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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 1989...

The events of HOLY WEEK and EASTER take us from
darkness to light: from despair to hope.

Jesus Christ took all the hate and evil of the
world on Himself on the Cross: he died - but he
came to life again.

To experience the real meaning of the resurrection
we have to enter into the events of Holy Week.

PALM SUNDAY reminds us of the triumphal entry of
our Lord into Jerusalem amidst the shouts of
'Hosanna'. The Palm Crosses remind us both of
the leaves and branches that were thrown into
the road or waved in the air and of the CROSS
that was soon to follow as
the shouts turned to become
'Crucify on GOOD FRIDAY.'

The mood had changed on MAundy Thursday as
Jesus prepared himself and his followers
for the agony and death that was to come:
we re-enact the Last Supper and The Watch
in the Garden. The full significance of
the sacrifice of Jesus gradually becomes
apparent. On Good Friday our various
Services focus on the death of God's own
Son - a death that was to bring us life.
Words, music, silence all convey the deep
meaning that is still as real, even after
two thousand years.

On EASTER DAY we discover anew that the death
and the despair have stayed in the tomb: but
Jesus is ALIVE bringing hope, joy and peace
to all who believe in Him. Life in all its
fulness becomes a reality. The good news is
triumphantly proclaimed once more:
'CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!'
### SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES IN MARCH 1989

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### READING IN OUR CHURCHES IN MARCH

**SUNDAY 5 MARCH**
Theme: The King and the Kingdom: Transfiguration
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- Galatians 4.21 - end; John 6.1 - 14
- 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 517 ff) and 6.00 pm Holy Communion
- 2 Corinthians 3.4 - end; Luke 9.28 - 36

**SUNDAY 12 MARCH**
Theme: The King and the Kingdom: The Victory of the Cross
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- Hebrews 9.11 - 15; John 8.46 - end
- 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 521 ff)
- Colossians 2.8 - 15; John 12.20 - 32
- 6.00 pm Evensong
- Jeremiah 31.27 - 37; Mark 10.32 - 45

**SUNDAY 19 MARCH**
Theme: The Way of the Cross
- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- Philippians 2.5 - 11; Matthew 27.1 - 54
- 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 528 ff)
- Philippians 2.5 - 11; Mark 14.32 - 15.41
- 6.00 pm Evensong
- Isaiah 5.1 - 7; Mark 12.1 - 12

### EASTER DAY

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- Colossians 3.1 - 7; John 20.1 - 10
- 9.30 am and 11.00 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 573 ff)
- 1 Corinthians 15.12 - 20; Mark 16.1 - 8
- 6.00 pm Evensong
- Exodus 14.5 - end; John 20.11 - 23

### FROM THE REGISTERS

**Holy Baptism**
- February 4 Matthew PIDGEON
- February 12 Simon Adam Christopher Darren WATKINS

**Burial of the Dead**
- January 12 John ISAAC
- January 20 Andrew James WALKER
- January 25 Andrea Jane ISAAC
- January 31 Bessie Luisa PITFIELD
IN MEMORIAM

ANDREW WALKER died tragically after a road accident near to his home at Yearlings. Jesus loved children; he told us that anyone who does not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child shall never enter it. How easy it was for Andrew to enter that heavenly kingdom, how natural.

In the hearts and minds of those who knew him, Andrew will always be young; what a marvellous age it is when you are five! No pains, no worries, no fear of growing old, no disease or sadness.

But there is sorrow and sadness for Andrew's family and friends: our hearts and our prayers go out to Linda, Peter and Sarah, yet our memories are added in thankfulness to theirs - Andrew was so natural, his wide smile, his impish ways, his enthusiasm for life, his progress at school, his love of tractors and Ghostbusters - all that and so much more that is part of him. We pray for Andrew in his new life, a life which we can all share one day, in Christ.

ANDREW ISAAC fought bravely the infection that was to deprive her of life: her death was made even worse for her family by the death or her new born baby JOHN during her illness. For the family there is a sense of emptiness, of disbelief. Yet there was so much to be thankful for in Andrew's short life: she was always so bright and full of life; so kind and generous. She never wanted much and yet she had real happiness with her family and friends. Our sympathy goes to Dave and Matthew and the rest of the family at this time of darkness.

BESSIE LOUISA PITFIELD died suddenly at Turberville Court at the age of 83; her life had started in Wyke Regis and her family had travelled widely in her early years before settling in Coldharbour in the 20's. It was in 1928 that she came to Bere Regis, working for William Bedford at the Manor House. Louis married in 1930 and spent most of her married life at Southbrook, moving latterly into Turberville Court, after a short time in Butt Lane.

Her interests in the village were quite wide and included the U.I. and the Mothers' Union, the WVS (during the War), the Royal British Legion and working at the Bunching House. She loved knitting and crocheting. For many years she worked at the Drax Arms and organised the successful Thrift Club. Louis enjoyed family life and was much loved and respected as Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother. Bank Holidays were opportunities for little outings and Sunday lunchtimes with the family were always very special occasions. Brenda and Fred and the family are assured of our prayers in this time of loss.

THANKS to Mr D Ferguson for making the splendid display board in Bere Regis Church and also to the benefactor, by whose generosity the materials were bought.

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ANNOUNCING

COME AND DINE AT PAT'S PANTRY:
A 4-course meal for £6 a head - all proceeds to the Church Urban Fund. Saturday evenings by arrangement with Pat Chesney (471519) or Pat Mills (471308).
Thank you also to all who supported the Maunders' Kipper Breakfast, over £36 being added to our Church Urban Fund appeal.

THE PLAY AND LEARN VAN will visit the village on
WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH and 15 MARCH at the School from 9.15 - 10 and the Surgery from 10.15 - 10.45.
All young children and parents are welcome!

THANKS to all who helped in any way with the Bere Regis Church Jumble Sale, raising over £30 for Church Funds. Special thanks to Sybil Brampton for master-minding the whole exercise!

FAMILY WORSHIP continues to be very popular and lively in both Churches; at Bere Regis we combined the blessing of the new Brownie Flag with a Baptism and at Affpuddle joined in the celebration of the Baptism of Edward, James and Emma Talbot.

IN MARCH there are several opportunities for FAMILY WORSHIP:
SUNDAY 5 MARCH: Mothering Sunday 11.15 am at Affpuddle and 2.30 pm at Bere Regis
SUNDAY 12 MARCH 11.00 am at Bere Regis

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND ARE OVER 21?

Leaders are needed to work with Ranger Guides (aged 14 - 19) in the Bere Regis Venture Scout/Puddletown Ranger Guide Joint Unit. It is not necessary to have had previous experience of the Guide movement - all that is required is enthusiasm! But help and training are given. Further details from the District Commissioner, Anne Parker on Puddletown 848451.

GIRLS AGED BETWEEN 14 and 19

Do you wish to become a Ranger Guide in the Bere Regis Venture Scout/Puddletown Ranger Guide Joint Unit? Activities include hiking, camping, sailing, Service, canoeing, Duke of Edinburgh Award. If anyone is interested please contact the Secretary MARK VENTHAM (471215) or Chairman ZOE PARKES (Puddletown 848451).

ALL ARE INVITED to hear the BISHOP OF SALISBURY introduce his paper PRIORITIES FOR THE DIOCESE at a Deanery Meeting at Milborne Middle School, Blandford on FRIDAY 10 MARCH at 7.30 pm.

SUNDAY 19 MARCH: Palm Sunday 11.00 am at Affpuddle
FRIDAY 24 MARCH: Good Friday 11.00 am at Bere Regis
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: this year the Service will be held in Bere Regis Church on FRIDAY 3 MARCH at 3 pm.

THE GOOD BOOK STUDY GROUP continues to meet every Monday night during Lent; venues are given on the weekly Notice Papers.

THE DORCHESTER LIONS' CLUB FUN RUN is on March 12. David Payne is running for Saint Laurence's Church Affpuddle Restoration Fund; if you can sponsor him, please sign the list in Affpuddle Church soon! Other runners also very welcome!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE to give EASTER LILIES in memory of loved ones at Bere Regis Church, please sign the list in Church by Sunday 12 March.

A NEW HYMN BOARD has been given to Bere Regis Church in memory of Christine June Collison: we are most grateful to Mr and Mrs Collison for this useful gift.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS will take place after Evensong at 8 pm in our two Churches:

SUNDAY 16 APRIL at Bere Regis
SUNDAY 23 APRIL at Affpuddle.

DON'T FORGET the Parish Day for all at SALISBURY CATHEDRAL on SATURDAY 29 APRIL. BOOK THE DATE NOW!

DORSET TO ETHIOPIA!
The planned departure for the trip to Ethiopia is on March 29. The group comprises six young people from the Parishes: Andrew Ward, Duncan House, Emma Hailgh, Lucy Booth, Nicky and Chris Walton with one teenager and Leaders: Jonathan and Fiona Burke, Robert Stallard and Tim Harley.

There is always the possibility of change with such a venture, but we hope to visit various relief and development projects in Ethiopia as well as experiencing something of the Anglican and Ethiopian Orthodox Church there and seeing various parts of the country from the Blue Nile Falls to the Castles of Gondar and the ancient city of Harar.

Please remember the visit in your prayers.

The visit has been made possible by the generosity of Trusts and individual donations for which we are most grateful.

During the sixteen days of the Vicar's absence, urgent matters may be referred to the Churchwardens. We apologise for depriving the villages of a GP as well!

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS - BERE REGIS

SIDESMEN'S ROTA
2nd March 9.30am Mr J House Mr G Ward
6.00pm Mr M Barnes Miss S Frampton
12th March 6.00pm Cdr C Mauder Miss P Cheshney
19th March 9.30am Mr A Bates Mrs S Hazlerigg
6.00pm Mrs E Spracklen Mr R Stallard
26th March 11.00am Lt Col A Barne Mr J Strange
6.00pm Mrs M England Mr H Dashwood

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD
5th March LENT
12th March LENT
19th March LENT
26th March EASTER

We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Saturday, 25th. Offers of help and flowers will be most welcome.

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS - AFFPUDDLE

Flowers & Cleaning

5th March LENT Mrs Thornley
12th March LENT Mrs A Smith
19th March LENT Special Clean
26th March EASTER Mrs Thornley

Sidesmen & Readers

5th March 8.00am Col Corner Mr A Smith (e)
11.15am Mr Prideaux Mr Prideaux
12th March 9.30am Mr D Payne Capt Badcock (e)
19th March 8.00am Capt Johnston The Vicar (g)
11.00am Mr G Payne Mr A Smith (e)
26th March 9.30am Col Corner Affraise

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE
This will be held at Bere Regis Church at 3pm on Friday, 3rd March. The speaker will be Mrs Ann Evans (former Missionary in Thailand). The service has been prepared by the Women of Burma.

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL
The February meeting of the Parish Council was a crowded, lengthy meeting. During the Period of Public Discussion, which lasted over 1½ hours, all parties interested in the Lakey Hill Golf Club development put their views to the council. The applicant spoke at length of his ideas and plans for the Club, and local residents voiced their
fears regarding the felling of woodland and the effect on wildlife. Mr Shepherd, a retired D.C.C. forestry officer, told how he had visited the woods, and he thought many of the trees were ready for felling and thinning. This would bring extra birds, etc to the area, as the trees were too dense to let light in, therefore no wildlife can exist there. He said the trees were mostly planted after the turn of the century, before that it had been heathland. Spokesmen from Rossmore Sawmills and the Margaret Green Foundation voiced their concern on the effect the development could have on their businesses. Other residents also spoke. Later when the planning application was discussed by council members, they voted against the 69 chalets and the road widening, but in favour of the golf courses at Buddens Pit, and in the woodland. This now goes before Purbeck District Council.

Other Business - The Chairman reported that the appeal at Townsend Business Park, for a garage, restaurant and seven workshops, also the appeal by Harry Palmer, for two extra houses at White Lovington, had been passed.

Mrs Franklin, County Councillor, reported that the signs directing traffic to Weymouth via Rye Hill, will not now be changed, sending traffic onto the Dorchester Bypass will have to wait until the Tollpuddle/Puddleford Bypass has been completed.

The next meeting, on March 22nd, will be the Annual Parish Meeting. Parishioners will, by the time this edition is published, have seen the works taking place on the South side of Elder Road. At long last the area is to be landscaped including the planting of trees and shrubs. We hope that the final result will meet with everyone’s approval and that it will be enjoyed by all. The board walk is in place and the Riverside Walk to Shitterton is very well used. It is to be hoped that the seats recently won by the Village will be positioned along the path shortly. We are very fortunate to have got this under way and we are grateful to the Purbeck District Council for embarking on the scheme. It will be up to us to care for the trees and shrubs by ensuring that the stakes and protectors are not disturbed in the early stages after planting. We can then be sure of looking forward to a very pleasant area.

AUTUMN LEAVES

Our February meeting was held in the Drax Hall on Wednesday, 8th. The weather was very kind to us, as in previous years we have had to cancel this meeting. There were 40 members present. Mr Reap gave us an interesting slide show on his exchange trip to Canada. The competition was won by Mrs Selby - for the prettiest handkerchief. Tea was served by the Committee, a very enjoyable afternoon. Next meeting - March 8th. A speedy recovery to all members who are unwell.

B.W.M.T.

THE R.B.L WOMEN'S SECTION held their first meeting of 1989 on January 18th and 18 members were present. There being no speaker, a discussion on the "R.B.L. New Dimensions" was held. Tea was served by Mrs Payne and Mrs Reed and a Bring & Buy was run by Mrs Cleall.

Canotaph for March - Mrs Orchard

Canotaph for April - Mrs Presslee

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP

Progress is being made with the drainage and water main laying and the tidying up of the car parking area. We still need funds to complete the work (a total of £5500 has been spent so far) so your support of any events or sponsored clean-up will be very welcome.

Coffee Evening and Entertainment on Friday, 3rd March at 6.30pm.

Items by all Scout and Guide sections.

Jumble Sale on Saturday, 18th March, 2.30pm at the Drax Hall. There will be all sorts of stalls upstairs, refreshments and competitions and a good selection of jumble downstairs.

Please let any leader, member or committee know if you have anything for the Sale and would like it collected.

Sponsored Clean-Up at Kimmeridge is on April 1st in the morning, to miss the big number of visitors in the afternoon. Please support the clean-up by helping, transporting to Kimmeridge and back, or sponsoring the total number of sacks collected.

100 YEARS AGO From the Parish Magazine for March 1889:-

FOOT RACES

A friend has offered some prizes for a mile race for boys under 18, and for a half-mile race for boys who are still at school. The course proposed is from the sign-post on the Kingston road to the cross-roads at Bere for the mile, and the Bere half of the same course for the half-mile. The first prize for the mile race will be 5s., and the second 2s.6d.; and for the half-mile, first 3s., second 2. There will be no race unless there are six bona fide competitors. The races to be run in Easter week.

ENTERTAINMENTS

The entertainments which we have to record this month are of a varied character. Dancing seems to be coming into fashion. The Football Club gave a dance on the 1st of February at the Boys School, and this was so much enjoyed, that the members of the Reading Room issued invitations for a similar party on the 22nd, which, our special reporter informs us, was equally successful.
The Football Club also got up a concert for the evening preceding the dance. The performers were the Wareham Musical Club, or Wareham Minstrels. Part of the entertainment provided was of the Chrissy Minstrel order, part of songs in character, and the last part consisted of a very amusing farce, acted with great spirit, entitled "Starvation". The dialogues, jokes, and songs appeared to give genuine satisfaction, and called forth a great deal of laughter and applause.

DORSET RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA SOCIETY DORSET BRANCH
On Sunday, 30th April, Mr Charlie Stickley will be running in the Bournemouth Bay half marathon, to raise funds for research into this eye disease, which causes blindness in people of all ages. Would anyone like to sponsor him for this worthy cause? Please contact the local organisers for the RP, Mr Dave and Mrs Win Taylor at 3 Old Barn Road or on Bere Regis 471033, for sponsorship forms. Thank you.

BERE REGIS WOMENS INSTITUTE
At the first meeting of 1989, on Tuesday, 17th January, the President Mrs Peggy Carter welcomed the 37 members present with a glass of sherry. The new committee elected at the November AGM was introduced and the President extended her thanks to all those who made the Christmas Party such a successful and enjoyable event. The 1989 programme offers another interesting and varied year and started with a presentation on the introduction of the community charge in 1990, given by Mr Roussel, Treasurer of Purbeck District Council. Members' questions were answered and much of the technical language clarified. An informative evening was concluded by a vote of thanks by Mrs Molly Carlyle.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP
At the meeting on Tuesday, March 14th Mrs Joan Stogden will demonstrate 'The Pleasure's Mine'.

BERE REGIS FRIENDS OF THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND
An Antiques Evening will be held in the Drax Hall on Friday, March 17th at 7.30pm. Experts will be present to advise you on any items you would like to bring.
Do come along to what should prove a very entertaining evening. Tickets will be available from Miss A Lys or Mrs J Hudson. Admission £1.50 - Valuation 50p.

BERE REGIS WIVES GROUP
On February 7th, Pancake Day, we held our annual Pancake Race and Coffee Morning. All the children came down from the school to watch. The winner of the Race was Joanne Collis, and the Coffee Morning was a great success. Many thanks to everyone who came, and to those who gave. It was a very enjoyable morning.

YOUTH CLUB
The Club is humming again on Monday nights. Around 25 members attend regularly for evenings organised by the Leader, Dave Grundhill. Keith Green is helping together with Dawn Stockley, who runs the Coffee Bar. All in all it seems to be going very well as I was able to see when I popped in to judge the Fancy Dress at the St Valentine Disco. Most members made an effort but as over it was the St Trinians girl who carried it off. All of those who competed deserved, and got, a small token as they were very imaginative. The usual plea for Mums or Dads to help with the Club by serving on the Management Committee. We do not actually have a constitutional committee at present, but I think that we would be wrong to close for administrative reasons. So, please can you help?

Christopher Mander

BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB REPORT FOR FEB-MAR 89

1ST TEAM
21st Jan Bere Regis 3
(R Blake, R White)
HMS Osprey 3
28th Jan Weymouth TC 2
Bere Regis 1
(R Blake)
4th Feb Royal Signals 3
Bere Regis 0
11th Feb Bere Regis
Hamworthy Utd 3
(B Johnston)

2ND TEAM
28th Jan Bere Regis 5
NEI Thompson 1
(P Cheeseman 3, K Steele 1
S Cheeseman 1)
4th Feb Bere Regis 0
Valley Sports 3
11th Feb Poole Labour 6
Bere Regis 2
(K Steele, G Barrett)

Club Report
Recently the unusually temperate weather has somehow affected both of the Club's two football sides, once again hit by injuries, suspensions and estranged players, the football has taken a downward turn. The 1st team, showing a pattern of inconsistency and only picking up one point out of ten, were unlucky at the fancied Weymouth TC only to be dogged by incongruent refereeing. However cup fever
returns to the rec on March 4th, when the 1st team play a League Semi-Final against Weymouth in an all-ticket match, with extra policing. A victory could spark a resurgence in the side, although a mid-season return is virtually assured.

The second team having found a goalkeeper in Andy Cheseman after a nationwide search, dismissed NEI Thompson by five goals to one, a result used as a much-needed confidence booster. Subsequently, gates have dropped since Christmas, as the team have been threatened with relegation. However, no sign of the axe as yet! An encounter with leaders Poole Labour was billed as a possible upset, but the defence wouldn't have looked out of place over Pear Park - but the confidence wouldn't have been conceded, although several dubious offside decisions proved a barrier for the reserves. Confidence will be at a premium in the future for the team to salvage anything this season.

An official approach was made to Alan Green about the player manager position, the offer was turned down.

The Sports Club's Annual Dinner Dance will be held at the Ramblas Hotel, Weymouth on the 28th April, cost £15.00. For details please contact Mr L Hall, Egdon Close. Finally the Club will hold the Ray Bennett Pairs Memorial Darts Championship at the Club on the 15th April, entries welcome.

EASTER DECORATIONS

The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday, 25th March from 10am onwards. Gifts of flowers and foliage would be greatly appreciated and should be brought to the church by 10am Saturday morning.

SPECIAL CLEAN

A Quarterly Special Clean of the church will take place on Saturday, 18th March from 10am until 12 noon. Please come (with your own dusters and polishing cloths please) and help to maintain our church as one of the best kept in the Diocese. Polishes etc will be provided.

VILLAGE QUIZ

The 1989 Village Quiz took place in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 8th February. The Questions were set by last year's winners, the Parish Council. Questions were asked by Philippa Thornley, the time keeping and score by Philip Venham, and Mr Bowell operated the projector.

The Junior Cup was won by "The Armadillos", the Senior Cup by the Briantspuddle Singers. The Quiz was organised by the Village Hall Committee.

BRIANTS PUDDLE W.I.

This month's meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22nd March when Mrs J. Williams will give a talk about her experiences as a "Housewife in Nepal".

The meeting is open to all ladies, entry fee 60p, and starts at 8pm.

MONTHLY RECIPE

This month's recipe was given to me by Jacky Minninnick, Dr Taylor's receptionist.

Wholemeal Fruit Loaf - Make tea and use 1 pint to soak 8ozs dried fruit (including dried apricots and cherries, chopped). Stir in 4 tbs Honey (or 3 tbs Golden Syrup). Leave to stand overnight. Add: 1 beaten egg, 8ozs wholemeal flour, 1 level tbs baking powder. Add more liquid if necessary to make a soft dropping consistency. Put into a greased or lined loaf tin (2lb). Bake at 160C/325F for 1-1.1/2 hours or until shrunk from sides of tin.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 1989
9th 7.30pm WI Whist Drive - Drax Hall
10th 7.30pm Bishop of Salisbury - Blandford

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

I would like to thank the numerous very kind people who expressed their good wishes for my wellbeing during my recent illness, by prayer and sending cards and flowers. All of these were very much appreciated, and I am eternally grateful. A special word of thanks to the ladies who so kindly provided transport enabling me to attend the ladies who so kindly provided transport enabling me to attend Sam Smith regularly visit me in hospital.

PAINTING GROUP

From Friday, 3rd February 1989 sessions at the Village Hall are held from 2pm to 4pm instead of during the morning.

AFFPRIASE FOR PALM SUNDAY - 11AM, 9TH MARCH

All of God's Family are invited to join us at this special service today as we sing together "Hosanna to the Son of David".

BRIANTS PUDDLE PLAYGROUP

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AFFPUDDLE NEWS

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Mr R. Holloway, 63 High Street, Blandford Forum

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FUTURE EVENTS

April 1989
1st 10.30am Coffee Morning for Drax Hall - Mrs Mills, Merrydown
8th
12th 10.30am Affpuddle Church Coffee Morning - Throop Farm
15th 7.00pm W.I. Coffee Morning - Merrydown, Sitterton
29th Parish Day - Salisbury Cathedral

May 1989
17th Scout Group AGM - Drax Hall
20th Coffee Morning for Drax Hall - Mrs McLeod, 100 North Street
20th Visiting Ringers - Ludlow

June 1989
12th W.I. Coffee Morning - 3 Southbrook
15th Sinfonia Choir - Affpuddle Church

September 1989
27th Provisional Opening of Scout Headquarters

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WHAT'S IN A WORD?

OUR lives are made up of words. But words are more than just sounds we utter: they involve decisions and actions. Some words are popular and others less so. Sometimes two words, on face value, seem to mean the same, but one is often used and the other is neglected.

Neglected words are frequently old-fashioned and common words seem more adaptable to our various situations. Two such words are 'repent' and 'sorry'. 'Sorry' has a nice friendly feel to it but 'repent' sounds forbidding and most old-fashioned.

In the Bible there is frequently the call to repent: the call is not to say 'sorry' but to repent. When we say 'sorry' it is usually meant as an apology and expression of regret. On the other hand repentance involves much more — it requires action.

In Luke 19 we read of the encounter of Jesus and Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was a tax-gatherer who had become wealthy by some very dubious practices. His repentance resulted in him giving to the poor and making generous reparations to those he had cheated.

Repentance involves regret for what we have done, making amends, and changing our lives. Repentance can be very costly.

Repentance, however, is not a one-sided process; it is something that can also give us great rewards. It is by repentance that broken or damaged relationships can be repaired. Often we fail to realise that in hurting others we hurt ourselves.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN

As parents we try to correct our children when we see them behaving badly, not because we want to control them but because we love them and want what is best for them. Likewise God's call for us to repent is the action of a loving father who wants the best for us.

It is through repentance — and all that it costs — that we can become our true selves and be healed of our self-inflicted wounds. It is through repentance that we can become reconciled with God and our fellows. Yes, repentance is much more than just being sorry.

DAVID BRADSHAW

COMFORTABLE SLIPPERS

LIKE many people who spend a lot of time indoors, I wear slippers a good deal. Recently my old ones became too worn for safety, and I decided to buy some of the smart exercise slippers.

At first the new ones made my feet ache; I felt cramped and uncomfortable, in the end reverting to my old slippers for a rest, until the new ones were properly broken in. They seemed even more strange and confining after going back to the old ones.

I wonder — is this you, coping with a new church service, or new ways, after the comfort of the old? Does it all feel strange, and confining?

Take heart! My new slippers are slowly but surely becoming looser, easier, more comfortable to wear, even if they do have a long way to go before reaching the comfort of the old ones.

But they'll get there.

ANNA MCLEAY

SOME NEW ENCOUNTERS

THIS Winter/Spring has seen the seventh series of new religious documentaries put out in most ITV Regions by Central 'Encounter' programmes during March include a discussion of celibacy ('...Is not just about sex, but a way of life'); Franciscan nuns in the inner city; Seamen's Mission work; and, for Easter Day, Richard Holloway 'explains why, for him, death cannot be the end'. Watch them at 12 noon on Sundays.

HOME THOUGHTS OF A SEAFARER

A FASCINATING glimpse of the world of colonies and international shipping in Victorian times unfolds through a bundle of letters written by a seaman in 1858, which were uncovered more than 20 years ago in the archives of P&O. Now P&O Lines Director Brian MacDonald has collated them to produce 'Dearest Mother', which is published in aid of The Missions to Seamen by Lloyds of London. The book costs £9.95 from bookshops.

AFTER THE MILLENNIUM...

THE RUSSIAN Orthodox Church says it is planning to open four new theological seminaries in the USSR — in Byelorussia, the Ukraine, Siberia and the mid-Volga region. They report a further 723 churches opening last year, either reopened after renovation or newly opened.

Last year was widely observed in the USSR as the millennium of the coming of Christianity with the baptism of Prince Vladimir of Kiev in 988. Coins have been struck in palladium, gold, silver and platinum to commemorate the anniversary and are on sale in the USSR. They show Vladimir holding a large cross.
OVER THE WEEKEND, April 21-23 there is an opportunity for concerned people in our churches to Bring Children into Focus at a weekend arranged by the Explorers, Climbers and Scramblers section of CPAS.

Gavin Reid will be leading the Main Sessions and helping us to examine what the Bible has to say about children and how this should influence our strategy for reaching and teaching children in our parishes.

The Children in the Way report suggests that Anglican children’s ministries appear to be reaching about 7% of those aged 6-9 and only 4% of those in the crucial 10-13 age band. “With a parish church in every corner of the country and with a network of many related church schools these are sobering figures”, says Gavin.

In many churches the children’s work is out of sight and out of mind. The strategy and resourcing of this work is seldom discussed as a priority, the most able leaders are given other jobs to do in the church and consequently the children who were welcomed at Baptism are lost by adolescence.

Does your church share these concerns? Are the leaders of your church saying, “Yes, Let’s bring Children into Focus”?

This weekend is not just for those who already lead Explorers, Climbers or Scramblers but for clergy, elders, co-ordinators, church wardens, PCC members and others who echo the Bishops’ views quoted above.

During the weekend there will also be a number of seminars, led by people who are experts in their subject, looking at children in the church and outside.

A number of workshops will deal with the practical issues of leading groups, and planned activities on the Saturday afternoon will provide fun ideas for use in the church family.

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