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THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

We were all shattered at the news of the sudden death of the Bishop of Salisbury, an event which has been in the forefront of our minds during recent weeks. After his breakdown through overwork he seemed to be so much better and looked so much fitter than he had done for some years that we all felt happy about his health. Unfortunately he was taken suddenly ill with an aneurysm which proved fatal in a very short time.

He will be very greatly missed not as an administrator, for this he never claimed to be, but for himself as a man of great kindness and understanding whom we all loved. Much has been written of his life and himself and written far more ably than I could ever do, so I do not propose to write more here, but what I have done is to lift, unashamedly, an excellent obituary notice which appeared in the Church Times and to publish it in a later page. I hope you will read it as it tells of a man full of love, who spent his time in taking other people's burdens on his own shoulders, which after all is the way of the true Christian.

We send our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Macdonald of Egdon Close, who died so suddenly and trust they will find the help and comfort they need at such a sad time for them.

We also send our good wishes to Mr. H. Carter Jonas, who has just had a serious operation in Southampton Hospital. At the moment of writing he is progressing fairly satisfactorily and trust that his recovery will proceed according to plan.

We also miss our Parish Clerk, Mr. E. Rawbone, who is not at all well at the present time and do hope he will soon feel better and will be back with us again. Please remember all these people in your prayers, and those too who must be anxious about them.

As we go to press the violence in Northern Ireland seems to have flared up again with increased vigour, and, alas, at the moment there seems to be no solution. One's heart goes out to those who wish to take no sides but are caught up in the general conflagration, and we need to think also of the British Army, who use the utmost restraint in a most difficult situation, and yet are a kind of 'Aunt Sally' for both sides to hurl abuse at, and are considered fair game to be attacked with every kind of weapon from stones to rockets. We the ordinary people of this country can only pray, and perhaps that is the only real solution, that God will change men's hearts.

Your sincere friend & Vicar,

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD.

July 2nd. Miss E. Lys. Mrs. G. R. Griffin.

9th. Mrs. Tranter. Mrs. K. Woolfries.

23rd. Mrs. Howard. Mrs. L. Wheeler.

30th. Mrs. J. House. Mrs. Coates.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA FOR AUGUST.

August 5th. 11 a.m. Messrs. G. Ward & K. Woolfries.
6 p.m. J. House & R. Barns.

13th. 11 a.m. Major J. Hudson & Mr. F. Marsh.
6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & M. Barnes.

20th. 11 a.m. Messrs. I. Mullins & K. Woolfries.
6 p.m. Messrs. R. Smith & J. House.

27th. 11 a.m. Mr. W. F. Lys & Col. A. Barne.
6 p.m. Messrs. M. Barnes & F. Marsh.

Sept. 3rd. 11 a.m. Mr. K. Woolfries & Brig. D. Tadman.
6 p.m. Messrs. H. Dashwood & R. Barns.

VILLAGE CALENDAR.

Aug. 12. Sat. Royal British Legion Horticultural Show.

Sept. 7. Thur. Coffee Evening for Drax Hall Funds - Drax Hall

7.30 - 9 p.m.

13. Wed. 7.30 Vicarage - Mothers' Union.

11 14. Thur. 8 p.m. Vicarage - Sidesmen's Meeting.

" 17. SUN: Congregational Harvest 11 a.m. Rev. F. Bristow.

18. Mon. Quiet Evening at Puddletown.

20. Wed. 8 p.m. Youth Club Committee.

" 21. Thur. 7.30 Vicarage - Parochial Church Council.

n 30. Sat. 7 p.m. Harvest Supper.

Oct. 1. SUN: Harvest Festival.

" 4. Wed. Meeting at Dorchester for explanation of new Mothers
Union Charter.

14. Sat. Diocesan Synod.

16. Mon. 3 p.m. School Managers Meeting.

20. Fri. Youth Club week commences.

23. Mon. Deanery Synod.

Nov. 8. Wed. 7.30 Mothers Union. Mrs. Shipp 'Growing up together'.

Dec. 6. Wed. 3 p.m. Sanctuary Guild.

17. SUN: 6 p.m. Carol Service.

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Jan. 7. SUN: Plough Sunday.

June 30. Bere Regis Garden Party.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

During August all Services will be exactly the same as usual.

MOTHERS' UNION.

There will be no meeting in August, but the winter session will commence with a General Meeting and Social gathering on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at which I hope that every member will try and be present.

Please make a particular note of the date NOW. More details next month.

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Mothers Union	0000	36.	63
Orangery	0000	22.	22
Household/China & Glass	0000	23.	03
White Elephant & Jumble		19.	93
Raffle		38.	05
Competitions and Games	0000	2.	20
Tombola		9.	78
Cakes		17.	00
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BIBLE STUDY.

The Final Meeting of the BIBLE STUDY GROUP for THIS SESSION will be held at: 19 SOUTH MEAD, on FRIDAY, AUGUST 11th, at 7.30 p.m. when it is hoped to complete the present outline study, from Section VIII, question 2 to the end.

The AUTUMN SESSION will start on SEPTEMBER 29th, at 3 p.m. at the same address, the SUBJECT for Study being 'THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST'.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISABLED.

The recent collection in aid of the Dorset Association for the Disabled amounted to £21.76, an increase of £4.04 $\frac{1}{2}$. The total for the Wareham area was £201.14. an increase of £24.

Mrs. Lys is grateful to the collectors and all those who contributed.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S CHILDREN'S SOCIETY.

Thank you to the Vicar & Mrs. Tranter for letting us have our coffee evening at The Vicarage on July 6th, also to the Church Council for the donation,£23.41 was made. Also to all who helped and supported the Society and to Box holders. Box £20.12½. Total sent to Society £43.53½.

NATIONAL YOUTH CLUB WEEK. 20th OCTOBER to the 28th OCTOBER.

*** A GRAND DRAW COMPETITION *** 1st Prize - TRANSISTOR RADIO, 2nd Prize - CAMERA, 3rd Prize - WHISKY and numerous other prizes.

Tickets now on Sale at 2p. each.

SATURDAY 21ST. IT'S A KNOCK OUT COMPETITION, WITH A BARBECUE, HOT DOGS, OTHER STAILS AND COMPETITIONS.

SUNDAY, 22ND. YOUTH SERVICE IN CHURCH.

MONDAY, 23RD. DISCOTHEQUE.

TUESDAY, 24TH. COFFEE MORNING AND CHILDREN'S PARTY.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH. WHIST DRIVE.

THURSDAY, 26TH. BINGO.

FRIDAY, 27TH. DISCOTHEQUE.

SATURDAY, 28TH. AUTUMN BAZAAR.

*** JUST WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE EXCITING NEWS ***

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

M. E.

BERE REGIS YOUNG WIVES GROUP.

There will not be a meeting in August.

M.E.

RED CROSS FLAG DAY.

The result of the recent House to House Collection, was £19.97, which was £3 more than last years. I am very grateful to those who gave so generously.

E. LYS.

BERE REGIS YOUTH CLUB.

During the past month, we have had two parties going on separate weekends, to the training Centre at "Baggatone" or Dartmoor. The weekends consisted of various activities including Caving, Rock Climbing, Moorland Expeditions, and Pony Trekking.

We also entered two teams in the "Weymouth Town Hunt". Weymouth came 1st & 2nd with "Bere Regis Barrells" coming 3rd. the other team "Bere Regis Rioters" came in 6th place.

A rounders tournament was arranged at Harmens Cross, where ten clubs took part. The four group winners were: Bere Regis Youth Club,

Durweston Youth Club, Sherborne Youth Club, & Sturminster Youth Club.

In the semi-finals Bere Regis triumphed over Durweston by two rounders, to one and a half. Sherborne beat Sturminster Newton three to Nil. In the final Sherborne became champions by winning a victory over Bere Regis Youth Club four rounders to two.

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS: During the school holidays, we are having a sponsored table tennis marathon to help raise funds for a Mini-Bus.

DRAX HALL.

At the Annual General meeting of the Drax Hall held on Wednesday, 3rd May, 1972 the balance sheet below was presented to the public:INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1971.

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Caretaker		£90. 00		
Fuel		23. 65		
Electricity		61.223		
Rates		31. 90		
Repairs		11. 44		
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Cleaning Materials		- 87		
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Hall Lettings and Bingo		153. 45		
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Coffee Evening		28. 28		
Donation		100		
Grant from Parish Council		100. 00		
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The Drax Hall is the Bere Regis Village Hall and the committee elected at the above meeting would welcome enquiries from any person or organisation about the hiring of these premises. However large or small the gathering the hall can be booked for any length of time at reasonable rates. Bookings can be made through the caretaker Mrs. Green, Southbrook, Bere Regis.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism: June 11th. Matthew Paul Butler.
July 9th. Gary Brian Watts.

Holy Matrimony - June 17th. Nigel Oliver House and Marilyn Ann Stickland.

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"SMALL ADS" (15p. every three lines).

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FROM THE CHURCH TIMES. IN MEMORIAM

BISHOP FISON OF SALISBURY

The Right Rev. Joseph Edward Fison, Bishop of Salisbury since 1963, died in hospital on Sunday afternoon. He was sixty-six.

The Bishop, who was a graduate of Queens' College, Oxford (where he took seconds in Mods and Greats and a first in theology), was trained for the ministry at Wycliffe Hall. While still a layman he taught in the English College in Cairo and he returned to Wycliffe as tutor and chaplain after his ordination in 1934.



During the war he saw service as an Army chaplain in the Middle East, and as senior chaplain in Jerusalem guided thousands of Service personnel round the Holy Places.

His post-war appointments took him to Rochester Cathedral as a residentiary canon (1945-52); to Truro as Sub-Dean (1952-59); and to Cambridge, where he followed the present Bishop of Southwark as Vicar of Great St. Mary's, the University church.

There he continued to display the zest for life, buoyancy of spirit, genius for friendship and spontaneous gaiety that had characterised the whole of his ministry. His stay was comparatively short—lived, however, for he was called to succeed Bishop W. L. Anderson at Salisbury after only three years at Cambridge.

Dr. F. W. Dillistone, formerly Dean of Liverpool writes:

"I have never forgotten the first time I met Joe Fison. It was outside the old Hannington Hall in Oxford in his first term as an undergraduate. The voice that was to become so familiar was already resounding along New Inn Hall Street: the fire that was to burn for more than forty years was already exercising an irresistible attraction upon those who were to become his friends.

"His first in theology showed that he possessed a finely disciplined mind and an ability to apply his profound knowledge of the Bible to whatever questions - historical, critical or personal - might arise. For a period afterwards he tended to be confined within what proved to be too narrow an orthodoxy. Then, partly as a result of travel overseas, he broke loose and from that time onwards spent himself in joyful proclamation of the gospel and in an intense concern for the needs of individuals.

"He would startle; he would shock; he would sometimes offend; but few could resist the utter self-giving by which he poured himself out towards all of whatever race, class or belief with whom he came into contact.

"He loved the Old Testament prophets and felt a deep affinity with Martin Buber, their modern successor. This perhaps helped him to enter the more deeply into the struggles and faith-victories of St. Paul. Indeed, I can think of no one in recent times who so closely paralleled in his own experience and ministry the pattern of life which the New Testament reveals as having been that of the apostle himself: journeying, preaching, writing, and finally taking upon himself the care of all the churches in a great diocese.

"But most of all, in relation to his family, to his friends, to a vast circle in and outside the Church, the words of St. Paul seem exactly to apply: 'Who is weak and I am not weak? Who is offended and I burn not?' He was constrained, consumed by the love of Christ. Of few could it be so truly said that he burned himself out in the service of God and of his fellow-men".

CHURCH GARDEN PARTY.

On Page 3 are printed the accounts of the 1972 Garden Party held at Summerrods on the last Saturday in June.

While the day was without rain, as the afternoon went on it became bitterly cold and most people found it impossible to stand about for long.

In spite of the weather every event took place as planned and again we achieved an all time record total. Congratulations and thanks to all those who worked so hard and enthusiastically to produce such a result on such an uninviting day.

We were most grateful to Lady Lees who opened the event for us and gave us a good start with such a splendid talk and also many thanks to Brigadier and Mrs. Tadman for opening their garden for us and all the help they gave in so many ways.

Has anyone any novel ideas for next year? If so now is the time to

make them known, so that when the time comes we can get off to a fair

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