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CHURCH SERVICES.

BERE REGIS.

Sundays, Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening 6 p.m.
Holy Communion, January 1st, 8-30 a.m.
6th, Midday.
20th, 8-30 a.m.

THE NEW CENTURY.

We begin the New Year and the New Century with January 1. We hope and pray that in the coming time there may be increased happiness for all who belong to us, for all to whom we are bound by ties of neighbourhood, or acquaintance, or relationship. It is a Christian aim to endeavour to increase the happiness of those around us in every way in our power. We know that there will be suffering and sorrow and trials of many kinds as well as happiness; unbroken happiness is not to be looked for by beings constituted and placed as we are; but when we reflect how very many of people’s troubles are self caused or caused by the thoughtlessness and selfishness of those who should have known better, it is not a vain hope surely that with education and increased knowledge and a higher standard of life improvements will take place and many preventable forms of evil will tend to disappear.

The Church claims all the parishioners as its own in this sense that all the inhabitants have a claim on the services of the clergyman, and one part of the Church’s message is this that there is no such security against the evils of life, no such security for true progress as the faith and fear of God. In the later days of the Wesleyan movement of the last century, Wesley used to lament that all his people became too prosperous in their worldly affairs, and with prosperity came in worldliness and slackness in religion, and loss of moral fibre, and then extravagance and degeneration, which only shows how truly God’s blessing rests on those who acknowledge and serve Him, while it is still possible to prevent that blessing by narrow and selfish ideas and habits.

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop of the Diocese gives notice that he will hold a Confirmation at Bere Regis on March 6. Further notice will shortly be given of this; meanwhile we beg to remind you that Confirmation is the proper complement to Infant Baptism; that those who have been grafted into the body of Christ’s Church by the pious care of their parents are now invited to become voluntary Christians, to come to the ordinance which the Church has observed since the days of the Apostles, with a view to their being made full members of Christ’s Body and admitted to the highest act of Christian worship—the Holy Communion. The Vicar will be glad to hear of any young people, over 14 years of age, who may be prepared to receive God’s blessing by the Laying on of the Bishop’s hands.

CHRISTMAS.

Our Christmas Services were well observed. The Church was very tastefully decorated by many willing hands, and looked very gay and cheerful, and would have been still gayer had we had some bright frosty weather. The plan of having two celebrations of Holy Communion at an early hour in addition to that at midday seems to have been appreciated, as the numbers present was an increase on last year. At the Evening Service, when Carols were sung, a large congregation assembled.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On Saturday last the Sunday School Tea was held in the Hall, at which some 120 boys and girls sat down. After tea a conjuror and ventriloquist created great amusement, drawing cards and pennies from the most unexpected corners of the attire of a youth whom he called up to the stage and to whom he gave the name of “Sweet William,” and eliciting marvellous vocal performances from an interesting aged pair whom he placed on the stage. After this exhibition was over Prizes were distributed to the deserving scholars.

WOMEN’S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The Monthly Working Party of the W. M. A. will be held in the Hall on Thursday, January 10th, from 2 to 4 p.m.

BAND OF HOPE.

The Girls will meet at the Hall on Saturday, January 5th, at two o’clock; and the Boys on Tuesday the 8th, at 6-15.

BOOK CLUB.

Mrs. Sotheby proposes to get books from the Popular Book Club for the year (to be exchanged at the half year), if a sufficient number of readers will subscribe 1/- or 2/6 to make it worth while. Books would be exchanged at the Hall once a week. Any subscriber wishing to order particular books can come and mark them from the B. P. Catalogue at the Vicarage any time. All names and lists must be sent in to Mrs. Sotheby before January 12.

MARRIAGE.—December 26, John Charles Crofts and Edith May Nutbeam.
BURIALS.—October 29, William Lugg.
November 12, John Chaffey.
December 7, Ernest William Ginks.

KINGSTON.

CHURCH SERVICES.—Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Children’s Service, 3 p.m.
Holy Communion, January 6, at midday.
20th, at 8 a.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Both Morning and Evening Services were well attended. In fact in the evening the attraction of Carols which were sung at the close of the Service, caused the church to be quite crowded. The quantity of holly this year was a great help in the decorations, and the church looked very pretty. The number of communicants was 24, two more than last year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.

The Treat was held in the Schoolroom on Tuesday, January 1st, at 4 p.m. This year it was not possible to give a Christmas Tree, but a
Magic Lantern entertainment, consisting chiefly of comic slides, was given instead, after tea, and afforded much amusement. The School has increased considerably in numbers since last year. There are now 48 on the books. Sixteen have gained prizes for conduct, attendance, and work, viz.:

**FIRST CLASS BOYS.**

P. Miller.

**SECOND CLASS BOYS.**


**FIRST CLASS GIRLS.**


B. Symes.  K. Arnold.  E. White.  —

**SECOND CLASS GIRLS.**


The work given to be learnt out of school is very little, and every child by taking pains could win a prize. It is only fair to add, that many of the children who have joined the school during the year have done very well, and will no doubt get prizes next year; but we can only afford to give prizes to those who have been a whole year in the school.

Our warmest thanks are due to Mrs. Stacey, Mabel Burt, and Bessie Guy, for their regular and careful work in teaching classes, also to Mr. Berry for occasional help on Sunday mornings. Bessie Guy by undertaking the organ at the Children’s Service has added greatly to its brightness. Will not some more of the mothers try to attend this Service? Our thanks are due to Mrs. Stacey, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Kent, for their gifts of cake, butter, and milk for the tea, also to Mr. G. Bailey, for 50 bags of sweets.

**BOOT CLUB.**

The Boot Club, in connection with the Sunday School, has proved a great success—25 children joined it, and have received boots to the value of £5 12s. 6d. Those who were most regular in attendance receiving a pair of the value of 6s.

**THE DAY SCHOOL.**

The Diocesan Examiner in Religious Knowledge—The Rev. J. E. Hawksley, visited the School on November 27th. His Report, which is given below, is very satisfactory. In fact, it would hardly be possible for the School to do better, as every class was marked as “Very Good.”

**REPORT.**

“The School has passed a very good examination. In group I, the work has been well prepared. The answers given and the interest manifested are very encouraging. I was very pleased with the way in which the children in group II answered questions in the Catechism. The Infants had learnt a great deal which was nicely said, they also answered well.”

We have an interesting letter from Mr. O. Little who went to China recently, to publish, but it must stand over until next month, owing to want of space. Mr. Little’s steamer was in collision with a big sailing ship, and he gives an account of it.

**BURIALS.**—December 15, John Boyt, aged 2 years.

27, William Stickland, aged 69 years.