BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

NOVEMBER, 1917.

Bere Regis Church

**Bere.**

- Holy Communion: 8.0
- Also on the Great Festivals at 7.0 & 11.0
- Choral—on the First Sunday of the month at 11.0
- Mattins (except the First Sunday in the month) at 11.0.
- Children’s Service or Sunday School 2.30
- Evensong: 6.0

**Sunday Services.**

**Kingston.**

- Holy Communion | 1st Sun. at Midday.
- 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: 8.30
Bere Regis.

SUNDAY SERVICES—See Cover of Magazine

Nov. 1.—All Saints' Day.

30.—St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr.

Intercession Services each Wednesday at mid-day.

The XXII Sunday after Trinity, November 4th, is within the Octave of “All Saints.”

Holy Communion, 8.00; Sung Eucharist, 11.00. Anthem at Evensong—“What are These?” Stainer.

On Sunday, November 18th (Trinity XXIV), Special Sermons will be preached on behalf of the National Society, and the Collections at 11.00 and 6.00, will be given to that Society. The name of the Preacher will be announced in due course. The Organising Secretary reminds us that “After the War the hopes of Church-Schools will be in the existence of a strong National Society for the whole Country.”

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

To thank Almighty God for the blessings of Harvest—(more especially for such blessings in the strenuous time of War)—and to make our practical thank-offerings, special Services were held on Sunday, October 7th (Trinity XVIII). The Services commenced at 8 a.m. (Holy Communion), although so many of our people still seem to think the Festival commences at the Evening Service, and appear to overlook the Church's Greatest Service of Thanksgiving, the Holy Eucharist, in which all our thanksgivings are gathered up and linked to the Cross. To come to the Altar itself on Harvest Thanksgiving Day is to witness that we “labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that Meat which endureth unto Everlasting Life.” Would that more people would realise this. Then, we think, the attendance at the morning services would be more in proportion to the over-flowing numbers which fill the Church at Evensong.

Offerings of fruit, flowers, and vegetables were sent to the Church in abundance, and were of the very best. We have all the names (too numerous to mention in our limited space) of those who thus self-sacrificingly offered of their farm and garden produce, and these offerings were effectively arranged within the Church by a willing band of helpers, to whom, as also to the donors themselves, we accord our hearty thanks.

By the kindness of Mr. Bedford, who placed one of his motor-vans at our disposal, we conveyed these “thank-offerings” to the Dorset County Hospital, on Monday morning. The Matron was delighted with the gifts and expressed her gratitude on behalf of the Hospital Staff and the inmates, and assured us how very welcome such gifts were, especially at the present time. She wished us to convey her best thanks to all the kind contributors.

With regard to the Festival itself it was very disappointing to all of us that the day should have been such an unfortunate one as regards weather, and this made a considerable difference to the usual congregations, although the Church was well filled in the evening. The Services were of the customary bright nature appropriate to the Festival, and the Choir, under the able leadership of Mr. Bugby at the organ, acquitted themselves in a praise-worthy manner, the rendering, at Evensong, of Stainer’s beautiful Anthem, “Ye shall dwell in the land,” being especially effective. At this Service, too, we were privileged to listen to a very helpful message from the Rev. Ralph Guy, Chaplain to His Majesty’s Forces, who kindly came (in spite of the weather) all the way from Wareham to preach to us, and whose visit, I am sure, we all greatly appreciated.

The wet weather, did not prevent the children coming in goodly numbers to their own Special Service in the afternoon, and they joined heartily in the singing of the Harvest Hymns. On this occasion the children announced their own text, and the text was—“While the earth remaineth seed-time and harvest, etc., shall not cease.” Gen. viii, 22.

The Collections throughout the day (for the Dorset County Hospital and the Polish Relief Fund) amounted to £7 10s. (as against £9, last year), a result which, taking into consideration the strain which at the present time is being made upon our resources through the dearer cost of living, may be considered most satisfactory.

THE DIOCESAN CENTRAL FUND.

Our best thanks to the various Collectors for the above Fund, and also to Miss Hatton for her usual kindness in so ably undertaking all the secretarial work which the Collection necessitates. At a meeting of the Collectors, Continued at foot of third page of cover.
Winterborne Kingston.

The months are passing so quickly that one hardly realizes the fact that soon after this magazine is in your hands, we shall be nearing the close of the Christian year, and the season of Advent will be at hand. During that solemn Season, the usual Advent Services will be held on Thursday Evenings at 7 p.m., and I trust that a great effort will be made by all to attend them. The nation is passing through such an exceedingly anxious time, that these special opportunities of prayer and intercession should be used to the utmost of our power. There will be short special Advent addresses at the Services.

I am very sorry indeed that yet another of our brave Kingston lads— Bertie Walley—has given his life for his King and Country. He was severely wounded in the recent heavy fighting in France and he died in hospital there. He was one of the first of the Kingston boys to enlist on the outbreak of war, and went through the campaign in the Dardanelles, afterwards serving in France. The deepest sympathy is felt by all for his bereaved family who are called upon to bear this severe trial.

I am very pleased to say that Mr. Charles Miller— our late Sexton—who met with a very bad accident in the fields and broke his ankle, is going on very well in the Blandford Cottage Hospital. When I called to see him the other day, I found him very cheerful, although still in considerable pain. He hopes soon to be able to get about again, and I am glad to think that we shall, before long, have him back in Kingston again.

The Mother’s Meetings will commence on Wednesday, November 7th, and I trust that they will be as successful as they have been in the past three seasons.

DENIS MOORE CANN.

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BEREG REGIS NOTES—continued.

held at the Vicarage on Thursday evening, October 18th, it was found that the sums collected amounted to £9 7s. 11d. Although this does not come up to the amount (£12) which is asked, every Autumn, from our parish, it is, at all events, £2 10s. 2d. in excess of the sum collected last year. The takings in nearly every district showed an increase on last year, and it is encouraging to note this effort to raise the full amount.

APPRECIATION OF RELIGIOUS PRIVILEGES AT THE FRONT.

The following extract from a letter received recently, from one who often worshipped with us at Bere Regis during the earlier part of the year, is of significant interest.—“We are exceedingly fortunate just here in that there is a Daily Celebration quite close by at a little chapel fitted up by the Church Army, and it was a great help to be able to go there right up to the Action itself. A very pleasing feature is the number of Staff and Senior Officers (including the Divisional Commanders) who are regular attendants there.

BEREAVED.

Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Lys, and Miss Randolph, teacher at Bere Heath Schools, and who is also one of our valued Sunday School teachers, whose brothers have both made the Supreme Sacrifice during the past month.

We also deeply regret to hear that Lieut. R. Hope-Lumley, whom all of us remember as having occupied the Vicarage last year, has been killed in action, leaving a young widow and infant daughter. May God comfort those that who mourn!

Mrs. Sheppard and family desire, through the medium of the Magazine, to heartily
thank those who have shown them such kind sympathy in their recent bereavement.

ORGAN RECITAL.
The very excellent organ recital given by Lance Corpl. Archard on Sunday Evening, October 21st, will probably be the last he will be able to undertake for the present, as he is expecting to go out to the Front very shortly now. He will carry with him our very best wishes, and we shall have most pleasing recollections of the delightful Recitals with which he has favoured us.

AUGUSTUS B. BENNETT.

Mr. BERE’S LETTER.

My Dear Friends,
A few days ago I asked a soldier, who was eating an egg for his tea, if he was enjoying it. He replied, "yes, but not as much as the last one I had." On enquiring where he had eaten that particularly palatable egg, he answered, "In the Drax Hall, at Bere Regis." So once more the Sunday Tea-Room has left a pleasant taste both in the memory and in the mouth.

We are engaged in getting into winter quarters, a good many of the hospital marquees have come down; and are being replaced by huts of various types and sizes. We have one Mammoth hut which holds no less than fifty beds, and another will contain not many less. I believe that we are to have an operating theatre, in which at least half a dozen operations can be done at the same time. Preparations have to be made for the worst, because there is no knowing what Fritz will be up to next, and he his not dead yet.

During the last gale our Church Tent collapsed, and so did a Church Army hut about half a mile away. The Church Army hut has come down twice, and it now cannot be put up again, so it will have to be replaced by something more substantial. The only people left to work these huts are the clergy, every one else being in the army, who would undertake a job of that kind. This Hut is run by a curate from a London Suburb. The Churchpeople of his parish continue to pay him his stipend, while he is out here. There is I hear a shortage of men to manage these huts, that is a pity, as they are very much patronised by the troops. But it is easy to understand, that there is a difficulty, because the Church army pays no salaries to the Managers. Still for all that it will be a disgrace to the Church at home if one of these places has to be closed for lack of a competent worker.

Yours sincerely,
M. A. BERE.

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MARRIAGE.

Oct. 6—George Eveleigh Jerrard, to Ellen Hoare.