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SUNDAY SERVICES.

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

Holy Communion — 1941 —
May 1 — St. Philip and St. James’ Day, at midday.
,, 15 — 8 a.m.
,, 22 — Whit Sunday, 8 a.m. and midday.

On Ascension Day, May 12, there will be Services at 11-30 a.m. and 8 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER.

The attendance at Church on Good Friday seemed not quite so numerous as on some previous occasions, though the congregations were fairly large; the fineness of the weather may have accounted for some absentee. On Easter Day there were 90 communicants, the same number as last year, and the congregations were good generally. At Evening Service a pleasing anthem, “Christ is Risen,” was well sung by the Choir. The decorations were rather exceptionally attractive: we have to thank Mrs. and the Misses Radclyffe for a number of beautiful flowers — arums, primroses, and hyacinths, for decorating the Chancel; the Rev. F. Ball, Mrs. Sotheby, Miss Bedford, Mrs. and Miss Jessy, Mrs. and Miss Bullen, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Clee, Winnifred Besent, and Nellie Janes, Mrs. Horne, and Mrs. Tom Miller, with others, took charge of the body of the Church. The general effect was greatly admired.

EASTER VESTRY.

At the Easter Vestry the sad loss we have sustained by the death of our late two excellent Churchwardens within the last twelve months, was noted with deep concern and sorrow. Happily their places are to be supplied by such good and loyal churchmen as Mr. W. Bullen, who will serve as Vicar’s Warden, and Mr. J. Janes, who represents the parishioners. The Churchwardens’ Balance Sheet showed a balance in hand of £212s.5d, and it was agreed that a 2d. voluntary rate should be asked for as heretofore.

The Archdeacon’s Visitation is to take place at Wareham on May 18.

Some months ago two interesting additions were made to the Church decoration, from the hand of the late Mr. G. Hibbs. The first is a copy, handsomely framed, of a pictorial representation of Cardinal Morton, who was so great a benefactor to Bere Regis in the 15th Century, from an ancient painted screen at Plymtree Church, Devon, of which Cardinal Morton was at one time rector. In three adjoining panels are represented the Blessed Virgin, King Henry VII., and his eldest son Prince Arthur.

In another frame there are the names, and in some cases fac-similes of the signatures of past Vicars of Bere, almost without a break from 1411 down to the present time, and those of many Justices of the Peace and Churchwardens, extracted from various books, ancient and modern, preserved in the Church. We have to thank Mr. H. Budden and Mr. Hibbs’ other representatives, for handing over these productions to the Vicar and Churchwardens after Mr. Hibbs’ death. Hanging now on either side of the Tower Arch, they are memorials of Mr. Hibbs’ wonderful industry and skill.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

A capital Entertainment was provided on April 11th by Mrs. Johnson and friends, and the Bere Regis Minstrel Troupe. The first part consisted of songs, glee, and recitations, and the second of Ivan Caryll’s musical setting of “Uncle Tom’s Cabin,” which the Troupe performed very successfully. The “animated tableaux” were rendered with much spirit, and reflected great credit on the Troupe and their able conductor and stage-manager Mr. Ball, who with the assistance of Mr. Bugby, was indefatigable at the numerous practices for weeks beforehand. Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Long, and Miss Jessy, divided the arduous duties of accompanist, to whom we owe many thanks, as well as to the other “artistes”—Miss Yates, Mrs. Oldfield, Miss Bullen, and Messrs. G. Johnson, Profeit, and Tozer. The hearty applause of the large audience showed their appreciation of the whole programme.

GIRLS’ SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

On April 8th an Entertainment was given in the Hall by the Teachers and children of the Girls’ School. A wonderfully varied programme was provided, including Recitations, Songs, a Cantata for 24 voices, and various pretty Drills with hoops and fans, etc. The number and variety of the pieces represent very arduous work on the part of the teacher, especially considering the extreme youth of many of the performers, and Miss Clee deserves great credit and the hearty thanks of all for her labours.

The Statement of Subscriptions to the Organ must be deferred to next month.

MARRIAGE.—April 4, Edward James Holland and Lillian Amelia Margaret Cosh.

BURLAIS.—April 2, Sarah Burt, aged 88.
,, 18, Emily Cobb, „ 61.
KINGSTON.

CHURCH SERVICES.
Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion:
May 1st, at midday.
", 22nd, Whitsunday, at 8 a.m. and midday.
May 12th, Ascension Day—Service at 7 p.m.

There will be no Children’s Service on the first three Sundays in May, but Sunday School will be held in the morning as usual. Children who belong to the Boot Club must bring their cards and money in the morning.

DEATH OF MR. G. KENT.

Although Mr. Kent had been ailing for a long time, the news of his sudden death came as a great shock to the parish. He had filled the post of People’s Churchwarden for many years, and had always discharged his duties with the utmost care. Only a few days before his death he had intimated his intention of resigning the office owing to the failure of his health and the nearness of his departure from the farm.

The funeral took place at his native village, Kingston, near Corfe Castle, on April the 9th.

On the following Sunday evening the sermon was preached by his son-in-law, the Rev. C. H. W. Bellairs, formerly curate of this parish. There was a large congregation present who wished to show their respect for Mrs. Kent and their sympathy with his family, in this way, as they were unable to attend the funeral.

VESTRY MEETING.

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held in the School Room on Thursday, April 7th, at 6 p.m.

The following Resolution was proposed by the Vicar and carried unanimously:

“The Vestry wish to express their deep regret at the death of Mr. G. Kent, for so many years People’s Churchwarden, and also their sincere sympathy with Mrs. Kent and her family in their bereavement.”

Mr. G. Keynes was elected People’s Churchwarden in the place of the late Mr. Kent, and the Vicar asked Mr. Stacey to act again as his Churchwarden.

The meeting was then adjourned until such time as the Church Accounts could be obtained from the late Mr. Kent’s executors.

BURIAL.—April 9th, at Kingston, near Corfe Castle, George Kent, aged 60 years.