BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

OCTOBER, 1916.

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Saints' Days.

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Bere Regis.

SERVICES DURING OCTOBER

Oct. 1st—XV. Sunday after Trinity.
  8-0 Holy Communion.
  11-30 Holy Communion (Choral)
  6-0 Evensong.

Oct. 8th—XVI. Sunday after Trinity.
  8-0 Holy Communion.
  11-30 Mattins.
  6-0 Evensong.

Oct. 15th—XVII. Sunday after Trinity.
  8-0 Holy Communion.
  11-30 Mattins.
  6-0 Evensong.

Oct. 22nd—XVIII. Sunday after Trinity.
  8-0 Holy Communion.
  11-30 Mattins.
  6-0 Evensong.

Oct. 29th—XIX. Sunday after Trinity.
  8-0 Holy Communion.
  11-30 Mattins.
  2-30 Children’s Service.
  6-0 Evensong.


28th—St. Simon and St. Jude, App. & M.M.

LETTER FROM MR. BERE.

September, 17th, 1916.

My dear Friends,

This month I am in the position of having very little to say. It is not that there has been nothing to do, far from it, but the sort of work is not of the kind which lends itself to “make copy.” One cannot very well put into print conversations with sick or dying men, and it is by the bed-side of such that a Chaplain at a Casualty Clearing Station naturally spends the greater part of his working day.

The war appears to have made a big step nearer termination since I last wrote, and that makes one anxious about the state of things after the war. What sort of life are the men going back to? They have a corporate life, they have a good fellowship out here, which is something quite new to most of them. Where is all that going on at home after all this is over? Is there to be no place but the public house for social gathering? Not that the Public House need be a bad place, but it is almost bound to be, when the proprietor of it becomes richer, on proportion to the number of men, who get drunk. Because, put plainly, that is what it comes to. We have a Canteen here in our camp, and sell Beer to be consumed on the premises. The Canteen is managed by an officer under the Colonel, and it seems to serve a useful and quite harmless purpose. The men can meet in comfort there to talk and amuse themselves, and I have not heard of any bad results whatever. Something of the same sort will be wanted in every village at home, but then you want the Colonel: I mean someone who will bring down a pretty heavy fist when anything goes wrong—a man who stands no humbug and listens to no excuses. There might be a way of managing to have all the week the same sort of thing that is now being done on Sundays in the Drax Hall. It is worth thinking about, but knowing a little about Englishmen I doubt whether a teetotal place would really promote as much good as one where a light and wholesome Beer was sold. Teetotalers will perhaps think me a very renegade person. To any teetotal critic I would say this—“Prove I am wrong, not by talking, (because we have given up listening to talkers in these days when only deeds count,) but by running a temperance social club that men will come to and pass their evenings.”

I hope to spend a few days at Bere Regis soon, but there is for the time being no chance whatever of getting “leave,” and if there were I should not feel justified in asking to get off at a time, when one feels that something big may happen any minute. But we do not know much about the progress of the war here, you at Bere get war news about 9 hours before we do, even if we are lucky enough to get the paper the day it comes out, which half our time we do not.

I am, yours sincerely,

M. A. BERE.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving this year is of special significance to us. We are now in the third year of the War. For all that, in the mercy of God, we are neither face to face with famine, nor even, in spite of the higher price of food, with scarcity, to any serious extent. While the Germans, with their usual mendacity, report “the failure of this year’s crops throughout the British Empire,” and, in an ecstatic article now making the round of the German Press, are gleefully glowing over their own bounteous and plentiful crop as compared with the supposed failure of our own, we are able to lift up our hearts in thankfulness that God has granted unto us a bountiful harvest, and once again has “crowned the year with His goodness.”

This thought, I am sure, has added to the fervour of our Harvest Thanksgiving this year. There seemed a greater heartiness even than usual in our Thanksgiving Services on Sunday, September 17th. All the services were well attended, and at Evensong our noble old Church was crowded; and let us hope that, with all of us, the spiritual lessons of the
Winterbourne Kingston.

The Harvest (the third since the war began) has now been safely gathered in, and so I hope to have the Festival on Sunday, October 1st. This was originally fixed for September 24th, and I had hoped that the Rural Dean would have kindly preached for us, but unfortunately, the Festival at Puddletown is on the same day as ours, and so he will be unable to come. I ask everyone to contribute as generously as possible, for the Hospital (to which the offertory will be sent) is greatly in need of funds, owing to the war. The Children’s Festival will be in the afternoon at 3 p.m., and they are invited to bring their offerings of flowers, fruit or vegetables, etc., to that Service, as they have done each year since I have been here.

CALL OF THE WAR MISSION.

Although we had our own War Mission in this Diocese, in the early Spring of this year, yet we must take our part in the National Mission which will be held shortly throughout the length and breadth of the land. The 24th of September, was the Day fixed by the Bishop for Preparation for the Mission and his Pastoral letter was read on that Day.

The National Mission will be one of Repentance and Hope—Repentance for all the sins and for all the Evils which disfigure our National life—and of Hope for the Birth of a new England, wherein we shall the more turn to Him, the Eternal Christ, the Beginning and the End of all our effort, who is Himself our Hope.

The Mother’s meetings will be held again this winter, as usual, at the Vicarage on Wednesday afternoons. They will commence on Wednesday, November 1st and I hope we shall have as good an attendance as last Season.

DENIS MOORE CANN.

BAPTISM.

Sept. 17th—Gertrude Freda Rhoda Burt.

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Bere Regis Notes—continued

Harvestide sunk deeply into our hearts. We tried to learn some of these lessons in the morning sermon from the Text—“He that regardeth the clouds shall not reap,” Eccles. XI. 4, and in the Evening from the words of the Psalmist, (Ps. 65, 10v) “Thou preparest their corn, for so Thou providest for the Earth.”

The children came in goodly numbers to their own special service in the afternoon, and had their attention directed to the words our Saviour Himself taught us to pray—“Give us this day our daily bread.”

The choir, with Mr. Bugby presiding at the Organ, acquitted themselves surpassingly well at both the morning and evening services. The rendering of the beautiful Anthem—“While the Earth remaineth,” etc., was all that could be desired, and the Psalms, Canticles, and Hymns were sung with precision and care. We are grateful to Mr. Bugby and the Choir for all the hard work they put into their preparation for the Festival, and they may well be congratulated upon the result.

The Church was most appropriately and tastefully decorated with the many gifts of corn, fruit, flowers, vegetables, etc., from parishioners and friends. The decorations were kindly undertaken by Mrs. Lys, in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Jesky, and she was ably assisted by Mrs. Forsyth, Mrs. Bullen, Miss Jesky, Miss Marsh, Miss E. Bemister, the Misses Besent, the Misses Lys, and Mr. Fred Lys.

The collections throughout the day amounted to £9 and were divided between the Dorset County Hospital, and the Polish Relief Fund.

On Monday we took the fruit and vegetables etc. to the Hospital at Dorchester, for which the Matron expressed her grateful thanks.

THE NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.

I hope to preached a series of special Sermons on the Sunday Evenings—October 1st to November 5th inclusive. Our subjects will be—“The Occasion,” “The Call,” “The Message,” “The Witnesses,” “The Alternative,” “The Decision.”

As this will be a consecutive course, one Sermon leading into the other, it is hoped that the congregations will be well sustained throughout. To miss one of the subjects will be to miss a link in the Mission-Chain. May God abundantly bless His message to our souls, and may our individual response to the Mission be, with the faithful, a deepening of
the spiritual life, and with all, a firm resolve not to leave God out.

As the Bishop reminded us in his Pastoral which was read from the pulpit on “Preparation Sunday” —The Message is “to bring home to the people the tremendous truth that Almighty God, in the discipline of the war, without in any way sanctioning or sharing the responsibility for the War, is, nevertheless, speaking to the nation through the War.”

Everyone with eyes to see knows full well that this war is making a great epoch in the world’s history, and that it is indeed a Day of the Lord, and the Church is making a great call through the National Mission to all her members—to recognise this sign of the times, and to turn to God and consecrate themselves to Him with a new penitence and hope.

We believe that God is waiting to pour out His Spirit in new measure upon the Church. The National Mission is calling our parishes to look for, and ask for, and receive, and use that spiritual power which is certainly very close at hand.

WORKING PARTY ON BEHALF OF THE DORSET SOLDIERS.

It has been proposed to form a working-party throughout the winter months for the purpose of making garments and providing comforts for the soldiers of the Dorset Regiments. By kind permission of Mrs. Jesty a committee meeting was held at The Retreat on September 13th, to further this purpose, the Committee consisting of Mrs. Forsyth, Mrs. Ashton Radclyffe, Mrs. Jesty, Mrs. Besent, Mrs. Lys, and Mrs. Johnson. It was decided to have working-parties every Thursday at the Drax Hall—from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.—and that this should be open to all who are willing to come and work. Part of the scheme will be also to make bandages and swabs for the wounded. All the material will be supplied by the Dorchester Committee, for which they make an initial charge of £5. In order to raise this necessary fund an Entertainment is being arranged by Mrs. Raymond Radclyffe on September 28th, at the Drax Hall. We feel sure this effort will be well supported.

The house to house Collection for the Central Diocesan Fund (see Mr Bere’s letter in last month’s Magazine) has now been well started, and it is confidently hoped that the sum required from this Parish (£12 17s. 6d.) will be realized.

AUGUSTUS B. BENNETT.

BAPTISMS.

Sept 3rd—Phyllis May Stickley.
,, 10th—Lydia Margery Hope-Lamley.

MARRIAGE.

Aug 31st—Silvester Montague Corben, to Jennie Francis Mabel Kellaway.

OFFERTORIES.

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Sept. 10th—XII. Sunday after Trinity.
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Sept. 17th—XIII. Sunday after Trinity. Harvest Festival.
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Sept. 24th—XIV. Sunday after Trinity.
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