BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

JULY, 1917.

Bere Regis Church

BERE. Sunday Services. KINGSTON.
Holy Communion ... ... 8.0 Holy Communion 1st Sun. at Midday.
Also on the Great Festivals at 7.0 & 11.0 3rd Sun. at 8 a.m.
Choral—on the First Sunday of the
Mattins (except the First Sunday in
the month) at 11.0
Children’s Service or Sunday School 2.30
Evensong ... ... 6.0

Mattins ... ... 11 a.m.
Children’s Service, 2nd Sun. at 3 p.m.
Evensong ... ... 6 p.m.

SAINTS’ DAYS.

Holy Communion ... ... 7.0

WEEK DAYS.

Mattins ... ... 8.50

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Bere Regis.

The Sunday Services during July will be at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6 p.m. as usual.
Intercession Service each Wednesday at mid-day.
July 25, St. James, Apostle and Martyr.

S. P. G.

The collections on Sunday, July 15, (Trinity VI) will be on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

There is a Diocesan Deficit of £250 so that the claim upon us is more urgent than usual.

The Organising Secretary reminds us “It is also a welcome fact in this critical year of the War that such a Society as ours is doing genuine war work. There can be no doubt about it, everyone recognises it. The thousands who are supported by us, of every race and in all the continents, are bent upon planting the true civilisation, viz.: that which is founded on the teaching and power of Christ Himself. The world needs such National Service from our land in fullest degree.”

WEDDING BELLS.

A wedding of local interest took place on June 23rd at St. Peter’s, Eaton Square, London, when Miss M. C. Radclyffe, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs. Eustace Radclyffe of Hyde, was married to Lieut. R. M. Plummer, R.F.C.

We tender our very best wishes to the bride and bridegroom for their future happiness.

MILITARY.

Changes are taking place at a neighbouring Camp, and we now miss at Church many faces which have become familiar to us of men who have been worshipping with us for some months past. Many of the men before leaving have expressed their appreciation of the services, and have said how endeared to them our Parish Church has become. As they leave us they are followed by our best wishes and earnest prayers, and we shall be ready to welcome others who come to take their places.

AUGUSTUS B. BENNETT.

MR. BERE’S LETTER.

My Dear Friends,

I have no news of the war to send home, for we get no war news where we are now, and for certain reasons our Clearing Station is closed and therefore there are no patients to be ministered to or to bring us news from the Front. It is not much of a place for doing nothing in either: the trees are all on the ground, and so are the villages. There is not a house standing within five miles of our camp. Beyond five or six services on Sundays, I have been absolutely idle for three weeks. The Sunday Services are very enjoyable. The trunks of the trees, which the Germans felled before retreating, make good seats for the congregation to sit on, and one that had split as it fell served for the communicants to kneel on when receiving the Sacrament last Sunday. There is not an acre of cultivation anywhere to be seen, the fields have not been ploughed since the war began. It suits the horses well as they get plenty of grass, though there are far more dandelions than anything else. The French eat dandelions, or rather the white part at the bottom of the leaf, and call it salad, but the British troops do not follow their example.

This is a very noisy camp at night, we have had one or two heavy thunderstorms, but the guns make so much row that one scarcely hears the thunder.

June 19, 1917.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. BERE.

BAPTISM.

June 24th—Ellen Hester Corben.

MARRIAGE.

June 4th—Gilbert Wilson Corben to Dorothy Annie Jeans.

BURIAL.

June 7th—Emma Christopher, aged 83 years.

OFFERTORIES.

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WHITSUNDAY.

We had very bright and hearty services on Whitsunday, and I was pleased to see such good congregations at all the services, and many of our people must, I know, have made a great effort to be present.

THE LATE LIEUT. D. STACEY.

We were all very grieved to hear of the death of Lieutenant D. (Laddie) Stacey of the Royal Flying Corps, who had quite recently gone to the Front. He was so keen and so eager in his efforts to become an expert airman, that he persevered and successfully passed the excessively difficult test required by the Military Authorities, and it is exceedingly sad to think that his useful career should have been cut short, so speedily. We must all feel the deepest sympathy for his widow and for Mrs. T. Stacey. A touching tribute to the deceased officer who had thus given his life for his King and Country, was given at the Morning Service on June 24th.

From the proceeds of the musical entertainment given in the Reading Room on Whit-Tuesday (May 29th) I have been able to send away 70 cigarettes to each one of our lads at the Front, and the very grateful letters of thanks that I have received, show how exceedingly, these gifts, contributed by those who came to this entertainment, are appreciated by our Boys. It is, of course, very difficult for us, living in our peaceful Village to realize the enormous strain which our lads are now undergoing, and anything that we can do for them, at this present moment, is thought so much of by them, that I was excessively pleased to be able to send them these little remembrances from our village. I may mention that only recently, the noise of the great explosion by which our troops blew up a hill at Vimy, was heard in London, and so we can imagine the effect that it must have had on our boys out at the Front, who nevertheless in the midst of all the turmoil can write such cheery letters home.

During the summer months I am holding the Sunday School in the Vicarage Garden, a thing that is much appreciated by the children. I am glad to say that the numbers keep up wonderfully well, in spite of the fact that several families have left the Village.

DENIS MOORE CANN.

BURIAL.

June 19th—William Penny, aged 71 years.

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