek an answer to this question we are to hold an open meeting at the Club on March 17th at 7.00pm. Anybody who is interested in the Youth Club or in youth requirements is invited to attend and to contribute to the discussions. We hope to have a constructive meeting and to face the problems realistically as it is not only Bere Regis
Youth Club which is having difficulties. The problems with Rural Youth Clubs is that they are limited with what they can provide for members. A possible solution is for the establishment of larger Youth Centres to cover a large catchment area and for members to be taken to them by bus. This has the disadvantage to the village as a whole of yet another attraction away from the community in which they are being brought up and hopefully wish to contribute to. Such a suggestion may be best for the older members and for the village club to continue for the younger element from the age of 10.

If you have any thoughts on this or related subjects please do come to the meeting. If you cannot attend and wish to make a contribution please call me on 471342. In particular I would welcome any comments from parents.

THE TRAMP OF MARCHING FEET? Do you live on the north side of West Street? Have you been woken in the small hours of the night by the sounds of marching? If so, the explanation may be at hand.

I have recently learned from an expert on Roman Dorset that there are strong indications of not one, but two, Roman military roads passing through Bere Regis, and probably dating from fairly soon after the invasion. One of these roads, which ran from near Corfe Mullen to Dorchester, enters the village from the north along the most northerly, straight, stretch of Snow Hill, descends to cross West Street, lies beneath the car park, crosses the Bere stream to the west of the new scout hut, climbs Black Hill to pass close to the large sarsen stone, and descends to cross the Piddle to the south of Turners Puddle church.

The second road is a military link-road between Weatherbury Castle and Woodbury Hill, both of which were probably used as temporary military camps. If you use a ruler on a map you will soon see that the straight line follows that stretch of West Street from West Mill to the junction with Butt Lane, and then continues behind the Post Office, through the car park of the Drax Arms, beneath the Old Vicarage and the Drax Hall, and climbs to Woodbury.

So, if you hear those marching feet, and the commands of 'Dexter, Sinister, Dexter, Sinister, ... ' it is just a passing long-dead legion, reminding us all of just how old is the village which, but for a short period of its history, we inhabit.

A.J. Wise

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE The first meeting of 1988 opened with the new president, Mrs P'Moss, wishing all members a happy as well as an eventful 70th birthday year. As part of the celebrations, the Institute is working to assist the PIM Brown Child Cancer Fund, set up to commemorate the young boy from Bournemouth School who died in Southampton Hospital two years ago. Dr Lesley Haskins and Mrs Brown explained to members their motives and aims in setting up the Fund and the remarkable support it has received. It will be used to build a specially constructed and equipped child cancer unit in Southampton to serve the whole Wessex region - urgently needed so that full advantage can be taken of medical advances and progress in treatment.

Mr Charles Stickley joined the meeting and will enter the Bournemouth sponsored run in April to support the Fund.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP At the meeting on Tuesday, 8 March, the demonstration will be given by MRS HERRIDGE.

B.R.S.C.

CRICKET. The new season will soon be upon us, and this season sees a new challenge for the local side who after last season's fine run now will play in Dorset Div 2 for the first time.

A full programme of pre-season training which includes indoor and outdoor net sessions and practice matches is planned for April. Indoor nets at Purbeck Sports Club Sunday, 3rd and 10th April. For times and other information, players and any new players should contact Russell Hewitt 471145 or Herbie Swann 471131 or any other club member.

DARTS. Ray Bennett Memorial, 19th March. Open Pairs competition 7.30pm.

BRSC FOOTBALL. The weather has caused Bere footballers more worry than the opposition during January with almost as many matches cancelled as played.

The Reserves who have suffered even more cancelled matches than the 1st Team, have moved up to fourth place in their league. Although the players take a lot of the credit, a mention must be made of the part played in this resurgence by Russell Hewitt, the Manager, who with his no-nonsense approach has brought an extra dimension to the team's play.

JANUARY RESULTS

1ST TEAM

9th LEAGUE CUP
Portland 1 Bere 1 B Johnson
16th REPLAY
Bere 1 Portland 2 Robbie Hall
30th DIV 1
Bere 3 Hamworthy Utd 3 Gary Barratt 3

RESERVES

9th DIV 3 EAST
Bere 1 Allendale 0 Rob White
16th DIV 3 EAST
Wool 1 Bere 2 Rob White 1 Sam Butler 1

PUZZLE CORNER Last month's anagrams were:

1. Askerswell 6. West Moors
2. Sulton Wadron 7. Coombe Keynes
3. Hampshire 8. Maiden Newton
4. Iwerne Minster 9. West Stour
5. Mappowder 10. Tarrant Keyneston
Here are 10 more Dorset anagrams:-
1. LOWER SAND BASIN (8,6) 6. A ROTTEN BUS (4,6)
2. CREPT ONE MONTH (6,7) 7. OH NO MA'M (7)
3. MAN ON FAG-CARD (7,5) 8. BITTERLY LED (6,5)
4. A BABY SLUMBER (7,5) 9. HE ATE SCHOOL GRUB (4,11)
5. WHO'LL WE TRUST? (4,8) 10. MERCENARY SIT-IN (4,10)

100 YEARS AGO The following accounts are from the Parish Magazine for March 1888:-

BERE REGIS ACCOUNTS

COAL CLUB

£ s d Wareham Coal Company £ s d
Mrs. Erle Drax ... 7 0 0 48 tons 10 cwt of Coal ... 58 4 0
Mr. Mansel Pleydell ... 4 0 0 at 24s ... 58 4 0
Mr. Radclyffe ... 3 0 0
Mr. F. Radclyffe ... 1 0 0
Mr. Lys ... 1 0 0
Rev. W. Farrer ... 1 0 0
Mr. guest ... 2 10 0
Mr. Hibbs ... 0 10 0
Bernard Mitchell's Gift ... 0 19 6
Members' Payments, &c ... 57 4 6

£58 4 0

CLOTHING CLUB

£ s d £ s d
Balance in hand ... 0 7 5 Mr. Hibbs' Bill ... 18 19 4
Mrs Erle Drax ... 3 0 0 Cards ... 0 5 0
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Mr. guest ... 1 0 0
Members' Payments ... 14 2 0

£19 9 5

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£ s d £ s d
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£11 8 3

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£ s d £ s d
Easter Offertories ... 6 8 3 Organist ... 8 0 0
Offertory, Sept. 18th ... 3 0 0 Music &c. ... 2 10 0
Mr. Guest ... 1 0 0 Choral Association ... 0 10 0
Rev. W. Farrer ... 1 0 0 In hand ... 0 8 3

£11 8 3

AUTUMN LEAVES We held our monthly meeting, in the Drax Hall, on Wednesday, 10th February. The committee were very pleased to see so many members (23 in all) and guests had managed to get there in spite of the awfully cold weather. We had a very pleasant afternoon, Mr. Reap, from Dorchester, transported us to the U.S.A. with the help of his slides and talk on his exchange holiday to the Lake Placid area. After this we had a very nice tea with a Valentine cake, for the romantic among us. The competition for the month was a fruit. This was won by Mrs. Dorrie Fisher, whose fruit of a Dutch boy and girl was judged by Mr. Reap to be the best of the six fruits entered. May I remind members that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9th March. On 20th April in the Drax Hall there will be a 'New To You' sale. If anybody has any items for sale on a 50/50 basis would they please contact Mrs. Kathleen Jeeves at "Larkspur", Snowhill, Bere Regis. B.W.M.T. SCOUT GROUP

Headquarters Thank you to all those who have offered us items of plumbing equipment. It will all help.

Entertainment and Refreshments at the Drax Hall on Friday, 4th March at 7.00pm. Items by Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Brownies. Jumble Sales On Saturday, March 26th at 2.30pm in the Drax Hall. Bargains galore, stalls, competitions and refreshments.

Coffee Morning at Anderson Manor on Saturday, May 7th, 10.30am. By kind permission of Mr & Mrs Isacc. We hope the tulips will be in full bloom this year.

MOTHERS UNION The February meeting of the Mothers Union was well attended. The speaker was the Rev. Jane Lloyd, chaplain to Poole Hospital. She spoke about her work and the people she meets, with both humour and compassion.

Our branch will be going to Salisbury on 19 March to take a turn helping in the Refectory. Anyone in Salisbury on that day is welcome to call in for a coffee.

Our next meeting is communion followed by a discussion on the sermon.

Tee Hostesses - Mary England, Ethel and Dorrie.

Refreshments for Mothering Sunday - Sally, Di and Mary.
AFFPUDDLE NEWS

SITUATIONS VACANT: Please could someone take over the job of editor of Parish magazine for Briantspuddle & Affpuddle.

All items for inclusion in magazine by 14th of month please. S. Smith

PUDDLETOWN C.E. FIRST SCHOOL At the beginning of February we started our Toy Library which takes place in the school hall on Tuesday afternoon from 2 - 3pm. All pre-school children aged 3 and over are very welcome to attend with mum. One toy may be chosen to borrow and take home.

Easter holiday for First School children will start at 3pm on Friday, 25th March. Children will return to school on Tuesday, 12th April at 8.50am. L.K.L.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday 5th March Pete Bowditch
Thursday 10th March Bingo
Saturday 12th March Ladies K.O. Skittles
Saturday 19th March Jon Jedson
Thursday 24th March Bingo
Saturday 26th March Gents K.O. Skittles

Sponsored 24 Hour Trivial Pursuit Marathon this will take place in the Club starting at 9pm Friday, 1st April and ending 9pm Saturday, 2nd April.

All proceeds are going to the R.S.P.B. We have 12 volunteers who are willing to give up half of their Easter weekend to help this worthwhile cause.

T.V.S. TELETHON 88 APPEAL A Coffee Morning will be held in Briantspuddle Village Hall on Saturday, 16th April from 10.30 to 12.00. All money raised will be sent to the Telethon 88 Appeal.

There will be a cake stall, bring & buy and raffle. If anyone can provide anything for any of the above please ring Joan McGrotty (B.R. 471766) for more details.

CHURCH CLEANING There will be a special pre-Easter clean-up of the Church on Saturday, 26th March from 10am onwards. Please come along and help with the extra cleaning jobs - polishing pews, furniture, floors, vacuuming, dusting, cleaning windows, washing floors.

EASTER FLOWER ARRANGING The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday, 2nd April. Gifts of flowers & foliage will be most welcome & should be brought to the Church by 10am on the Saturday. Extra help with the decoration would also be most welcome.

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE This year Mothering Sunday is on 13th March. There will be a Mothering Sunday/Family Eucharist at 9.30 in Affpuddle Church with posies of flowers for children to present to their mothers, grandmothers and godmothers. Refreshments will be served after the service. Children do come along and bring Mum & Dad and Granny & Grandpa.

MILLENNIUM STONE Following the referendum, a faculty will be sought to move the Stone to the Church Peace Garden. The site selected by the P.C.C. is between the War Memorial and the Old Rectory Gate.

CHESHIRE HOMES The Church is helping to support 5 Grosvenor Crescent - one of the Cheshire Homes in Dorchester. About £100 has already been raised (this amount includes £48.82 from the collection at the Affpuddle Christmas Service). The money will be used to buy something which the home needs.

THANKS are expressed by the P.C.C. for all the support given to the Affpuddle Christmas Fair. The Church Stall raised £27. Thanks also to the Affpuddle 1000 Committee for help in raising money for the Organ Fund.

CHURCHYARD MOWING 1988 Very many thanks again from the Church Council to all the volunteers who kept the Churchyard grass in such good order during 1987. It was a great co-operative effort. During our millennium summer a number of complimentary comments were heard about it from the many visitors. A meeting is being planned during March to organise for the coming summer, and we hope that you will be able to help us again this year. There were 48 of us last summer - which means that each is asked to do only one stint of mowing during the year. Suggestions will be welcome for replacements for those who have moved away.

We would like to thank also for their valuable help:
Adrian Stanfield, whose sheep considerably lighten our task.
George Poore, who looks after the hedge & fencing on the east side.
Duncan Shepherd who helps with the servicing of the mowers, and Mrs. Kellaway who supplies the fuel mixture and helps in so many ways.

Thank you all once again.

I.R.S.

CAR BOOT AND SUITCASE SALE Puddletown First School, Saturday 12th March, 2pm - in aid of Friends of Puddletown School. Enquiries contact the Secretary, Puddletown 848316. £3 per car (£4 on the day), £1 per suitcase site.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH 1988

4th Women's World Day of Prayer
4th 7.00 pm Scout Group Entertainment - Drax Hall
11th 7.30 pm Conservative Association AGM - Drax Hall
12th Speaker - Ian Bruce MP
12th 2.00 pm Car Boot Sale - Puddletown First School
26th 2.30 pm Scout Group Jumble Sale - Drax Hall
26th 10.00 am Affpuddle Church Clean-Up

FUTURE EVENTS

APRIL

4-9th Scouts Job Week
13th WI Coffee Morning, Merrydown, Shittersdon
16th
20th
MAY
7th
19th
JUNE
11th
18th
25th
JULY
15th
22/23/24th
SEPTEMBER
20th

Telethon Coffee Morning - Briantspuddle Village Hall
Autumn Leaves 'New to You' Sale - Drax Hall

Scouts Coffee Morning - Anderson Manor
Autumn Leaves '23p' sale

RBL Women's Section Annual Fete
Scouts 'Mile of Pennies'
Bere Regis Church Garden Party

Cheese and Wine Party - Wi - all invited
"Art & Nature Intertwined" - Festival of Crafts and Flowers, Bere Regis Church

WI Concert and Open Night

**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**
6.30-10.30 4th Friday in month

**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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**CHOIR PRACTICE**
7.30pm Friday in Church

**CUBS**
6.30pm Thursday, School

**FLORAL GROUP**
2.30pm Tuesday, Drax Hall

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**MOTHERS UNION**
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**TUESDAY CLUBS:**
9.30am Saturday, Youth Club Hut

**ADVENTURERS**
7.00pm 7-11 years, Congregational Church

**ADVENTURERS**
8.15pm 12 years & over, Congregational Church

**WIVES GROUP**
7.30pm 4th Tuesday, Drax Hall

**WOMENS INSTITUTE**
7.00pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall

**YOUTH CLUB**
7.00pm Friday, Club Hut

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A CHILD AT RISK

My son is separated from his wife, but she is now living with a man who I think mistreats her little girl. My daughter-in-law is frightened of him, but I feel terribly worried about my little grand-daughter.

There are practical actions you can take, and should immediately. Go to your doctor, health visitor or the Social Services and tell them what you fear. Keep on until they act.

You yourself will want to get involved, but be careful. There are limits to what you could do on your own. Keep open the contacts you have with your daughter-in-law and make sure she knows that her little girl still has a granny who loves her and cares about her. You can take the whole problem to God as well. Do you trust him with every detail of your own life? I hope you do.

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