Bere Regis
AND
Winterborne Kingston

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Dorchester:
**SUNDAY SERVICES.**

**Bere Regis.**

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

Holy Communion—

December 4, midday.

,, 18, 8-30 a.m.

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

Dec. 21—St. Thomas.

,, 25—CHRISTMAS DAY.

,, 26—St. Stephen.

,, 27—St. John the Evangelist.

,, 28—Holy Innocents.

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**December 1, 1904.**

**Dear Friends,**

We have reached the Advent Season, and the turning back of the pages of the Prayer Book to the first Collect of the Christian Year reminds us that Christmas and the New Year will soon be upon us. How much there is for which we ought to be deeply thankful in the past twelve months! As a nation we have been at peace. Only a few weeks ago, if all we hear is correct, there was a moment when the scales of peace and war were so evenly balanced that those who knew most felt we were within a hair's breadth of being involved in what might easily have been the fiercest war of modern times. Happily wiser counsels have prevailed; the passions of men have been overruled in the good providence of God. Let us earnestly pray that nothing fresh may arise to disturb our relations with our neighbours.

At home we have enjoyed about the most delightful autumn weather on record; the beauty of the skies, and the woods, and the colouring of the distant hills, have been unsurpassed.

Sickness has indeed brought anxiety to a few of the houses of our friends and parishioners, but we have been spared the miseries of a general spread of fever.

At this Advent Season the Church bids us examine our lives and look into our final state. Are we really thankful for God's many mercies? Are we more resolved than last year to be God's servants and not servants of the world? What we all want is self-denial in our religion; that is our religion should not only come to Church when we feel inclined to come, to meet our friends, or to comply with established custom, but a solemn and serious duty which no small hindrance shall interfere with, a means to receive strength to battle with temptation, and to increase in our hearts the love of God.

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During the Advent Season we shall have Services on the Thursday Evenings with short Addresses on the Subject of Prayer:—

1. Why we should pray.

2. The difficulties of Prayer.

3. Prayer for others.

4. Prayer in Christ's Name.

*(Wednesday, St. Thomas' Day, Dec. 21.)*

Christmas Day occurs on a Sunday. It is sincerely hoped that those who were confirmed this year and in previous years, will not let Christmas go by without coming to the Holy Communion of our Blessed Lord's Body and Blood.

Your faithful friend,

W. E. H. SOTHEBY.

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**The Jumble Sale,** unavoidably postponed a few weeks ago, is to be held on Tuesday, December 6th.

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**A Missionary Meeting** in connection with the S.P.G. was held in the Hall on Wednesday, November 23rd, the chair being taken by the Vicar. In an Address by the Rev. E. H. Gomes, from Sarawak, a very interesting account was given of the Dyaks of Borneo, among whom he worked for 16 years. He showed that even this strange, primitive people, could become true and intelligent Christians under wise and patient instruction and guidance. The meeting was afterwards addressed by the Rev. Canon Chapman.

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Nov. 6, Edith Bessie Kate, child of Frederick and K. Hewitt.

,, 27, Augustus Harold, child of Shadrach and Olive Mintern.
KINGSTON.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Children's Service, 2-30 p.m.
Holy Communion, December 4th and 18th, at midday.

CHRISTMAS DAY this year falls on a Sunday. The Services will be as usual on a Sunday, and there will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8-30 a.m. and midday.

ADVENT SERVICES.

I regret that I have been unable, owing to sickness in my home, to arrange for the usual Week-Day Services this Advent.

JUMBLE SALE.

Several enquiries have been made about the Annual Jumble Sale. We hope to be able to have one before Easter as money is needed for the Coal Club as well as for the Sunday School and Boot Club. It would have been held in the Autumn as usual, but for the scarlet fever.

BURIALS—Nov. 12th, Eliza Symes, aged 53 years.

" 19th, Ellen Pitman, aged 75 years.