BEKE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

NOVEMBER, 1918.

Bere Regis Church


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 
month at 11.0
Mattins (except the First Sunday in 
the month) at 11.0.
Children’s Service of Sunday School 2.30
Evensong ... ... 6.0 Mattins ... ... 11 a.m.

Saints’ Days.

Holy Communion ... ... 7.0 Children’s Service, 2nd Sun. at 3 p.m.
Mattins ... ... 8.50 Evensong ... ... 6 p.m.

Week Days.

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PARISH MAGAZINE.
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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER, 1918

Nov. 1 All Saints’ Day

3 Within the Octave of All Saints’ 23rd Sunday after Trinity

10 24th Sunday after Trinity

17 25th Sunday after Trinity

28 26th Sunday after Trinity (Sunday before Advent)

30 S. Andrew, Ap. and M.

MR. BERES LETTER.

France, October 1918.

My dear friends,

Towards the middle of last month we received orders to move our camp forward. The move has brought us into the desolate country again, where there is, for more than 20 miles behind us, no cultivation whatever. When we began to pack up the hospital, we understood that the new site was about four miles behind the line, but by the time we got to it, the distance was much greater, and to-day the patients have to travel seven or eight hours in the ambulances to reach us. That will give you some idea of the depth of our advance. It is not very interesting to be left so far behind, though naturally it is far safer. The advancing troops are again in cultivated land, and the French civil population is still in the villages recently retaken. The French people give our troops a great welcome. I hear that they log thin and ill-fed, yet they manage to welcome the British with a cup of coffee and such cheer as they have. They will get better treated by us than by the Germans, who in some cases have kicked the women and children out of their bedrooms into the cellars, while they occupied their beds. It does look now as if we had reached the beginning of the end, and the end will come quicker if we demand very stiff terms of surrender. The enemy has little heart left in him and the one thing that would put new life into him, is any hope that we might allow ourselves to be haggled and bargained with.

One home matter in conclusion, we have to thank Mr. Debenham for some new chant books for the choir, and new hymn books for the Sunday School.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. BERES.

PAROCHIAL NOTES.

CONFIRMATION.

All our thoughts this month, as far as our Parish is concerned, are with the forthcoming Confirmation. We earnestly commend to your prayers the Candidates (some twenty in number) who are now being prepared for that Holy Rite. You are asked to accord them your sympathy and interest in the Great Matter before them, and to bear them in mind before the Throne of Grace. The addition of 20 more of our young people into full Church-Membership should be an added strength to the Church-life of our Parish. Our Communicants, especially, will, I am sure, welcome these new members on the Communicant Roll.

The Confirmation (as already announced) will take place at the Parish Church, Puddletown, on Thursday, November 28th at 3 p.m.

BERE REGIS ROLL OF HONOUR.

It is some time since we have had to add to the List of those from our Parish who have made the Supreme Sacrifice in the War which now, (we are thankful to hope), seems to be drawing to a speedy close. But it is with much regret that we now have to add the name of Pte. Henry Charles Stickley, aged 26, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stickley of Woodbury Hill. Pte. Stickley died of wounds in a Hospital in France, on the 10th of last month. The Sister, who was the first to convey the news to his sorrowing parents, wrote assuringly that he was not in pain and that he died very peacefully.

It is just a year ago since Pte. Stickley was last home on leave, and it is a painful fact that his leave was again about due. But he has now been taken to his longer Rest. For him, it is well. But to those who mourn his loss here, (and how great is their sorrow!), we tender our heartfelt sympathy. The following lines from “Rough Rhymes of a Padre,” just published, are not without their significance—

“A MOTHER UNDERSTANDS.”

“Dear Lord, I hold my hand to take Thy Body, broken once for me, Accept the Sacrifice I make, My Body, broken, Christ; for Thee. Surely a Mother understands Thy thorn-crowned Head, The mystery of Thy pierced Hands—the Broken Bread.”

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Winterborne Kingston.

The Rural Dean (Rev. A. Helps, Vicar of Puddletown,) accompanied by the Rev. H. G. B. Cowley (Vicar of Stinsford), paid a visit to Kingston on October 15th, to inspect the Church, and I am exceedingly pleased to say that Mr. Helps gave a most highly satisfactory report of the condition of the church, and of all the church furniture. Some slight repairs to the roof over the North Aisle are necessary and these will be done as soon as possible, before the bad weather sets in. The cutting of the grass in the churchyard—a far longer and more tedious operation than most people would think—has just been finished—and we must thank Mr. William Besant for his great kindness in having it done for us this time.

As I write we have just had the good news of the great success won by our splendid soldiers in France. The taking of the town of Lille (containing in pre-war days over 200,000 inhabitants), will probably be of the utmost importance in shaping the future course of the war. Indeed, we already see the effect produced upon the Germans by their very specious proposals for an armistice—a trap into which it is unlikely that the Allies will fall. Peace will come, perhaps, sooner than any of us expect, but it must be a just and a lasting peace. The losses of life, are I am afraid, still bound to be heavy, and we must all feel the deepest and truest sympathy for those whose own dear ones are giving up their lives freely for their country, in this the most terrible war in all history.

MOTHERS’ MEETINGS.

I hope to commence the Mothers’ Meetings on Wednesday, November 6th, at 2-30 p.m., and I can only trust that they may be as well attended and as successful as the have been since I started them in 1914.

DENIS MOORE CANN.

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BERB REGIS NOTES—continued.

WORDS FROM THE FRONT.

An old College friend of mine, for some time now Chaplain at the Front, writes—"It is so awful, this war. But it had to be. And the whole world is paying in blood, heartbreak, and sacrifice for the Sin of Germany." Commenting upon the present position, he continues—"Reading the German communiques one can see how they are written for home consumption, to pacify the people in Germany—reading their statesmen's speeches, we see deliberate falsification of facts; reading their papers we are aware of a great change of tone. They are arrant bullies. When they were sweeping on it was the sword alone that should decide the war; now that they have lost the initiative and are being hustled back, they say the sword alone cannot decide the war. They see and dread the commercial war that will follow the war of arms. Merciless in victory, they are cowards in defeat, and like all bullies can only be brought to book by the same methods they abuse to intimidate the rest of the world. They will immediately begin to blubber when they know they are losing, and they will growl and whine to evoke pity from the people they have outraged, as their doom approaches. And it is approaching fast . . . . . We have much to thank God for. Our patience is soon to be rewarded . . . . . Germany is doomed, and her doom is of her own bringing, and the root of it all is that she has inverted God's rule, that might is right.

I cannot tell you how highly I value the privilege of being out here and living in the midst of these epoch-making thunders. It is a big thing to be in the middle of a world storm, and watch the eddies and mark the currents and see the tendencies.

It is a magnificent thing to have faced the danger and sorrow, to have dared to make the sacrifice, and to have known those obscure and unheard of heroes, and been with them at their work.

CHURCH EXPENSES.

Owing to the increased cost of lighting and fuel, our church expenses are likely to be greater this winter. As was announced in
Church a few Sundays ago our Churchwardens, therefore, feel compelled to ask for collections for this purpose on two Sundays of the month instead, as hitherto, on only one. While we would be as liberal as we can to outside objects, our own Church Funds must not be allowed to suffer, and, until further notice, collections in Church will be taken on a Sunday in the middle of each month in addition to the usual collections on the first Sunday in the month.

AUGUSTUS B. BENNETT.

MARRIAGE.
Oct. 5 Charles David Chinchen to Florence Mary Barnes.

BURIAL.
Oct. 7 James Bishop Harvey, aged 78 years.

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