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Bere Regis.

SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY, 1917

Holy Communion each Sunday at 8 a.m.
Mattins 11-30 a.m.
(except on the 1st Sunday in the month
when there will be a Choral Celebration
of the Holy Communion.)
Evensong each Sunday at 6 p.m.

Feb. 2nd—Purification of Mary the Blessed
Virgin. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

4th—Septuagesima.
11th—Sexagesima.
18th—Quinquagesima.
21st—Ash Wednesday.
24th—St. Matthias, Apostle and Martyr.

The Services on Ash Wednesday will be
7.30 Holy Communion.
12.0 Intercessions.
4.15 Children’s Service.
7.30 Evensong and Address.

Intercession Service each Wednesday at
Mid-day.

PREPARATION FOR LENT.

Septuagesima sounds a clear note to all true
Church people—a call to prepare for the
Solemn Season of Lent, and to make a good
beginning on Ash Wednesday.

If we are to keep Lent well, and follow the
Example of our Saviour in His Forty Days’
Lent in the Wilderness, we must beforehand
make some definite rules as to self-denial and
prayer. The resolutions must be carefully
made, not too much lest we invite failure,
and yet not too easy lest we miss the
promised blessing.

What we do must be real, and such as we
can offer to God and ask Him to bless.

For one thing let all resolve to be more
frequent and regular in attending the Services
in Church. We do not invite help in the
Spiritual life by neglecting Public Worship
or by only attending spasmodically, just now
and again. We should aim to cultivate a
deeper sense of obligation in this matter, and
nothing but very urgent reason should render
our place in Church vacant.

A CALL TO COMMUNICANTS.

The Attendance at Holy Communion is
nothing like what it should be in this parish.
Sunday after Sunday we scarcely reach the
double numbers, except on the 1st Sunday in
the month. This betokens either great
carelessness and indifference on the part of
communicants, or else a want of realisation
of the Church’s system and of the sweetness
and blessedness of our Lord’s Own Sacra-
ment. Would not Lent be a good time for us
to resolve to be more faithful in this matter?
It is so easy to drift into carelessness, and
this is ever so detrimental to the Spiritual life.

Whatever views one may hold about the
Holy Communion, surely we must consider
it as the Chief Service for all christian people!
The one great service of Divine Institution,
the “Lord’s Own Service,” should surely
take precedence on the Lord’s Own Day!
As a writer significantly pointed out in a
recent letter to the Church Times—“North
end or Eastward position, Communion Table
or Altar, we surely have the right to expect
that in every Christian Church this Service is
the most important. At least, it has been
found so in countless parishes up and down
the Country, as the result of the National
Mission.”

Our own Bishop of Salisbury writing in the
Diocesan Gazette sends us the following
message—“I do not hesitate to say that the
neglect of that great Service amongst our
town and village people—and not by any
means always amongst the poorest of our
people—is contrary at once to the teaching
of Scripture, the spirit of the Prayer Book,
and the instinct of reverence towards our
Lord Himself.”

Let us think on these things.

THE REV. M. A. BERIE.

We regret to hear that Mr. Bere, out in
France, has been laid up with an attack of
influenza. We hope that by this time he
may have recovered and be able to resume
his important duties at No. 43 Casualty
Clearing Station.

With the Bishop’s consent Mr. Bere has
decided to “sign on” for another year, unless
the War should end before then. So he will
not be returning to Bere Regis so soon as was
anticipated.

Our hearts go out in much sympathy to
Mr. and Mrs. Hall whose little boy “Bob
Kitchener” suddenly passed away on the last
day of December. Their’s is a sad bereave-
ment, and we all assure them of our deepest
sympathy. The funeral took place on
January 4th, and the little coffin was rever-
ently borne to the Cemetery by members of
the Sunday School. “Suffer the little
children to come unto Me.”
Our best congratulations to Mrs. Forsyth and her ready helpers on the result of the recent Jumble Sale. The proceeds, which amounted to £15, go to the support of the work being carried out by the Ladies of the parish on behalf of supplying comforts for “The Dorsets.”

We all find the present spell of severe weather very trying—but how much worse for the men at the Front! Mr. Bere writes—“The cold here is awful. The water froze on the table by one’s bedside at mid-day in Hospital, and the Ward was below freezing point where I had to sit when I first got out of bed after five days in it.” But Spring is Coming!

AUGUSTUS B. BENNETT.

**Winterbourne Kingston.**

I am sorry to say that we have had some very sad losses in the village since I last wrote. On December 26th, Mrs. James Arnold was taken ill very suddenly and she died on the following day. Her death was most unexpected for, on the day before, she was out in the Village and apparently in her usual health and spirits. Our deep sympathy goes out to her bereaved husband and family, who must mourn, indeed, most sadly, the loss of so devoted a wife and mother.

On January 18th, Mr. Walter Wellstead who had been organist at the Church for over 30 years, died after a short illness. He was at his usual place at the organ until just before Christmas, when he took a severe chill, and although he rallied somewhat at the New Year and talked to me about soon resuming his duties at the Church, yet during the ensuing spell of cold weather he contracted a fresh cold, to which he succumbed. At the services on January 21st, touching allusions were made to the sad event, and to Mr. Wellstead’s long service at the Church, and to the faithful manner in which he had always fulfilled his duties. His funeral took place on Monday, January 22nd, and many parishioners and friends shewed their respect to his memory, by being present at the service.

We have sustained a most grievous loss in the death of Mr. T. T. Stacey, who was so well known in the Village and in the neighbourhood, and who was one of the most constant and regular attendants at our Church.

**BAPTISM.**

Jan. 21st—James Richard Kellaway.

**BURIAL.**

Jan. 4th—Frederick Roberts Kitchener Hall, age 2 years.

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Mr. Stacey had been in rather indifferent health for some little time, and his illness most patiently borne, terminated fatally on January 20th, to our deepest regret. His Funeral on Wednesday, January 24th, was very largely attended, numerous friends coming from a distance to show their regard and to pay their last tribute of respect, and the Master and many members of the Hunt were also present. The Rev. P. A. Butler—a very old friend of Mr. and Mrs. Stacey assisted at the service.

**DENIS MOORE CANN.**

**MARRIAGE.**

Dec. 26th—Edgar Percy Snashall and Margaret Louise Walley.

**BURIALS.**

Dec. 30th—Elizabeth Arnold, 59 years.

Jan. 22nd—Walter Wellstead, 61 years.

,, 24th—Tom Tucker Stacey, 68 years.

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