SUNDAY SERVICES.

BERE REGIS.

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

Holy Communion —
Sunday, October 2nd, at midday.
Other Sundays, 8 a.m.

,, 28—St. Simon and St. Jude.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Wednesday, September 14th and Sunday, 1st. The old rule of having the Festival the first week in October was broken, we think with general approval, chiefly because this year the Harvest was very early, but also because of the longer days and probability of fair weather at the earlier date. The latter expectation was falsified as rain fell heavily during the greater part of the day, and the work of decorating the Church was performed under difficulties.

There were, however, a large number of willing helpers, and the effect was highly satisfactory and pleasing. The flowers for decorating the chancel were supplied by Mrs. Erle Drax, and we have to thank Mr. Bedford and Mrs. Jesty, among many others, for their liberal contribution. Happily, as the weather cleared before Church time the congregation did not suffer. The prayers were taken by the Vicar and the Rev. H. Long, the lessons read by Revs. F. Ball and W. A. Newman; and the anthem (Ps. exlv. 21, 15, 16)—“ My mouth shall speak the praise,” was well sung by the choir. The Sermon by the Rev. C. H. Fydes-Clinton was from the text Exod. xii. 26, and the offertory for the County Hospital realized £7 1s. 10d.

On Sunday, 18th, when the preparations for Woodbury Hill Fair were beginning, the offertory (£3 18s.) was for the Diocesan Itinerant Mission which provides ministrations for the Van people. We were glad to understand that a “Lantern” service in the evening on Woodbury Hill, conducted by the Church Army Officers, was attended by a numerous and orderly congregation.

FLOWER SHOW.

We cannot yet print a full statement of the Flower Show accounts as not quite all the subscriptions have come in, but we hope to have a balance of £4 12/- to the good. This is very satisfactory as we started, owing to the deplorable weather last year, with a deficit of 11/-.

MEMORIAL TO MR. G. HIBBS.

That a Memorial to our late beloved Churchwarden should fail to be erected in the Church he loved so well would surely be an unpardonable omission. It is now proposed that the Memorial should take the form of an oak Screen to be one side of the vestry, now very partially concealed by curtains, and a design has been prepared by Mr. H. Hems, of Exeter, who executed the wood carving of the pulpit, organ screen, and seats. This together with a tablet recording Mr. Hibbs’s services, would cost not less than £100, if the work is to be of a really handsome character.

The relatives of Mr. Hibbs are quite willing to fall in with this proposal, and from other friends there are already promises of £45 or more. But we hope the contributions, however small in amount, will be as numerous as possible, and those members of the congregation who are disposed to join are requested to communicate with the Vicar or the Churchwardens.

JUMBLE SALE.

This Sale will be held in the latter part of October.

DIOCESAN SYNOD.

A Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4th, at 7 p.m., of Lay Members of the Congregation, to elect three Parochial Representatives who will be the Electors of the Lay Representatives on the Diocesan Synod.

S.P.G.

On September 8th, the weather was so bad that hardly anyone could attend the Work-Meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 6th. Five collecting boxes have been sent in, and Mrs. Sotheby requests that the rest may be sent on or before October 6th. Last year the contribution in the boxes amounted to 31/-, and as 3 additional boxes were taken this year, it is hoped that the total will be proportionately increased.

BAND OF HOPE.

The Meetings will be resumed in October. Dates will be announced shortly. New members (over 7 years old) will be welcome. At the Missionary Sale in August the Band of Hope Banner, worked by the Members, of all ages, was displayed for the first time, and made a fine decoration for the stall. The boys' work sold on the same occasion, brought in about 10/-, including a rug woven by the youngest set.

BAPTISMS.—Sept. 4, Oswald George, child of Edward G. and Annie Hawkins.
,, 11, Bertie, child of Charles M. and Alice House.

MARRIAGE.—Sept. 14, William Lockyer and Julia Rawles.
KINGSTON.

CHURCH SERVICES.
Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Children’s Service, 2-30 p.m.
Holy Communion:
October 2nd and 16th, at midday.
" 30th, at 8 a.m.

Harvest Festival.
We were fortunate in our Harvest Festival in every way.
The Church, thanks to many helpers, was very prettily decorated.
The Services both on the day and the following Sunday were very well
attended, and went very well, and best perhaps of all, we had the largest
Offertory for years—£5 8s. 6d.
The money will be sent, as usual, to the Dorset County Hospital.

Flower Service.
On Sunday, September 18th, a Children’s Flower Service was held
and was very well attended. A splendid lot of flowers were brought,
and were sent off on Monday morning to the Orphanage of Mercy,
Randolph Gardens, Kilburn, where one of Mrs. Newman’s sisters is
working. She writes—“The flowers arrived beautifully fresh, and we
are so grateful for them.”

Baptism.—Sept. 4th, Elsie May, daughter of Hamilton and Elizabeth
Diment.