### Bere Regis & Winterborne Kingston

**December, 1916.**

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**Bere.**

- **Holy Communion:** 8.0
- **First Sunday:** 12.0
- **Mattins:** 11.30
- **Children's Service or Sunday School:** 2.30
- **Evensong:** 6.0

**Sunday Services.**

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**Saints' Days.**

- **Holy Communion:** 7.30

**Week Days.**

- **Mattins:** 8.50

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SERVICES DURING DECEMBER.

Dec. 3rd—Advent I.
- 8.0 Holy Communion.
- 11.30 Holy Communion (Choral)
- 6.0 Evensong.

Dec. 10th—Advent II.
- 8.0 Holy Communion.
- 11.30 Mattins.
- 6.0 Evensong.

Dec. 17th—Advent III.
- 8.0 Holy Communion.
- 11.30 Mattins.
- 6.0 Evensong.

Dec. 24th—Advent IV. Xmas Eve.
- 8.0 Holy Communion.
- 11.30 Mattins.
- 6.0 Evensong.

Dec. 25th—Xmas Day. (See Notes)

Dec. 31st—Sunday after Xmas. New Years’ Eve.
- 8.0 Holy Communion.
- 11.30 Mattins.
- 2.30 Children’s Service.
- 6.0 Evensong.

Dec. 21st—St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr.
- 26th—St. Stephen, the First Martyr.
- 27th—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.
- 28th—Holy Innocents’ Day.

ADVENT.

On the Sunday mornings in Advent a course of Sermons will be preached on “Some Aspects of the Advent.” and on the Sunday Evenings the subjects will be—

Advent I. “Summons.”
- “II. “Surrender.”
- “III. “Surprise.”
- “IV. “Satisfaction.”

There will also be Special Advent Services on Wednesday, December 6th, at 7 p.m.
- 13th (for women) at 3 p.m.
- 20th (for Communicants) at 7 p.m.

We wish to call special attention to the Service in connection with the Women’s Union, to be held on Wednesday, December 13th, at 3 p.m. All women—whether belonging to the Women’s Union or not—will be welcomed to this Service. The Address will be given by our Rural Dean, the Rev. A. L. Helps, M.A., Vicar of Puddletown; and it is much hoped there will be a large attendance.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

The Services on Xmas Day will be as follows—
- 7 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11 a.m. Mattins, Holy Communion, and Sermon.
- 6 p.m. Choral Evensong and Carols.

Carols will be sung on the Sundays immediately before and after Xmas at Evensong.

The Subject of the Sermon on New Year’s Eve, December the 31st, will be “Lest we forget!”

WORKING PARTY FOR “THE DORSETS.”

The members of the Working Party are doing good work for the soldiers. Since October 1st, 23 shirts, and 16 pairs of socks have been sent to the Dorset Guild, and in addition to this Mrs. Forsyth has sent to “Queen Mary’s General Fund.”

10 pairs of Socks
- 5 , , Mittens
- 6 Waistcoats
- 7 Muffs
- 2 Knee-caps
- 3 Feather Pillows
- 3 Cushions
- 3 pairs of Slippers.

The Working Party now meets at the Vicarage, instead of the Drax Hall, every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 6-30 p.m. Still more members will be welcome.

BERE REGIS NURSING ASSOCIATION.

The Village Nurse is still proving herself very useful, and during the nine months Nurse Edgar was with us she attended 34 cases.

We have a new Nurse, trained by the County, coming to us on December 4th, and it is hoped she will stay a long time.

The accounts from October, 1915 to July, 1916 are given below. More subscribers however are asked to help this useful object which is sometimes, perhaps, apt to be forgotten with the so many other demands made upon us at the present time.

October 1915 to July 1916:

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Winterbourne Kingston.

We are still in the midst of this terrible War and it seems almost impossible for us to realize that a Second Christmas will be spent with most of our loved ones far away and the Message of Peace and Goodwill which Christmas brings, sounds strangely in our ears, when we think of the awful struggle still going on, in which our brave boys are daily facing death and all the horrors of the battlefield. We who remain at home can only pray for them, that He, to Whose Almighty protection we commit them, may have them in His safe keeping, and for ourselves that we may be worthy of the great sacrifices that they are making for us and for our Country.

During Advent there will be services with short address, each Thursday at 7 p.m. and on Christmas Day the Services will be, as follows—H.C. at 8 a.m., Matins; Sermon and H.C. at 11, Evensong and Sermon at 6 p.m.

We were very pleased indeed to see Private George Ballam who has been home on very short leave, and has now gone back again to France. He looks exceedingly well and had most interesting experiences to relate, having been all through the campaign in Gallipoli, then in Egypt and finally he has gone to the battlefield in France.

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BERE REGIS NOTES—continued

ONE OF OUR BOYS.

Most of “our boys” from Bere Regis who have gone “on active service” have gone as soldiers. But we are proud to have at least one in the Navy. Arthur Sheppard, son of Mr and Mrs T. Sheppard, came home “on leave” on October 26th last, and he looked as if his life at sea well agrees with him.

It is interesting to note that he joined the Navy in April of last year at the age of 16½. He was trained on H.M.S. Impregnable at Devonport, choosing gunnery in preference to other sections. From the Training Ship he was transferred as a First Class Boy to a Super Dreadnought of the Grand Fleet. He took part in the Memorable Battle of Jutland last May, taking position in one of the voice turrets of a 15 inch gun. Arthur is one of the old boys of the Bere Regis Boys’ School, and was in the Church Choir until the time of his going away. We are assured that he is well and happy, and proud to be “doing his bit”!

THE DIOCESAN CENTRAL FUND.

A meeting of the various Collectors for the above Fund was held at the Vicarage on Thursday evening, November 23rd. It was found that the sums collected amounted to £6 17s. 9d. This is rather less than usual, but no doubt it is to be accounted for by the fact that it is “war time,” and that there are so many extra expenses and calls upon our resources to face. If we add the amount collected in Church on July 16th for the Curate Fund—£3 5s. 6d.—this brings the Total up to £10 3s. 3d.

CHOIR PRACTICES.

During the winter months there will be Choir Practice at the Vicarage on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

AUGUSTUS B. BENNETT.

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MR. BERES LETTER.

26th November, 1916.

My dear Friends,

It is just as well to own up to the truth and be done with it. I got ten days leave last month and did not come to Bere Regis. Ten days was not much to share out between the four places I wanted to go to, so by omitting Bere Regis I reduced my visits to three. Travelling in England was a treat after travelling in France. I had less than 70 miles to do by train to get to the seaport, and they took me 14 hours on the homeward, and 16½ hours on the return journey. At one place I had six hours to wait at night at a station, (the train being five hours late,) so like many of my fellow-sufferers I lay down on the platform on a newspaper.
To-day is Sunday, and I have officiated in a variety of buildings. Two services were in a well-appointed Church Marquee—one in a canteen, amid casks and tinned goods of various kinds—another was in a barn, and the fifth in the drying shed inside a prisoner's cage. After the first service I took the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood to the beds of nine wounded men, which meant holding seven short bedside services, of the communicants two had lost a leg each, and others had a variety of extensive wounds. I have had a funeral, I think, each day this last week, burying more than one at most of the services, and my thoughts have gone very often to the Bere Regis boys, who have recently died from wounds received in battle. I would that they had chanced to pass through this clearing station, so that they might have had an old friend with them at the end. Wounded and dying men hardly ever say anything about those at home, but it is not because they don't think about them. I kneel by their beds and say short prayers so often, and I never forget to pray for their friends at home, and I notice that it is at the end of that prayer, that the most fervent "Amen" is said. Everyone does their best for the suffering out here, but no amount of kindness and skill really makes up for the absence of mother or wife. It is a sad business is war, and full of horrors, but it will take more than all the Boches can do to knock the spirit out of the British soldier. One of the communicants, mentioned above, informed me yesterday afternoon that he had had his leg amputated, by saying, "I have sent my leg to kick the Germans, and if other chaps can get on with one leg, I reckon I can."

Yours sincerely,

M. A. BERIE.

MARRIAGE.

Nov. 22nd—Charles Trent to Emma Cobb.

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