Bere Regis Church

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Sunday Services.

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

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 ... ... ... 8.50
Bere Regis.

OCTOBER SERVICES—See Cover of Magazine
Oct. 28.—St. Simeon and St. Jude, App. and M.M.

Intercession Service each Wednesday at mid-day.

Mr. BERES LETTER.

My Dear Friends,

There appears to be very little for me to say this month. We are settling down and getting ready for the winter. No houses remain, so accommodation for the troops has to be built, and I should not be surprised if they do not find the huts and tents more comfortable than the old billets, where they shared their beds with the rats. A German prisoner told me in May, that they could not last beyond October, but I fear that peace will not be proclaimed quite as soon as he anticipated. For a long time I seldom met any soldiers who knew Bovington and Bere Regis, but just recently I have come across several, and it is always a pleasure to talk to someone who knows one's home. The bulk, however, of our wounded come from parts of England that I know nothing about, and parts, so thickly populated, that they call places the size of Dorchester "villages," and where there are towns of 20,000 people whose names I had never heard. Today I found in one of the beds a negro from Central Africa, who surprised me, by asking to borrow the New Testament in Greek, and it struck me as a bit funny for the Englishmen in the beds near him to be learning from a black man that that was the language in which the Gospel was written. Anyhow his learning had not prevented him from enlisting in the English Army.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. BERES

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on October 7th, the XVIII Sunday after Trinity.

The Services will be as follows—
8-0 Holy Communion
11-0 Holy Communion (Choral), and Sermon.
2-30 Children's Service.
6-0 Evensong and Sermon.

The sermon in the morning will be preached by the Rev. A. B. Bennett and in the evening the preacher will be the Rev. Ralph Guy, Chaplain to his Majesty's Forces, Wartnam.

Offerings of fruit, flowers, and vegetables, (which will afterwards be forwarded to the Hospital) will be gratefully received, and should be sent to the Church not later than 10 a.m. on Saturday October 6th.

The collections throughout the day, as last year, will be divided between the Dorset County Hospital and the Polish Relief Fund.

It is interesting to note that the date of our Harvest Festival this year happens to be the very date—October 7th—of the re-opening of the Church, in 1875,—after its Restoration.

ALTAR-CROSS

We are very grateful to 2nd Lieut. Arthur Calder, M.G.C., for his welcome gift to Bere Regis Church of a handsome Altar Cross, which was "blessed" and placed upon the Altar on Holy Cross Day, September 14th. Mr. Calder was stationed at Bovington Camp for some months recently, and frequently worshipped with us on Sundays. He left for France in June last, and before doing so, desired to make an offering to the Church "which"—according to his own words—"he had found so helpful." He could scarcely have made a more appropriate gift, and he may be assured of our deep gratitude, and that we will remember him earnestly in our prayers.

May the Holy Symbol, thus set before us on the Altar, ever serve to remind us of the Great Sacrifice we There plead, and of the hallowing of all Sacrifice we are privileged to make for Him "Who loved us and gave Himself for us."

DEATH OF A FORMER VICAR.

At the ripe old age of 83, there passed away, on September 15th, at Bemerton Rectory, Salisbury, Francis Warre, Rector of that Parish, and Canon and Prebendary of Salisbury. There are many in Bere Regis who will remember Canon Warre when he was Vicar of this Parish, from 1864—1876. That was a memorable time in the history of Bere Regis, inasmuch as it was the period of the restoration of the Parish Church to its present noble proportions, in which restoration Canon Warre was the prime mover and instigator. The Church, with all its improvements, restored though not modernised, remains in its present condition as a lasting memorial of his good work, and by which, apart from all else, Canon Warre will ever be gratefully remembered in this Parish and Diocese.

May he rest in peace.

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Winterbourne Kingston.

During the past month all our thoughts have been directed towards the Harvest Fields, upon which, more depends this year than ever before, and now, in spite of some adverse weather, we rejoice to think that the harvest has been gathered in safely. To express our deep thankfulness to God for these many mercies which He has shown us, we held our Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday September 23rd, and the services seemed to have a more solemn meaning to us than in the past, with the shadow of the great war ever hanging over us, and growing in intensity as the days go by. I am sure that we all felt the solemnity of the occasion and the offerings that were made displayed a great amount of self-sacrifice, and I know that the gifts both in money and in kind will be most gratefully received by the Dorchester Hospital authorities.

I am very sorry to say that we have to mourn the loss of yet another of our brave Kingston lads, Corporal Trevor Ballam, who has fallen in battle in France, whilst fighting most gallantly for his King and Country. He had been on active service almost from the commencement of the war, and had gained the highest opinions of his officers and of his comrades. We all sympathise most deeply with his bereaved family, to whom this blow has come as a most terrible shock.

I hope to commence the Mothers' Meetings again on Wednesday, November 7th, and I trust that the mothers will come in as good numbers as they did last year.

DENIS MOORE CANN.

BURLIA.

Sept. 18th—Emily Ricketts, aged 68 years.

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For Dorchester County Hospital.

Bere Regis Notes—continued.

PAROCHIAL OBITUARY.

It is with much sorrow, and heartfelt sympathy for her family-circle and relatives, that we have to record the death of Sarah Sheppard. It was only a fortnight previously that she had come home, from the school in which she was a pupil teacher at Blandford, apparently suffering from over-work, but more serious complications set in, and early on Sunday morning September 23rd she peacefully passed away. Sarah Sheppard was only 18 years of age, and had just successfully passed the Senior Oxford Examination, and has thus been cut off at the very beginning of a promising and useful career. She was faithful in her religion, and has done good work in our Sunday School where she will be greatly missed. God has now called her to the Higher Service, and in the best ‘Communion of Saints’ we shall still feel that she is with us, for

“One family, we dwell in Him,
One Church, above, beneath;

Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death.
May God abundantly comfort ‘those who mourn’ her loss; we sorrow with them; but their sorrow, as our’s is ‘not without hope,’
‘For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.’

During the past month there has also passed way one with whose face we were familiar in Bere Regis. Alban Thomas Joseph Croucher, who died on September 7th, at the comparatively early age of 32 years, had for some years past been in the service of Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth, Culeage, to whom he acted in the capacity of chauffeur. Although he had been in ill health for some time past and was marked ‘medically unfit’ for the army, his end was somewhat sudden. He leaves behind him a young widow and child for whom much sympathy is felt. Those who knew him best describe him as ‘cheerful, respectful and obliging’—a very good character for any one to possess, and by which he will be greatly missed.
### COAL CLUB.
Balance Sheet for 1916.

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Of the 48 members, all are old age Pensioners or in receipt of relief, with the exception of five, and these five have large families.

The thanks of the Parish in general, and of the Coal Club in particular, must be accorded to the subscribers; and Mrs. Bemister will welcome donations and Subscriptions for the coming season.

### JUMBLE SALE.

There was a good attendance at the Jumble Sale at Whitelovington on September 14th, which was organised by Mrs. Lys on behalf of the District Nursing Fund and the Dorset Guild of Workers to provide comforts for soldiers.

The excellent amount of £17 13s. 10d was realized, and Mrs. Lys is to be congratulated on the success of her enterprise. Mrs. Lys also desires to thank all those who kindly helped at the sale and sent cakes, etc., and who otherwise contributed to the success.

### ORGAN RECITAL.
We were again favoured with an organ recital by Lance Corporal Archards on Sunday evening, September 23rd. The several items were skilfully and delightfully rendered, and he made effective use of the various organ "stops." He seemed to bring out all that our organ is capable of, and that is by no means little.

There are few village churches with an organ such as we possess and these organ-recitals, especially, help us to realise this fact and privilege.

**AUGUSTUS B. BENNETT.**

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### BAPTISMS.

Sept. 9 Mary May Simpson.

" 30—Nellie Ruth Cobb.

### MARRIAGES.

Sept. 1—At Dewlish, Sapper G. E. Bugby, R.E. to Marjorie Parsons.

Sept. 20—Ernest Walter Sinnick to Annie Lily Collis.

### BURIAL.

Sept. 12—Alban Thomas Joseph Croucher, aged 32 years.