## Bere Regis & Winterborne Kingston

**January, 1912.**

![Bere Regis Church](image)

### Sunday Services

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CHRISTMAS.

The Church was beautifully decorated, and the congregations were well up to the average. Among our communicants there has been considerable improvement these last two Christmasses; before 1910 the usual number was something over 70, but in that year 92, and in 1911, 98 communicated. Curiously enough there were 41 at 7 and 38 at 8, both at Easter and Christmas last year. The singing was admirably done. A Choral Communion makes a considerable tax on the organist and choir, but both rose to the occasion, and gave such a rendering of the music selected, as can seldom be heard in a country parish. The anthem at Evensong on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day was Sir George Elvey's—"Arise, shine, for Thy light is come."—it is not difficult, but is melodious, and requires singing with careful attention to the marks of expression. On both evenings it was rendered brightly and with pleasing effect.

Advent Services are awkward to arrange, so that they shall not clash with sundry other goings on. In Lent the longer evenings make it difficult to get a good congregation together on a week night, and in Advent, though the days are short, there are always counter attractions. Consequently the week-day observance of the two solemn seasons is not what we should like to see it. The best attended of the services was that at which the Lantern was used, and this suggests the belief, that if sixty people could get to the Church on the night when the Lantern was used, something like that number could have got there on the other two Wednesday evenings, when it was not used.

More and more English people are confining their Church going to Sundays, which is a pity, but it makes us all the more thankful that Xmas-day was so well observed among us.

CHRISTMAS AT THE SCHOOLS.

Mrs. Radclyffe entertained the Heath children at Hyde a few days before Christmas. A liberal Tea and a liberally loaded Christmas Tree were provided, and the children were fetched from the School and returned to it after their enjoyment was over. Two evenings were devoted to providing entertainment for the Shitterton children. On the 19th December the Infants were given Tea, and received from the hands of a little guest their medals for regular attendance. On the 20th there was a social evening with games and dancing for the elder scholars and their friends. Both evenings was thoroughly successful, and it was very generous of Mrs. Hallam to provide such excessively pleasant evenings for her pupils. They showed their appreciation by presenting her with a biscuit box. The money for which they had managed to collect without letting anyone into the secret.

COLLECTIONS.

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Dec. 10 for Additional Curates' Society: rest for Church Expenses.

BAPTISM.

Dec. 24—Phyllis Eileen, daughter of Arthur Moore and Ellen Mary Thomas, of Bingham's Melcombe.

WEDDING.

Dec. 14—Hector Douglas Tozer to Jane Braid Lumsden.

THE REV. T. BALL.

The Vicar received a letter on Xmas-Eve from Mr. Frank Barnes who is on the Union Castle S.S. "Garth Castle." It contains the following sentences, which our readers will receive with interest and regret:—"We had the Rev. F. Ball amongst our passengers. He met with a sad accident two days after we left Southampton, falling in the bathroom and breaking his ribs. He had booked his passage to Durban, but on account of his accident he is resting at S. Helena." Mr. Ball asked to be remembered to his old friends at Bere Regis, where he is still thought of with affection. We hope to hear that he is making a good recovery.

FOOTBALL.

The Football Club goes strong, and we hope it will flourish for many years. We have not a complete list of its doings to quote, but it has won the majority of its matches. On Xmas afternoon a pleasant game was played against a team from Blandford, which was watched by quite a crowd of spectators. The rain cleared off just in time, and hardly any fell during the game. The ground could not help being slippery and wet, but it would not have been anything like so bad, if foot-
ballers had not run about on it during the morning. This morning play was contrary to the Conditions on which the Cricket Ground is used for football, the stipulation being that all games other than matches shall be played so that the Cricket square is not in the field of play—a regulation which is quite as much in the interests of footballers as of cricketers. Incessant use of the ground in front of the goal posts in wet weather ruins the most important part of the field. On Xmas-day Bere Regis lost a point in consequence, for the first Blandford goal would not have been scored had the goal keeper not slipped in the mud under the goal posts. The Football Club would be wise in its own interests, if it put up a third goal in some other part of the field and insisted on its being used for other than match purposes.

CRICKET CLUB.

From the one English National Sport to the other. A Whist Drive was held at the Vicarage at the end of November, the profits of which go to the Cricket Club, and are designed to be used especially for preparing a pitch where the small boys can practice without danger to their little noses. It is proposed also to level a portion of the field so that there may be somewhere off the match square for the seniors to practice. The profits of the whist drive amounted to £4 15s. 4d. Excellent when it is considered that no charge was made for admission, the guests contributing something or nothing, as they felt disposed. Whist Drives when money is taken for admission, are said to be illegal, all the same they seem to be held often enough. Our legislators appear incapable of making intelligible laws, or even of understanding the meaning of the laws they themselves pass. No one knows what the law is, until cases have gone to the courts. that is to say, until some unfortunate scapegoat is pitched upon, and has the pleasure of paying the cost of a test case. First of all the national exchequer pays the lawmakers to make laws, and then private individuals have to pay a whole regiment of lawyers and barristers in order to find out what the laws really signify. "Oh what a happy land is England?"

WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON.

HOLY COMMUNION.
Jan. 14th, at 8 o'clock Jan. 28th, at 11 o'clock.

HOLY BAPTISM.
Dec. 3rd—Geoffrey Tom Sayers, son of Tom and Ellen Burt.

COLLECTIONS.
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11 11/4 — 4/6 2/11 4/1
6 8/4 — 4/5 4/2 3/1

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.

This will be in the Day School Wednesday, January 3rd, at 4 o'clock. Mr. Gordon Gratrix, of Anderson Manor, has kindly consented to distribute the Prizes and Medals.

WOMEN'S WORKING PARTY.

A most successful Sale of Work was held in the Day School on Friday, Dec. 8. In spite of the wet weather there was a very good attendance. The Stall Holders were—
Plain Needlework—Mrs. Stacey, Mrs. Burgess.
China Stall—Mrs. M. A. Bere.
Jumble Sale—Lady Scott, Mrs. Gratrix,
Mrs. Lys, Mrs. Keynes, Mrs. Cave.
Teas—Mrs. Jeans, Mrs. J. Miller, Miss Guy.
At the Door—Mrs. Stacey, Mr. Keynes.
Great thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Stacey for all the trouble they took to make the Sale a success.