

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

I mentioned the Confirmation Service on March 10th at 7 p. m. last month. I am hoping to present a number of Candidates from both Bere Regis and Winterbourne Kingston and it is so important this should be made a real red letter day in their lives. So I do ask as many of you as possible to be present on this occasion.

It is with deep regret that as we go to press I have to tell you of the sudden death of Prebendary Dancaaster on February 13th. Mr. Dancaaster had come to spend his well earned retirement at Winterbourne Kingston and had been living there at Cobblers Cottage for some nine months. He had most kindly helped in various ways in the parish and had provided an 8 a. m. Celebration of the Holy Communion on every Sunday and on Saints Days as well. On the day he was taken ill he had that morning taken the Ash Wednesday Celebration and was struck down at mid-day that same day and died within the 24 hours.

We thank God for his life of service and devotion and are glad for him that his end came as he would have wished it. Our sympathies to his relatives and to Mrs. Bulteel who looked after him with such affection and had watched over him for over nineteen years.

I shall be grateful if you will take careful note of the Easter Day Services as this magazine will not be published till just before Easter Sunday. The Prayer Book distinctly tells us that all members of the Church are to make their Communion at least three times in the year of which Easter must be one.

Please note also the Annual Church Meeting to be held at 7 p. m. on Wednesday, April 1st. This year it will not be held in the Church but in the W.I. Hut. This means we shall be able to have a cup of tea during the evening and shall be able to smoke! So I do hope we shall have a really good number at this most important business Meeting of the Church during the year. We shall be carrying through the usual elections, considering the Church accounts, and doing other business of importance to the efficient running of your Church. Anyone on the Electoral Roll is eligible to be present and to vote. So do please come along.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter.

BERE REGIS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On March 12th there will be a Silver Gift Tree, followed by a Sacred Concert at 7 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE

3 p.m. Sunday, February 9th. The Service for the Family, young and old.

COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING

6 p.m. Sunday March 22. Palm Sunday.

BERE REGIS MOTHERS' UNION

The monthly meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. Thursday March 12th. The speaker this month will be Miss Pulsford, with slides. Miss Pulsford is an overseas speaker.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTERBERE REGIS

EVERY THURSDAY DURING LENT 3.00 p.m. Lenten Service

MOTHERING SUNDAY March 8th. 2.30 p.m. Special Family Service.

DISTRIBUTION OF PALM CROSSES at all Services on Palm Sunday March 22nd.

HOLY WEEK

Monday March 23. 7.00 p.m. Compline  
 Tuesday March 24. 7.00 p.m. Compline  
 Wednesday March 25. 7.00 p.m. Compline  
 Maundy Thursday March 26. 7.00 p.m. Holy Communion  
 Good Friday March 27. 11.00 a.m. Mattins  
 7.00 p.m. Devotional Service

EASTER DAY 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
 11.00 a.m. Mattins

EASTER DAY (continued) 12.00 noon Holy Communion  
 2.30 p.m. Children's Service  
 6.00 p.m. Festal Evensong.

EASTER LILIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

The list is now in the Church. Please fill in your requirements as soon as possible so that we may have some idea of the number to order.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The Bishop of Sherborne will hold a Confirmation in the Parish Church at 7 p.m. on Tuesday March 10th.

The Vicar hopes that many people will be present to support the Candidates with their presence and their prayers.

HISTORY OF BERE REGIS - 33THE CHURCH (continued - 17th century work)

The work carried out in the church during this century was confined mainly to furnishings and general repairs, and details of these items can be obtained from the churchwardens' accounts which cover this period, although unfortunately they are not complete.

The box pews, which were in use until 1875, would have been constructed during this century, although only repairs to them can be found in the accounts. They were probably made in a year where the accounts are now missing. The box pews at Puddletown which still exist, were installed in 1635, and those at Bere appear from an old photograph to have been basically similar. These pews covered the nave and both aisles which at this time were all at one level.

In 1608 there is an item:- "A cover for the vante (font) given to the Church by John Hony", who was a Carpenter.

In 1610 the bells and frame were completely overhauled and repaired, Thomas Kinston, from Salisbury being employed on the work for 14 days with local help, which cost altogether over £11. The workmen seem to have underestimated the cost in the first place for there is this odd item:-

"pd. them over & a boufe or else thay wold a loste by eit for I

promised them befor thay tocke ett thay shold nott losse by ett or eles thay wold nott tacking ett att so lowe a prise ..... 6s. 0d."

In 1624, £9. 1s. 6d. was spent in repairs to the leadwork on the roof, and in 1628 a further £39 was spent when almost 5½ tons of lead was used. A plumber named John Gaylord was employed for this work.

In 1632 and 1633 these items occur:-

"It. paid unto Mr. Davies for painting of the Kings  
Ma.es Armes and for other worke done about the church £4. 9s. 0d.  
It. paid unto a Painter of Sarum that came to  
view Mr. Davies worke ..... £-. 7s. 8d.  
It. In our hands to Pay Davyes ..... £4. 0s. 0d.

It appears that Mr. Davies was paid £8 altogether, and in view of the largeness of the sum for this period, his work might well have included painting the nave roof, especially as supervision from Salisbury seems to have been necessary. Hutchins, writing in about 1770, observed - "About a century subsequent to its erection, the roof appears to have been painted by some uneducated artist with rude conceptions of Italian character".

In 1656 the whole of the tower, bells and frame were again overhauled and repaired, when the present second bell was cast, and in 1685 much carpentry work was done, which included repairs to the pews, and it seems, re-roofing the porch.

In 1688, after severe gales, we find these items:-

"paid Nicholas Huchings for minding the windows and  
ponting after the great wind ..... £-. 3s. 4d  
paid Edward Mores for minding and ponting  
after the wind ..... £0. 1s. 6d  
paid David Guy and men when the Church foundred £0. 4s. 6d  
for beere ..... £0. 0s. 6d

A large re-roofing job seems to have been undertaken in 1692  
~~in 1692~~ when Thomas Turberville was one of the churchwardens.

Among the more expensive items we find :-

"pd. Tho. Meader for 500 foot of Oaken board ..... £3. 15s. 0d  
pd. Bernard Maber for 140 Bushells of Lime ..... £2. 6s. 0d  
pd. Tho. & James Lockier towards their worke ..... £4. 1s. 8d  
pd. Wm. Woolfrys for fetchinge 7000 of bricks ..... £1. 3s. 4d  
pd. Robt. Strangman for 7000 of bricks ..... £4. 4s. 0d  
pd. for Timber bought at Cleveston & marking money.. £4. 18s. 0d  
pd. ffor Lead & the Plumbers worke ..... £13. 6s. 7.

As a result of this heavy expenditure Thomas Turberville

seriously overspent on his years account, causing him to remark rather apologetically at the end :-

"So that there is disburst by Tho: Turberville Esqr., more yn recd. 13.7.9." besides which he had not paid for the plumber's "Dyett & Horsemeat" and various other items.

(to be continued) F. P. Pitfield.

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### VILLAGE CALENDAR

March	10th.	7.00 p.m. Confirmation Service in the Parish Church
April	1st.	7.00 p.m. Annual Congregational Church Meeting
April	8th.	Mothers' Union Deanery Festival Service in the Church
April	9th.	British Legion Women's Section Jumble Sale in the W.I. Hut.
May	12th.	Bere Regis District Floral Society Annual Outing
May	30th.	St. Nicholas Garden Party.
June	6th.	Bere Regis Carnival
June	17th.	7.15 Bere Regis Deanery Missionary Festival in the Church
June	20th.	Bere Regis Congregational Church Garden Party
June	27th.	Bere Regis Church Garden Party
July	4th.	Ancient Order of Foresters Skittles Championship. Recreation Ground.
July	15th.	British Legion Garden Fete at White Lovington.

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### SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

March	1st.	LENT
March	8th.	LENT
March	15th.	LENT
March	22nd.	LENT
March	29th.	EASTER SUNDAY

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### BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

This is a reminder that our next meeting will be the annual Spring Show on Tuesday March 10th commencing 2.30 p.m. Judges will be Mrs. Paver and Miss Sunderland, who are well known to most

of us. Please try and enter something for at least one of the classes, whether in the Bulb Growing or Floral Arrangements sections.

Prizes are offered for all classes, and the Bronze Challenge Tray will go to the winner of the highest number of points, to be held for the year.

Please note that all exhibits must be staged before 11.30 a.m. when judging will commence promptly.

There will also be a Bring and Buy Stall for the Sale of Plants and floral sundries such as containers, pinholders etc., a Raffle, and teas will be available. Contributions for any of these will be much appreciated.

So please come with your friends and enjoy a pleasant afternoon. Admission is free.

P. Lloyd, Hon. Asst. Sec.

### WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON CHURCH

#### ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER

<u>EVERY SUNDAY DURING LENT</u>	7.30 p.m. Evensong
<u>MOTHERING SUNDAY March 8th.</u>	3.15 p.m. Special Mothering Sunday Service.
(N.B. There will be no 7.15 p.m. Evensong on this Sunday)	
<u>GOOD FRIDAY March 27th.</u>	11.00 a.m. Sunday School 6.00 p.m. Devotional Service
<u>EASTER DAY March 29th.</u>	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion 7.15 p.m. Evensong

#### FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS.

#### LIVES OF THE LESSER SAINTS.

##### SAINT PATRICK

17th MARCH - 461.

Saint Patrick when a boy lived in Scotland. His father had a farm and as you can imagine S. Patrick looked after his father's sheep and cattle. His father and grandfather were both clergymen and S. Patrick would go to the tiny Church, with its small windows and no pews. He stood and knelt with the others in the Church, but his thoughts were really far away from the Church and from God - he was thinking of the fields or the little boat from which he would fish.

One day, when he was in his teens, he was seized by some very

rough men who took him to Ireland and there sold him as a slave boy. He drove cattle up the mountain and minded them whilst they fed on the plentiful supply of grass. As he sat on the hillside he would think of his home across the sea and would cry. If he ran away he knew he would be caught. There was no one to help him, no one to talk to, the other herd boys could not understand him, but he remembered there was Someone Who could understand, Who could hear, Who could help, and of course you will know to Whom I refer - God his Heavenly Father. He began to think to himself that he had not spoken to Him for days, he could not remember the last time he prayed. Out on the hillside he began to talk to God. The next day he prayed and the next day and he went on talking to God. Days and weeks and months went by and still he prayed and listened to what God had to say to him.

One night in his sleep, S. Patrick heard a voice which said that he would soon go home and another night the voice told him that his ship was ready. The next day he took the road to the port and for almost two weeks he walked and walked. He had been in Ireland so long that he was no longer a boy but a man and he made this long journey to the port only to find that he had to plead to be taken on a ship which was about to sail - but he was allowed to board eventually and after more adventures he reached home. Of course he was very happy to be amongst his own people again but something seemed to tell him that he was not to stay. He never thought of disobeying what he believed to be God's call, and he began to prepare himself for the work of teaching Christianity to the Irish people. This of course took time, and it was twenty-one years after his escape that he returned to the scene of his captivity. Before he returned to Ireland, however, he was consecrated Bishop.

He did not have an easy task on his return, his life was often in danger, he had to face hardship and hatred. He went on with his work, he travelled much and visited a large part of Ireland preaching, baptizing and teaching. He lived to a great age and was able to see the spread of the Christian faith over the land.

Saint Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland. This is a beautiful idea of connecting the name of a great and holy man with the country to which he has given so much.

These lovely words, which we can make our prayer, were written by the Saint himself.

"God be in my head and in my thinking;  
God be in mine eyes and in my seeing;  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;

God be in my hands and in my doing;  
God be in my feet and in my going;  
God be in my mouth and in my laughing;

E. M. S.

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WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON MOTHERS' UNION

The monthly meeting will be held at 2.45 p.m. on Wednesday March 11th in the Reading Room. The speaker this month will be Mrs. Aldis from Hamworthy.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

BERE REGIS

HOLY BAPTISM

1963. November 24th. Andrew Neville Tuck.

(We apologise for the lateness of this entry which was inadvertently omitted from previous issues)

BURIALS

January 15th. Susan Ann Perrott. 17 years.  
January 20th. Herbert Crabb. 63 years.  
January 30th. Harold Frank Applin. 72 years.

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January 22nd. Ellen Alice Barnes. 74 years.

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SWEEPINGS

How lucky I am! Whenever I make a mistake people are sure to discover it. (Confucius)

The only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about. (Oscar Wilde)

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent (Eleanor Roosevelt)

A mind like a flash of lightning, quick but crooked (Chesterton)

When two men in a business always agree, one of them is unnecessary  
Christianity is not a philosophy to be taught, but a Spirit to be caught

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'SMALL ADS'

(2/6 for every three lines)

LADIES HAIRDRESSING by QUALIFIED STYLIST. MRS. LAMB.  
'MERRYDOWN' SITTERTON. BERE REGIS 308. RING BEFORE 9.30 a.m.  
FOR APPOINTMENT. REPRESENTATIVE FOR AVON BEAUTY PRODUCTS.

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