SUNDAY SERVICES.

BERE REGIS.

Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion:
June 4th, mid-day.
Whitsunday, May 11, 7 a.m. and midday.
Trinity Sunday, May 18, 8 a.m.

June 1—Ascension Day.
,, 24—St. John Baptist.
,, 29—St. Peter.

May 30, 1905.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Since the last Magazine appeared that has happened—as unexpectedly to me as to any one—which must affect my future very seriously, and which to my sorrow must cause the severance of Mrs. Sotheby and myself from the many ties which we have formed with you and with the parish of Bere Regis. The Bishop of Salisbury offered me about a month ago the living of Gillingham, and in such a way as would have made it very difficult for me, even if I had wished to do so, to refuse. But painful as is the thought of leaving Bere, it would not be true to say that Gillingham—a considerable country town, with the oversight of smaller parishes in the neighbourhood—has not great attractions for me. Whether I shall be enabled to rise to the demand of such work the future only can prove. I suppose the Bishop would not have sent me there if he had not thought I had some of the needful qualifications. I wish I was ten years younger. We shall feel leaving you, from whom we have experienced great kindness, very keenly. Let me ask for your prayers in a work which depends to a greater degree than other human work on the blessing and the guidance of the Power that is not ourselves.

The Rev. W. J. Sommerville will be in charge at Bere during the month of July; and we expect to make our actual move early in August.

I have not heard any rumours as to who is to be my successor at Bere Regis.

Your faithful friend and minister,

W. E. SOTHEBY.

We desire to express our deep sympathy with the family of Mr. T. Marsh in their recent bereavement. Frank Marsh was universally liked and respected; and it is sad to see a young life thus cut short in early manhood. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh desire to express their thanks for the general manifestation of respect at the funeral.

S.P.G.—The last Missionary Work-meeting of the season will be held on Friday, June 9, at 2-30, at the Vicarage.

VILLAGE LIGHTING—Balance Sheet, 1904-5.

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Mr. Kellaway for New Lamp Posts, &c... 2 1 8
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Subscription of £1 10s., Mrs. Radclyffe.
,, £1, Capt. Palms.
,, 15/-, Rev. W. Sotheby.
,, 5/-, from Mr. Park, Mr. P. Radclyffe, Mr. M. Radclyffe, Mr. G. Besent, and Mr. Cann.
,, 2/6, from Mr. H. Gould, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Marsh, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. George, Mr. Bullen, Miss Cleve, Messrs. Janes, D. J. Cobb, Bevercombe.
,, 1/6, from Fredk. Sheppard.
,, 6d. from W. S. J. Lockyer, J. Arnold.
,, 3d. from J. Toms.

Total—£9 7s. 9d.

BAPTISMS—May 7, Kathleen May, child of George and Elizabeth M. Hewitt.
,, May 21, Levi, child of Thomas and Fanny Lockyer.
,, Charles, son of Thomas and Fanny Lockyer.
,, Violet Julia, daughter of William and Julia Lockyer.

BURIALS—May 15, Joanna Bevercombe, aged 77.
CHURCH SERVICES:
Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Children’s Service, 2-30 p.m.
Holy Communion:
June 4th at midday.
" 11th (Whit-Sunday), at 8 a.m. and midday.
On Thursday, June 1st (Ascension Day), there will be Service
and Sermon at 7 p.m.

SCHOOL REPORTS.
The teachers are once more to be congratulated on gaining excellent
Reports from both the Government and Diocesan Inspectors.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR’S REPORT:
“Older Scholars. The instruction continues to make satisfactory
progress. This is a very good specimen of a rural school.”

INFANTS:
“These classes are doing creditable work in all subjects, except
singing by note and number, which are weak.”

DIOCesan INSPECTOR’S REPORT:
“A very good examination has been passed in all groups.
Group ii. should have a word of special praise for their answers.
Merit Cards are awarded to Frank Joiner, John Vincent,
Bessie Howe, Ethel Burt, Tom Henville, Hubert Hardy, Lily
Vincent, Nellie Burt, Elsie Bailey, and Kathleen C. Newman.”

JUMBLE SALE.
Taking advantage of the fine weather, we held the Sale this year
in the Parsonage garden, providing also tea for the purchasers at 3d.
a head. Everything, including the articles for sale, went off very well,
and the sum of £8 8s. 6d., after deducting expenses, was realized.
Our thanks are due to all who so kindly helped with the stalls
and tea.

EMPIRE DAY.
To celebrate this day, May 24th, the school children were given a
half holiday by the Education Authority, and Mrs. Mansel-Pleydell
kindly gave them a tea in the schoolroom, at 4 o’clock. At the same
time the mothers were entertained at tea in the Parsonage Garden.
After tea the children came down to the Parsonage for games. The
weather was beautifully fine and everything went splendidly. The
credit of the Mother’s entertainment is entirely due to Mrs. Newman,
who suddenly suggested it at 12 o’clock the day before. Owing to the
shortness of the time, it was impossible to give every one a personal
invitation, but the children were instructed to let their mothers know
that they would all be welcome.

Once again our best thanks are due to all those who kindly helped
in getting the tea ready for so large a party (there were over 40
mothers present), and afterwards helped to amuse the children.

Mrs. Stacey very kindly provided butter and milk for both the
Jumble Sale and Mother’s Tea, and Mr. Bailey, tea, sugar, and bread,
for the Jumble Sale.