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## VICAR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

It is, of course, common knowledge by now that I have accepted the living of Sherborne with Windrush, and that arrangements have been made for my institution there to take place on the 23rd of this month, in the afternoon.

So this is my last letter to you as your Vicar, and I naturally want to begin by thanking you for all the help and support that so many of you have given me. We have done much together in little over four years.

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## CHURCH BUILDING

In the church itself, the whole electric system has been re-wired and made safe and more efficient. the roof has been repaired, the interior repainted and decorated, an electric blower installed for the organ, quite a lot spent on the boiler (though not enough, it seems, as apparently more work has to be done on it before the winter), new hymn books, cassocks and surplices have been bought for the choir, and an item which would naturally delight a parish priest more than any of the others (it certainly delighted me) was the removal of the former altar, which was quite unworthy of its purpose, and its replacement by the beautiful oak altar-table in memory of the late Reverend William Cass.

In the churchyard there are two small things which I hope will remain for a long time. The seat, placed there as a result of Festival of Britain efforts in the village, and the little Easter garden which was built by the late Charles James, of Lydney Lane.

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## CHURCH SERVICES

I could, but do not intend to, go into figures of the numbers of communicants per year, collections, etc. Suffice it that I have been pleased by the general support and size of congregations at the church services;

pleased, but never satisfied. A parish priest never is! If all the people, who ought to come to church, did so on any given Sunday there certainly would not be enough room for them in our church. Nevertheless Even-song congregations have been very steady and the services in the evening generally very inspiring.

I have tried hard to teach the great importance of regular communion, and I want to end this part of my letter by saying again that for the communicant member of the Church of England, it is at this service especially that the grace and power and love of God are most fully received, and the self-offering made in His service. Few people in Bream use this great privilege as fully or as frequently as they should.

**Village Activities:** A good many of you who read this are interested in one or another of the various village organisations. I have taken an interest in all of them, I think, and so wish them all well in the future. It is important that village life should be healthy and happy, and much good can be done as well as recreation obtained by the getting together in social functions.

**Other Denominations:** When I first came here, I remember that a concert was held at the Welfare Hall, and I was in the audience. I forget what it was all about, but I do remember that it was in aid of the Methodist Church in Bream, and that at the usual speechifying at the end, one of the leaders of that Church asked me to speak and referred to me as "our Vicar." I was so surprised and pleased that the word "our" should be used, and it would be ungracious if I did not refer in this letter to the courtesy and respect which I have always received from our brethren of the Methodist Church. I firmly believe that we shall lead our country back into a happier state if we who believe in God, or seek Him within different denominations, will realise that the power of Antichrist is strong in the world and that though we are not at unity, yet we must fight together against evil. I have no use for people who move from one place of worship to another. Be loyal to your own and back it up, but remember that the others are also sincere and that the nearer we draw to God, the nearer we shall draw to one another.

**Interregnum.** I don't know why the period after one Vicar has left until a new one is appointed is called this, but it usually is, and so the word will serve. I know the Bishop is doing his very best to fill the vacancy as soon as possible, but some time is bound to elapse, and during that time I do hope you will all back up your Churchwardens and Council with all your might. It may not be easy to provide clergy to carry on all the services every week, but I am sure you will continue faithfully to attend all that you can.

**Conclusion:** And now it is time to end this long and rather rambling letter. Saying "goodbye" is never easy and to many of you (and, if I may so, to the children especially) it is going to be very difficult, so instead I will just end as I have ended all these letters,

God bless you all,

Yours sincerely in our Lord,

CHARLES VERNON.

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#### WHITSUN FETE AND CARNIVAL

Arrangements for the fete and carnival on Whit-Monday are going ahead well. Notices will be posted in the village shortly, and it is hoped that it will be even better supported this year, and will be more successful than last year's very promising effort. All are asked to keep the date free and do their best to beat all previous records.

**Working Party:** Miss Fraser (Dale Cottage) still has materials which can be made up into articles for sale on the needlework stall. Will any who can assist in this way please call on her for what they require.

**Churchyard Committee:** Owing to the impending departure of the Vicar it was felt that no further steps should be taken in the matter of the Churchyard and the employment of a regular worker there. Nevertheless, the Committee still exists, and preliminary enquiries have been well supported by the public. So it is hoped that the scheme will be able to be carried on at a later date.

**Choir Photo:** There is in the vestry a photograph of the choir, taken in 1925, when the Rev. W. Joyce was Vicar. In this issue we reproduce a copy of the 1952 photo and am glad that it has so many faces in it, and that they all seem so happy!

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

##### Holy Baptism

- April 13.—Diane Elizabeth Hoare, of Gloucester.  
April 13.—Hilary Denise White, of Milkwall.  
April 13.—Barry George Sims, of 11, Bowson Road, Bream.  
April 20.—John Wintour Liddington, of Brockhollands Farm.
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##### Holy Marriage

- Mar. 29.—Douglas Rogers, of Woodside, and Patricia Rowe (Lydney Lane).  
April 5.—Raymond John Prosser (Stowe Grange, St. Briavels) and Sheila May Baker (Clement's Tump, Bream).  
April 12.—Maurice Oliver James Thomas (Pastor's Hill, Bream) and Ellen Mitchell Turner (Blakeney).  
April 23.—David John Kail (The Vicarage) and Suzanne Joan Ashford (Prior's Mesne).
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##### Holy Burial

- April 9.—William Albert Vaughan, 9, High-bury Road, aged 84.  
April 10.—Kate Maud Webb, Parkend Road, aged 69.  
April 22.—Harriet Kear, Woodside, aged 86.  
April 23.—William Pitcher, Woodside, aged 68.

## BREAM PARISH CHURCH CHOIR



*Choir photograph:* Reading from left to right (front row)—Norman James, Peter Richards, Brian James, Norman Wildin, Fred James, Brian Jones, David Dufty, John Jones; (second row)—Miss N. Pearce, Marlene Vaughan, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Tye, Mr. T. Morgan (organist), Rev. C. H. Vernon (Vicar), Mr. S. Miles (Churchwarden), Miss May Trewin, Miss Mary Trewin, Mary Wildin; (third row)—Kathleen Edwards, Maureen Edmunds, Margaret Saturley, Nesta Phipps, Jean Morgan, Jennifer Tye, Sandra Turner, Christine James, Doris Batten, Glennis Smith, John Taylor; (back row)—Brian Lewis, John Morgan, Mr. I. Jones, Derek Hancocks, Mr. G. Tye, Len Preest, Mr. F. Brain, Cyril Miles, Mr. A. Morgan and Mr. G. Wildin

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