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**Bere Regis Church**

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**PARISH MAGAZINE.**
THE NEW YEAR.

The Editor of a Parish Magazine cannot go very far wrong if he starts the January number by wishing his readers “a happy New Year;” if he happened to remember some fitting lines of poetry it would be the correct thing to quote them, but poetry takes up more space in print than prose, so perhaps its fortunate that he cannot call to mind anything appropriate.

Our readers will want to be convinced that this really is the Bere and Kingston Magazine, because it has changed both its shape and the colour of its coat. Few folk like changes ; there is nothing so dear as “what we are used to.” So feels the Editor, he is not “used to” paying deficits on Parochial Magazines and he his not anxious to start doing it, he has therefore chosen a different “inset,” as the printers call the inside leaves. The “inset” in question is a good deal cheaper than the one hitherto in use in the parish, and the saving should make the Magazine self supporting. The Editor hopes that the matter will prove readable and interesting.

All manner of quaint enquiries are reaching the Vicarage from London—the former parishioners of the Vicar seem to imagine that he and his wife must find the country exceedingly dull and quiet: one correspondent asks if anybody keeps Christmas at Bere? another asks, are there any girls at Bere? It is difficult to convince town people that country lanes have a perfume much superior to fried fish shops, and that the little hamlets of Bere and Kingston are nowadays less attractive to walk about in than streets noisy with incessant trams and shouting butchers, who continue to call out—“buy, buy, buy,” until their voices have become unlovely and their throats sore.

CHRISTMAS.

There were very fair congregations on Christmas Day both at Kingston and Bere. The Churches were prettily decorated and the services were hearty. There were 57 Communicants at Bere Regis and 14 at Kingston. This does not seem very many considering the number of confirmed persons that there are in the parish. There is something wrong when Church people think it natural and proper to be confirmed and not the natural thing to be communicants: it should not be forgotten that the one service that the Founder of the Christian Church ordained for constant use is The Holy Communion. We can trace the institution of the Lord’s Supper to our Blessed Lord, with much more certainty than we can the institution of Confirmation.

JANUARY SERVICES.

These we print on the cover and hope the list is comprehensible. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month there is to be the Evensong at 3 at Kingston, which the Vicar will take, and on those evenings the layreader will conduct an Evening Service, which will include the Litany, Hymns, and an Address. On the other Sunday evenings the service will be the usual Evensong, which like the Morning Prayer will commence at the 1st Lord’s Prayer, when the layreader officiates. Churchings and Baptisms will be at 3-30 at Bere, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, and at 4 at Kingston on the 1st and 3rd. Sunday School for boys will be re-opened at 2-30, at the Boys’ School, Bere, and on the last Sunday of the month there will be a Children’s Service at Bere Church.

THE VICARAGE MEETING

on December 14th, passed off very pleasantly, over twenty people attended and a discussion at once frank and friendly took place; the meeting was of a kind to give a good heart to any man undertaking new work. It was settled to keep the Sunday morning service permanently at 11-30 at Bere. The lateness of the hour has proved a convenience to many, and no great difficulty to anyone. Also that there is to be no sermon when there is a celebration at midday. As to the question of parochial help towards the layreader’s stipend, the meeting most generously promised to make up a contribution of £15 0s. 0d. per annum. The hope was expressed that some day there might be a curate again, but the meeting very considerably did not insist on altering the arrangements that the Vicar had made as a condition of their financial help. We hope that all future matters of parochial interest will be arranged at similar open meetings.

THE SOCIAL TEA

on December 21st, passed off admirably. Some 150 people put in an appearance, and were all excellently catered for by the various ladies of the parish, who had kindly offered to give “trays.” The amount of money taken amounted to nearly £5 and the net profit to about £1 less; it has not been settled yet what the balance shall go to. After tea a short concert was given, which was thoroughly appreciated by the audience, and a lively sale of surplus cake concluded the quite successful programme.
COLLECTIONS AT BERE CHURCH.

So that those who give may know to what they are giving, we wish to make it known, that unless otherwise announced all the collections, including those at the early Communion, will be used for Church Expenses. The amounts will be announced each month. The collection at Bere on Xmas Day amounted to £2 9s. 6d. and at Kingston to 19s. The former were for Church Expenses and the latter given (as agreed at a vestry meeting) to the Clerk.

On Wednesday, December 13th, Mr. Drax visited the Boys’ School and distributed the prizes offered by him to the boys who took highest marks for regularity, punctuality, industry, and good conduct during the months of September and October. It had been intended to make the awards at Christmas, but the closure of the school owing to scarlet fever and the compulsory absence of many boys rendered that unfair, so the awards were given for the shorter period. The prize-winners had the privilege of choosing their own prizes, which, doubtless, enhanced their value considerably. Before the actual distribution the boys were given some good advice as to their present and future behaviour. At the close three hearty cheers were given for the 'squire and mutual good wishes for a "Merry Xmas" were exchanged. The names of the Prize-winners are—

**Upper Division.**

Alfred Barnes.
Henry Hallam.
Frank Applin.
Harold Welch.
George Bugby.
Robert Stickley.
Harry Percy.
Tom Batrtrick.

**Lower Division.**

Samuel House.
Frank Stickley.
Arthur Rowland.
Harry Baker.
Sidney Barnes.
Arthur Sheppard.
Edward Griffin.
Cecil Minterne.
Samuel Hewitt.
Albert Arnold.
Willie Burt.

OBITUARY.

During the last two months the Parish and Church have lost by death two of its old members. Mrs. Smith of late years has been unable to take an active part in the Church work, but before her health gave way the Sunday School received her constant help and her ready assistance was given in all other work which had to be done. Mrs. Jenkins’ strenuous life of work has also come to a close. Though always busy, she was never too busy to listen and give advice to those who sought it (and they were many). She and her late husband were members of the Choir between 30 and 40 years—she herself was organist for a considerable period, and both worked hard in whatever was for the welfare of the parish. The sympathy of all the parishioners is offered to the relatives of these two families.—J.B.

BAPTISMS.

BERE REGIS.

December 10th—Gladys Ethel Hewitt.
" 17th—Henry Reginald Standfield.
" 24th—William Reginald McDonald.

WEDDING.

BERE REGIS.

December 26th—
Harold Bertie Smith, of Templecombe, to Emily Ellen Arnold.

BURIALS.

BERE REGIS.

November 30th—Annie Eliza Smith, aged 57 years.
December 19th—Eliza Ann Jenkins, aged 62 years.