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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

Although the postal strike is still with us I am hoping we may be able to get the magazine out in about the same time as usual by sending the copy to Liverpool (where the magazine is printed) via British Road Services, who during the strike have proved themselves most extraordinarily efficient. One wonders how much work will be lost to the Post Office when the strike is all over.

The unfortunate 'General Public' have suffered greatly during past months, not only have they gone through the Power Strike and now the Post Strike but have had to put up with a great many things which the vast majority did not want.

We have now gone over to Decimal Currency which the major part of the ordinary people did not want, but they have got it. The Banks have computerised their accounts to the great inconvenience of their customers, but they must put up with it. We are now supposed to use the Centigrade Scale which again no one wants. If one can go by the papers three quarters of the population have a real fear and horror of 'going into Europe' yet the powers that be persist in their efforts to this end. And now there is talk of the Metric System for weights and measures following on currency changes.

How far the great majority can be pushed remains to be seen, but there are signs that our legislation had better think very carefully before they go very much further - they will have to remember that there are straws and camel backs!

Fortunately the Christian does not rely on big business for his happiness and as I was trying to say in Church one Sunday morning, the important things to the Christian man are the little every day events of ordinary life and his own relationship with God and man which is personal and intimate. We are affected by the big things of the world of business, politics and government but they should not disturb the Christian's inward peace or happiness. These, thank God, are things which belong to us and cannot be controlled or computerised or 'taken over' by government or big business or anything else.

As I hinted in last month's magazine, I am proposing to have a Discussion Group this year during Lent on Thursday evenings

8 p. m. at the Vicarage, when I hope we may talk about some of the questions of this modern age.

Please take note of the Lenten arrangements and try and support them. If it is now out of fashion to give up things for Lent, that does not prevent us from doing something extra even at our great inconvenience !

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Paul Tranter

### SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD

There will be no flowers done in the Church during March as the four Sundays are all in Lent.

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### SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR MARCH 1971

Mar.	7.	11.	Mr. K. Woolfries	&	Col. A. Barne
		6.	Messrs. R. Barnes	&	P. Kircher Smith
	14.	11.	Messrs. M. Lys	&	F. Marsh
		6.	Messrs. M. Barnes	&	D. Poore
	21.	11.	Messrs. W. F. Lys	&	I. Mullins
		6.	Messrs. R. Smith	&	R. Barnes
	28.	11.	Col. A. Barne	&	K. Woolfries
		6.	Messrs. J. House	&	F. Marsh
April	1.	11.	Messrs. W. F. Lys	&	R. Smith
		6.	Messrs. D. Poore	&	M. Barnes

Sidesmen's Quarterly Meeting, Wednesday, March 10th 8 p. m. at the Vicarage.

### VILLAGE CALENDAR

Mar.	1.	Mon.	7.30.	Parochial Church Council
	4.	Thur.		Coffee Morning for Flower Festival at Woodbury-side, 10.30 - 12.
	6.	Sat.		Women's Institute Coffee Morning at Miss Hyde's 10.30.
	10.	Wed.	7.30.	Mothers' Union at Kingston
	15.	Mon.	7.30.	First Confirmation Class at the Vicarage
			8.15.	Sidesmen's Meeting.

Mar.	17.	Wed.	2.30.	British Legion Women's Section Spring Sale, Drax Hall.
	25.	Thurs.		Mothers' Union Deanery Festival at Bere Regis 3 p. m.
April	4.	Sun.		Palm Sunday
	11.	Sun.		Easter Day
	28.	Wed.		Archdeacon and Visitation
May	5.	Wed.		Coffee Evening at the Vicarage for Flower Festival.
	6.	Thurs.		Mothers' Union Archdeaconry Service at Salisbury Cathedral
	12.	Wed.	3.00 p. m.	School Managers
	20.	Thurs.		Ascension Day. Friends of Bere Regis Church Service
	21.)			
	22.)			Flower Festival
	23.)			
	23.	Sun.	3.15.	Joint Service with Methodists and Congregationalists at Kingston Congregational Church.
	28.	Fri.		Confirmation Service at Piddletrenthide
June	3.	Thurs.	3.00.	Sanctuary Guild
	8.	Tues.		Young Wives Summer Market at Broadwater, Roke Road
	12.	Sat.		Winterbourne Kingstone Garden Party
	26.	Sat.		Bere Regis Garden Party
July	3.	Sat.		Bere Regis School Carnival and Gala
	15.	Thurs.		Women's Institute Coffee Evening, Mrs. Cummins Roke. 6.30 p. m.
	17.	Sat.		Bere Regis Congregational Church Garden Fete
	21.	Wed.		Bere Regis Women's Section British Legion Garden Fete; White Lovington
	25.	Sun.	4.00 p. m.	Bulbarrow Open Air Service
Oct.	9.	Sat.		Young Wives Sale of Work, Youth Club Hut, Bere Regis and Winterbourne Kingstone.

### MOTHERS' UNION

The monthly joint meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Wednesday March 10th at 7.30 in the School Winterbourne Kingstone.

Recently we had a visit of a Child Care Officer who spoke of the Problems of Fostering from the viewpoint of the County. This month, Mrs. Percy of Skippets Farm will be talking on the problems of Fostering from the angle of the foster parent.

#### EASTER LILIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

Will those of you who would care to give a Lily at Easter please fill in the list which you will find at the back of the Church. I am hoping that we shall be able to obtain Arum Lilies again this year. The names must be down by Passion Sunday, March 28th. The list will be removed on the evening of that day and once it is removed no names can be accepted for inclusion.

#### FLOWER FESTIVAL MAY 21, 22, 23

Volunteers needed to help in the serving of Coffee in the Mornings and Tea in the afternoon in the Marquee. Also helpers for washing up needed. Names please to Mrs. Tadman or Mrs. Howard. Please offer to help.

#### ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER

On Thursdays during Lent a course of Addresses on the Beatitudes. Evensong at 3 p. m. with the exception of Thursday March 25th when there is the Deanery Mothers' Union Festival in the Church.

Also on Thursdays the Vicar will hold a Discussion Group at the Vicarage at 8 p. m., commencing Thursday March 4th.

Mothering Sunday Service 2.30 p. m. March 21st.

Palm Sunday, April 4th, distribution of Palm Crosses at all services.

#### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday	April 5.	7.00 p. m.	Compline
Tuesday	April 6.	7.00 p. m.	Compline
Wednesday	April 7.	7.00 p. m.	Compline
Maundy Thursday		7.00 p. m.	Holy Communion
Good Friday		11.00 a. m.	Devotional Service
		7.00 p. m.	Passion Music from "Messiah" sung by the Choir.

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#### EASTER DAY

8.00 a. m.	Holy Communion
11.00 a. m.	Mattins
12.00 noon	Holy Communion
3.00 p. m.	Family Service
6.00 p. m.	Evensong

#### GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC

The Passion Music from Handel's "Messiah" will be sung by the Choir at 7 p. m. on Good Friday.

#### BERE REGIS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The March meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th March at the Youth Club Hut, and the speaker will be Mrs. Cummings of Boots, who will give a demonstration and beauty talk.

M. E.

#### BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES'

The meetings are held in the Congregational Church Hall, Butt Lane. On Tuesday 9th March there will be a talk about the Spastic Society and on the 23rd a talk on Psychoprophylaxis and Family Planning by Mrs. Bough.

M. E.

#### BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

March 9th. Mrs. P. Shearman will demonstrate Flower for Everyone and will also judge our bulb competition.

Mrs. Cahill and Miss Murray are giving a coffee morning on March 4th at 10.30 at Woodburyside, in aid of the fund for the Church Flower Festival. Do come and help with the funds for this lovely festival.

P. House

#### WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

#### ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

The Annual Sunday School and Church Party was once again a most happy occasion. We are most grateful to Mrs. Bracewell for organizing an excellent tea and our thanks go to all the Mothers' Union members who assisted.

The Vicar distributed book awards to every child in the Sunday School and special awards for the best kept Stamp Albums for 1970

were gained by :

Alison Fowler, Nicola Fowler, Nicola Bough and Shirley Langdown.

The Vicar expressed his thanks to those who assist with the work of the Sunday School.

We do thank parents for their support, it is a great encouragement to have such a flourishing Sunday School. Our thanks go to Mrs. Percy and Miss Brenda Puckett for their devotion to the Church in this way.

E. M. S.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER  
AT ST. NICHOLAS

MOTHERING SUNDAY 21st March 1971

3. 15 p. m. Special Family Service  
(There will be no Sunday School at 11. 00 a. m. on this Sunday)

GOOD FRIDAY, 9th April

11. 00 a. m. Sunday School  
6. 00 p. m. Devotional Service

EASTER DAY 11th April

9. 30 a. m. Holy Communion  
11. 00 a. m. Sunday School  
7. 15 p. m. Evensong

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

For the last ten months we have been thinking of the Ten Commandments. We have learnt that they were given by God to a people out in the desert. They were given in order that a nation should learn how to serve and worship God. These people were going to build up a new country in the land of Canaan. They needed the standards which we find in the Commandments, on which to build the life of their nation. As the children of Israel needed them in their day, so we too need them in our day. We need the same standards on which to build our life and the life of

our nation. The Ten Commandments will never grow old, they will never grow out of date.

Their message is one of loving God and loving our neighbour. shall we call this our Royal Standard ? A standard is always something that has to be sought after, and before it is reached it has to be achieved. In life the standard is always being raised, as soon as we learn one thing, then we are expected to learn something harder. In the high jump, as soon as the bar is cleared it is raised higher, there is always a higher standard to be achieved. In the same way in our Christian life we need to go on, and go on loving God and loving our neighbour. Christina Rossetti begins one of her poems in this way :

" Does the road wind up hill all the way ?

Yes, to the very end."

Our Royal Standard is a high one and it will need all our efforts always.

There is a legend told of a Prince Bishop who built a magnificent Cathedral. He had planned everything and had paid for everything. Over the west door he reserved a little niche for his own statue, in order that those who entered in later years might remember that he was the builder.

On the night before the Consecration he had a dream. He dreamt that he saw angels remove his statue and in its place they put the statue of a little girl with a wisp of hay in her hand. When morning came he searched and found the child whom he had seen in his dream. She was a poor girl who lived at the foot of the hill, and wishing to help in the building of the Cathedral she had every day met the oxen hauling the heavy blocks of stone, for the Cathedral was built in the days when oxen were used for such purposes, and had given them a little hay. She had done it for love of God and with no thought of her own glory.

Her gift was more acceptable to Him than that of the Prince Bishop and hers is the statue that stands over the Cathedral door.

Here we have a very simple but beautiful illustration of what loving God means.

A saint once prayed to God to show him why he had been born, what particular work God had waiting for him in the world. That night he had a dream and he saw two great heaps: one represented the world's unhappiness and one the world's happiness.

An angel stood between them, and told him his work must be to carry one piece every day from one heap to the other. Shall we try to do the same ?

Let us carry away one piece of the world's unhappiness every

day: and add something every day to the total of the world's happiness. We shall not only be helping others as well as ourselves, but we shall be flying our ROYAL STANDARD.

E. M. S.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

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HOLY BAPTISM

January 24th. Kevin Standfield  
January 24th. Lisa Frances Hawkins

BURIAL

January 15th. Hildegard Harding. (Cremation)  
January 30th. Annie Hawkins, 97 years.

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON

January 31st. Alexander David Rawson Lumby

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'SMALL ADS'

(15 NP every three lines)

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