Bere Regis & Winterborne Kingston

July, 1918

Bere Regis Church

Bere.

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

Saints' Days.

Holy Communion ..... 7.0

Kingston.

Holy Communion | 1st Sun. at Midday.
Mattins ..... 11 a.m.
Children's Service, 2nd Sun. at 3 p.m.
Evensong ..... 6 p.m.

Week Days.

Mattins ..... 8.50

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY, 1918.

July 7—6th Sunday after Trinity.
,, 14—7th Sunday after Trinity.
,, 21—8th Sunday after Trinity.
,, 28—9th Sunday after Trinity.

MR. BERES LETTER.

June, 1918.

My dear Friends,

Our brief visit to Bere Regis was very enjoyable, and we were much indebted to Mr. Jesty for having made it possible to get over for the morning. It is a treat to see faces that one knows, the men among whom my chief duty lies are changing so constantly, that a familiar face is quite a rarity. A service too in a real church is also a pleasant change. In our present camp we have not even a tent set apart for divine worship, so we have to put up with what we can get in the way of accommodation. This morning I had Morning Prayer with some Canadians, in their horse lines. The congregation sat in the wagons, and so remained through the service, if the men tried to stand or kneel, a lot of them would have fallen off their perches, which would not have added to the dignity of the proceedings.

"Au revoir," if you don't know what that means, ask the next soldier you meet, who has been in France.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. BERIE.

PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Everyone was very pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Bere again on the occasion of their brief visit to the parish on Sunday the 9th of June. They were only able to be with us for the first part of the day, but it was gratifying that Mr. Bere was able to occupy the pulpit at the morning service. It was fortunate, too, that, although very few knew of his visit, (which could only be arranged at the very last moment), the congregation at the Church happened to be one of our better morning congregations, and we are glad it was so. It was interesting to hear, first hand, some of a Chaplain's experiences in France, and of the humane work of a Casualty Clearing Station. No doubt many were disappointed not to see Mr. and Mrs. Bere in Church at the evening service, but the only train by which they could return to Swanage (where they were staying) was an afternoon one. Had it not been for the timely kindness of Mr. Jesty in arranging the matter of locomotive they would not have been able to come to us on the Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Bere expressed themselves very pleased with their visit—hurried as it necessarily was—and our very best wishes follow them to their respective destinations.

More of our men are being called up from this parish for Military Service, and we shall miss them, especially so two of our Church workers—Mr. H. Janes one of the Sidesmen, and Mr. Mintern who has rendered such good service in the Choir. But we must ungrudgingly spare them, and they are ready—with others—to do "their bit."

It seems specially hard for married men to be "called up," and they, and their families, have our sympathy in the trial of separation. But the exigencies of the time seem to demand it, and we know that the Sacrifice—with all concerned—is as cheerfully borne, for the Great Cause at stake, as human feeling will allow.

There can be no doubt that the position at the present time is a very grave one. It is true that we have much cause for thankfulness in the splendid recovery of the Italian Army and in the brilliant check they—with British aid—have given to the Austrian advance in Italy. But for all that, with all our hopes, the blow which the Germans are preparing on the Western Front gives us cause for great anxiety. The fate of the world is held in balance, and as Mr. W. M. Hughes, Premier of Australia, so forcibly remarked at the recent meeting of the War Empire Cabinet—"Whether we shall be bond or free, whether Liberty and Justice shall prevail or be crushed beneath the juggernaut of military depotion—this is the tremendous issue which in all human probability the next few weeks will practically decide. The greatest armies the world has ever seen marshalled upon the field of battle are now locked together in what is literally a fight to the death."

And while this is so, let us at home be more and more earnest in our Intercessions. To God above we humbly yet trustfully continue to commit our Cause.

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Winterborne Kingston.

I think that we had all hoped that by this time, some decisive engagement would have given us the expectation of a speedy end to the war, but, there is no doubt that the utter collapse of our Russian allies has postponed for a time, the realization of the hopes of the certain Victory that awaits us. In order to insure this Victory we must all do our utmost to perform our own allotted tasks with cheerfulness and goodwill, and whenever we are tempted to think about our own privations and the difficulties of living let us remember what our gallant boys are enduring with cheerfulness, out there on the battlefields of France and Flanders and Palestine, and try and be worthy of the great sacrifices that they are making for us, daily, and without complaining.

I am very glad that Walter Hardy who was wounded so severely, is going on very well indeed, and I have had a very cheery letter from him written in the Hospital at Keighley where he was taken, and I hope that before very long we may see him again. Tom Jeans, who as been in the very thick of all the recent fighting, writes in very good spirits. He is doing splendidly, as indeed are all our fine lads who are reflecting the greatest credit upon our little Village. I have had a pleasant visit from Alfred and Cecil Hardy who were so long in the choir here, and who gave me very good accounts of them all in their new home, but they miss very much their church here, to which they are so greatly attached.

It is with deep sorrow that I have to record the death of Cecil Ballam, which took place on Saturday morning, June 22nd. He had been in poor health for some time, but he was always very cheerful and exceedingly patient. It is very sad to see a young life thus cut off at so early an age, but I am sure it must be some consolation to his bereaved father and to his sister, to feel that he was thoroughly prepared for his end, and that he accepted the call of the Master without murmuring. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mr. Ballam and Mrs. Luff in the great loss they have sustained.

DENIS MOORE CANN.

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BURIAL.

June 25th—Cecil Ballam, aged 33 years.

BERE REGIS NOTES—continued.

We are gratified to hear that the "D.S.O." has been conferred upon Lieut. A. Calder, and it is rumoured, although I cannot be certain of the fact, that he has just been promoted to the rank of Major. Mr. Calder, who was stationed at Bovington, went out to France (for the second time) last June, and we have much cause to remember him at Bere Regis Church in his generous gift of the Altar Cross. We congratulate him on the distinction of which he has been found deserving.

The good work of the Bere Regis Working Party for the soldiers still continues, and at a recent Jumble Sale organised by Mrs. Forsyth, and held, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Jesty, at the Retreat, the gratifying sum of just over £20 was realised for the purpose of providing materials for the making of soldiers’ comforts.

The members of the Working Party were kindly invited by Mr. and Mrs. Brymer to tea at Ilsington, on June 25th, and had a very pleasant visit to the charming surroundings there.

The Food Production Department of the Board of Agriculture are urging upon us the importance of Potato Spraying at the present time. Leaflets on the subject may be obtained from Mr. J. E. Mackenzie, 8, High West Street, Dorchester.

The Collections in Church on Sunday, July 21st (8th Sunday after Trinity) will be on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. This Society is one that commends itself especially to the support of Churchpeople—inasmuch as its work is conducted on distinctly Church lines. Bishop Montgomery, Secretary, writes—“There is no doubt this is a critical year for
the Church abroad as well as for the Empire at the Front. Almost every British Missionary Society had a record income last year. This shows the spirit which lives amongst our Christian people, whether they are belonging to our own Church or some other denomination. Let us try and prove it to be true ourselves by the help of God."

Mrs. Bennett will be glad to give particulars and advice on the construction of Hay-Boxes for cooking purposes, to anyone who may care to avail themselves of the opportunity.

The Hay-Box proves to be a simple and useful and uncostly device for the saving of coal and oil during the summer months, an important matter at the present time, especially in view of the "fuel rationing" which, we are told, will now shortly be brought into effect.

AUGUSTUS B. BENNETT.

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