MAY, 1918.

Bere Regis & Winterborne Kingston

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 2.50
Evensong 6.0

Sunday Services.

Kingston.

Holy Communion 1st Sun. at Midday.
3rd Sun. at 8 a.m.
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.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR

MAY, 1918.

May 1—S.S. Philip and James, App.
   5—Rogation Sunday. 5th Sunday after Easter.
   6—Rogation Day.
   7—Rogation Day.
   8—Rogation Day.
   9—ASCENSION DAY.
   12—Sunday after Ascension.
   19—WHIT SUNDAY.
   20—Monday in Whitsun Week.
   21—Tuesday in Whitsun Week.
   22—Ember Day.
   24—Ember Day.
   25—Ember Day.
   26—TRINITY SUNDAY.

SERVICES.

On Rogation Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Litany at midday.

Ascension Day, May 9.

7.30—Holy Communion.
11.0—Mattins and Holy Communion.
7.0—Evensong and Sermon.

There will be a Devotional Service for Communicants on Thursday, May 16, at 7 p.m.

WHIT SUNDAY, MAY 19.

7.0—Holy Communion.
8.0—Holy Communion.
11.0—Mattins, Sermon, and Holy Communion.
6.0—Evensong and Sermon.

MR. BERE'S LETTER.

April 12, 1918.

My dear Friends,

The "Dorset County Chronicle" tells me that you had a good Easter Day at the Church, I wish that I had been with you. My total duties on that day amounted to a Communion Service at 7 a.m., at which there were only half-a-dozen present. You know from the newspapers the sort of thing that was going on in these parts, and therefore you will not be surprised, that hardly any services could be held. We were engaged in pitching a new camp with all possible speed, it was not ideal weather for the job, but it was got through in just a week. Since the day when the great German attack started, we have seen many sad and terrible sights, which I cannot attempt to describe. One of them however there is which will appeal to you all. It is the French leaving their homes. They passed along in front of our camp, pushing in perambulators, carrying in parcels, or driving in carts, if they had them, all that they could rescue from their homes. I was taking a funeral in the middle of the night one time, and the sorrowful procession was still going on, as it had been all day. I tried to picture the inhabitants of Bere Regis tracking up the Blandford Road, having just heard that the Germans had crossed the river at Wool, and having seen a few shells burst in the fields close by. I was at the village from which most of these people came just before Palm Sunday in order to arrange a service for some of the troops quartered there. I had not been back in the Hospital long before I met an officer, who said: "You can't have your service in that orchard on Sunday, Padre, the Germans have just blown it away."

Yours sincerely,

M. A. BERE.

PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Mr. Bere writes that if he is able to get to Bere Regis sometime in May he proposes to give a Lecture in the Drax Hall, (if he can manage the time), on "Casualty Clearing Station Work." We can assure him that we shall all look forward to his visit and to hearing what he may have to tell us.

The Great Battle for Freedom and Right still rolls on with unabated fury and fluctuating results. While our valiant men are fighting for us, and enduring all the horrors and manifesting all the heroisms of warfare, let us at home sustain them with never wearying prayer; and, with sustained earnestness and faith, commit our Cause to Almighty God, beseeching Him to "judge between us and our enemies." We have every confidence, under God, in our noble Army, and, as has been recently pointed out, the thought of all behind the firing-line has been expressed by none better then by Mr. Gilbert Murray—"It is for us that these men are dying. Let us be worthy of them; let us be ready each with our Sacrifice when it is asked. Let us try as citizens to live a life which shall not be a mockery of the faith these men have placed in

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Winterborne Kingston.

The war, sad to say, still continues with ever increasing intensity, and one is appalled at the great loss of human life, but thanks to our own brave lads, the enemy has not yet succeeded in gaining his coveted object—the taking of the Channel ports—Calais and Boulogne. What a great danger this would be to us—if it were to happen—it would be better, perhaps, not to contemplate. Rather let us put all confidence in General Haig and our courageous soldiers, who, we know, are making almost superhuman exertions to prevent such a terrible misfortune from taking place. In the meantime, we, at home, must offer up our earnest prayers to God for the success of our troops, and we must do our utmost to assist the Government in this the greatest crisis of our country’s history, and of our nation’s life, by cheerfully accepting all the necessary restrictions—however irksome and disagreeable they may be—that are laid upon us. Let us show ourselves, brave in the face of all difficulties, and patient in all trouble and then “we shall win through to the end.”

ROGATIONTIDE.

Sunday, May 5th, is, as you know, called Rogation Sunday (Sunday of Intercession) and from early times (about 460 A.D.) it has been the custom of the Church to offer up special prayers to God on this Sunday to bless the crops and to give us fruitful seasons. I hope therefore that, this year, when the supply of food is of such paramount importance, all will make a special effort to join in the prayers and supplications that will be offered in the Church on that day.

“SUMMER TIME.”

Now that “Summer Time” has been generally adopted, the services will be at 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings.

ASCENSION DAY.

On Ascension Day, May 9th, there will be evening service with short address at 7 p.m.

DENIS MOORE CANN.

MARRIAGE.

April 3rd—Harry Butt and Annie May Marsh.

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Bere Regis Notes—continued.

In that temper, nation and Army, aiding each other by mutual faith, will march to victory.”

An important practical matter, affecting us at home, has been recently brought before us by the Joint Committee of the Board of Agriculture and Ministry of Food. The necessity is urged upon us for increasing the acreage of Potatoes. Unless there is this increase it is feared that the acreage planted will fall considerably short of the amount calculated as the lowest possible minimum if the safety of the Nation in regard to Food is to be maintained. It is also urged that each District should become self-supporting in order to save transport.

The Easter Vestry was held at the Vicarage on the evenings April 12th and 22nd. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Churchwardens and Sidesmen for their past year of office, also to the ladies who have so kindly made themselves responsible for the daily ringing of the mid-day bell, and the dusting of the Church, etc.

Mr. W. Bullen, Vicar’s Warden, and Mr. H. R. Jesty, Peoples’ Warden, were re-elected, and kindly consented to resume office for the coming year. Messrs. W. Bedford, J. Miller, and H. Janes were re-appointed Sidesmen, Dr. Lys retiring. The Churchwardens’ Accounts for the past year were presented and adopted. (See below). A Church-Rate of 2d. in the £ was decided upon, and it was proposed that the Insurance of the Church-building be increased by £2,000.

On the proposition of Mr. Bullen it was agreed to start a Fund for the purpose of erecting a much needed oak-screen for the Clergy and Choir Vestry. Subscriptions are already promised to start the Fund, and it is much hoped that in due time the excellent project may be carried into effect. It will be a great improvement on the present temporary
arrangement of curtains, and will be more in
keeping with the rest of our well ordered
Parish Church.

It is with much regret we have to record
the death of Mrs. Legg, Bere Heath, the eldest
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Farr. Mrs. Legg
succumbed to an attack of bronchitis and
pneumonia, and leaves to mourn her loss a
husband and four little children, for whom,
and for all her relations, we feel much
sympathy.

Our best thanks are due to Miss H. Caul-
field and Mr. Bugby for their delightful violin
and organ recital after Evening Service on
Low Sunday.

AUGUSTUS B. BENNETT.

CHURCHWARDENS’ ACCOUNTS,
EASTER, 1917—EASTER, 1918.

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| Miss Hatton’s A/c.          | 4 | 4 | 10|

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BAPTISMS.
April 7—Lilian May Barrett.
" 28—Norman Clifford Davis.

BURIAL.
April 12—Annie Cornelia Legg, aged 35
years.

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