CHURCH SERVICES.

BERE REGIS.

Sunday Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION:

December 1, at midday.

15, 8-30 a.m.

25, 7-30, 8-30 a.m. and midday.

ADVENT.

The Christian Year begins with the Season of Advent. This word, which means “coming,” relates both to the first and second comings of Christ. It tells us how in the old world there was an expectation of the arrival of a Prince, who should rule in righteousness and usher in an era of glory and happiness for mankind. Both Jew and Gentile had this belief. But the work to be accomplished was far more difficult than anyone at all realised. The work must begin from inside, from the hearts of men, before any real reformation in the ways of the world could be brought about. There could be no lasting peace among the tribes of the world, until peace was enthroned over the unruly passions of man’s nature. And consequently, when in the fulness of time the Prince of men, who is also called the Prince of Peace, appeared, and spoke plainly of the conditions of the regeneration of men, He was laughed at and rejected. Nevertheless, Jesus Christ set on foot the Christian Church, which from very small beginnings has grown and spread abroad; from a tiny seed it has become a vast tree to the shadow of which multitudes of men and women have been attracted, and round which as to a standard the progressive nations of the world have gathered. At the present day in spite of much that is discouraging and perplexing within or without, we believe that the work of the Christian Church is healthier and more hopeful than it ever was before, and that a day will arrive when in some utterly unexpected manner the Second Coming will take place, and the words of the prophet will be fulfilled: “The Lord shall be King over all the earth; in that day shall the Lord be one and His Name one.” For that coming the Advent Season calls us to prepare ourselves.

There will be Service on the three Thursday evenings in Advent at 7-30 p.m., with Addresses on the following subjects:

The Scriptures — a preparation for Christ’s Coming to Judgment.

Temptation.

a preparation for Holy Communion.

On Christmas Day there will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 7-30, 8-30, and midday. It is earnestly hoped that those who were confirmed this year will not neglect the Christmas Communion, and that as many as possible of our people will join in the Sacred Feast.

CHURCH HISTORY LECTURE

On Nov. 13th, an interesting Lecture was given in the Hall on British Church History, illustrated with Lantern Slides, by Mr. F. Hayman. The Lecturer drew attention to various epochs in this history beginning with the early British Church which dated from very primitive days perhaps from the 1st Century; and showed how the Church has survived the various conquests of Britain, and the internal confusions which from time to time have convulsed the state. He also showed that Church endowments have nearly all originated in voluntary gifts of private individuals. There was a good attendance.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

On Nov. 17th, a Meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held, the Vicar in the chair. Addresses were given by the Rev. E. George, Rev. W. A. Newman, and Rev. J. Blackburn.

VILLAGE LIGHTING.

The collection for this purpose has so far realised about £8, including £2, kindly sent by Mr. Radcliffe, and £1, from Mr. G. Blaine. Our first duty is to pay off the debt to Mr. Hibbs.

CONCERT AND DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

On Friday, Dec. 27th, a Concert and Dramatic Entertainment will be given in the Hall, the proceeds of which will be given to paying off the debt on the Village Lighting. We shall have a good audience. The performers are, most of them, coming at considerable inconvenience from London, to oblige us.

BAND OF HOPE.

In December the Boys will meet on Tuesdays, 3rd and 17th, at 6-15; and the Girls on Saturdays, 7th and 21st, at 2-30. Tea and Recreation Meetings for the Members will be held in January.

[The last meetings in Nov. were for Recreation; and the games and dancing were much enjoyed.]

WOMEN’S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

As the Evening Service is on Thursday, the Work Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 4th.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mr. Sotheby will be glad to receive the Subscriptions which are paid about this time of the year for the various Parish Charities and Church purposes. The members of the Coal Club have almost all received their Coal, this year 10 cwt. each.

BAPTISM.—Nov. 10th, Hector George Edward, son of Samuel Charles and Emma Cobb.

KINGSTON.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

CHILDREN’S SERVICE, 2-30 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION:

December 1st, at midday.

15th, at 8-30 a.m.

Christmas-Day 8-30 a.m. and midday.

On Christmas-Day there will be Morning Prayer at 11 a.m., and Evensong, Sermon, and Carols, at 6 p.m.

During Advent there will be a Short Service and Address on Thursday Evenings, at 7 o’clock.
JUMBLE SALE.

A very successful Sale was held in the Schoolroom on Friday, November 22nd. Doors were open at 2-30, and the rush of people to buy can only be compared to the Charge of the Mahdi's Army at Omdurman. However, the Stall-holders stuck bravely to their guns, or we should say their goods and insisted on payment before delivery.

Long before 4-30 all the best of the bargains were disposed of, when doors were closed and the Stall-holders refreshed themselves with a well earned tea in the Infants' Room.

Business was re-commenced at 6 o'clock and nearly all the remaining articles were disposed of.

To give some idea of the variety of articles sold, we may say that they included clothes and cakes, pigs'-heads and pipes, tea-pots and toilet articles, lamps and literature.

Our best thanks are due to all who sent articles for the sale, and especially to the Stall-holders—Mrs. Sotheby, Mrs. Stacey, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Besent, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Guy,—The Misses Spring-Rice, Bailey, Kent, Guy, and Ricketts, also Mr. Berry, who all worked very hard. Mrs. Newman, and Mr. Newman in the intervals of taking money at the door, acted as shop-walkers and induced customers to buy.

The sum taken amounted to £12 7s. 4d., and, in addition, the following subscriptions have already been promised or received:

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We hope to have a new stove in the Church shortly, as the result of our exertions.

EVENING SCHOOL.

The Government Inspector, Mr. Whittaker, visited the School on Thursday evening, November 21st, and expressed satisfaction at the way in which the work was being carried on.

DAY SCHOOL.

We much regret that Mrs. Thorne has found it necessary to send in her resignation of the post of Mistress, owing to the pressure of Post Office work at home.

The Rev. J. E. Hawksley, the Diocesan Inspector, examined the School in Religious Knowledge on Tuesday, November 26th. His report will be published next month.

BOYS' ALLOTMENTS.

We regret to say that only two 3rd Class Certificates have been awarded this year by the County Council. They have been obtained by Percival Miller and Trevor Ballam. Last year we obtained two "Seconds" and three "Thirds," and from the look of the plots had hoped for equally good or better "Marks" this year. The ways of Inspectors are hard to understand.

BAPTISM.—November 24th, Mary Amelia, daughter of Edwin and Minnie Amelia Rose Vincent.