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Bere Regis.

SERVICES.

Every Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.
6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

1st Sunday in the month
12 a.m. Holy Communion.

3rd Sunday in the Month.
11-45 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral).

4th Sunday in the Month.
2.45 p.m. Children's Service.

Daily Services at times announced in Church each Sunday.

Bere Regis Vicarage,
September 22nd, 1919.

My Dear Friends.

I think we may congratulate ourselves on the choice of day for the Harvest Festival. I should like to thank all those who sent gifts and took part in the decoration of the Church. I thought the scheme of decoration extremely good. I should also like to thank the Organist and the Choir for the way in which they rendered the musical part of the Services.

Now I want this month to write to you on rather a prosaic matter, Church Finance. We have got to take into consideration this fact, that the Sovereign to-day is worth less than 10/- before the War. Therefore it is obvious that if, let us say, £70 a year was sufficient for the upkeep of the Church and its Services in 1913, we shall need at least £140 for 1920. That is a simple piece of Arithmetic. I propose to call a Vestry Meeting to go into the whole question after my Institution for Mr. Bullen, who has had a long experience of these matters as Vicar's Churchwarden, tells me that not enough is coming in at the present time, and this cannot continue. So I ask you to think over the matter for yourself and, when the meeting is called to attend it and let me hear your views.

Whilst dealing with Church Finance there is another point I want to mention. I do not believe in the Clergy of a Parish having to go round and beg for subscriptions. When I go to see a Parishioner I like to go and see him as a friend, and not to be wondering all the time I am in his house what will be the best opportunity to ask him to give me half a crown for some purpose or other. My own method is as follows—I tell the Parishioners either in the Parish Magazine or in Church as seems best, what I consider is wanted and why it is wanted. The rest I leave to them, if they agree that such things are necessary they know that I am ready to receive subscriptions at any time, if they do not agree then I don’t get the subscriptions or gifts. At the present time in my opinion three things are badly wanted for the Church Work.

(1) Large coloured Biblical Pictures for use in teaching the younger children in the Day and Sunday Schools. We are destitute of these and they are an essential piece of equipment for teaching the Bible to small children.

(2) Two small wire receptacles for placing on the Church gates that stray pieces of paper and rubbish in the Churchyard may be picked up at once and placed inside. Nothing looks worse than litter in a Churchyard.

(3) A board, corresponding to the hymn board, for putting up the number of the Psalms that are sung in Church on Sundays. Many people find it hard to hear the number of the Psalms that are given out and the fact that in most Psalters Roman figures are used, adds to the complication.

I hope I have not asked for too many things all at once. At any rate it will give you an idea of the method I hope to use here as I have already used it with success in other places.

Yours very sincerely,

R. C. V. HODGE.

BAPTISM.

Sept. 21st—Iris Diana May Cobb.

MARRIAGE.

Sept. 13th—Perceival Charles Battrick and Hilda Riggs.

Sept. 27th—Phillip Charles Brown and Winifred Olive Cox

BURIALS.

Sept. 1st.—John Cobb, aged 84.
Sept. 16th—Ada Ida Hodges, aged 44.

DAILY SERVICES.

At the beginning of the Prayer Book, after the second preface which is called “Concerning the Service of the Church” will

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Winterborne Kingston.

The Harvest Thanksgiving.

The Harvest Thanksgiving took place on Sunday, Sept. 14th, and was very well attended. The Church had been most tastefully decorated for the occasion, and looked beautiful, with a wealth of fruit, flowers, vegetables and some corn. The Services were most heartily rendered and the well known Harvest Hymns were sung with the greatest spirit. No doubt everyone felt very great relief and thankfulness that we are no longer at War and that the much longed for Peace has come. In the afternoon we had the Children’s Festival which is always a great feature of the Kingston Harvest Thanksgiving, and it was a very pretty sight to see such numbers of our young people, who (all of them in a procession), brought their offerings of fruit, flowers and eggs, and which were placed by me, within the Altar rails.

The Offertories which were as usual for the Dorchester Hospital were larger than of late years, and amounted throughout the day to £3 9s. 6d. The offerings were all sent to the Hospital, and a sincere letter of thanks has been received from the Treasurer, and also one from the Matron.

We were very pleased to see J. Jeans and W. White again before leaving for India, and also W. Legg, who is now on his way to Egypt; our best wishes go with them. We were also very glad to see one of our old Choir boys T. Jeans who was back from Germany, on short leave, and to know that his brother Leonard who was with him is doing so well in his situation in Hampshire. It was also a great pleasure to have a letter from another of our old Choir boys Cecil Hardy, who has an excellent situation at Lady Hoare’s, at Stourhead.

END OF SUMMER TIME.

May I remind everyone that Summer Time ends on September 29th, and that therefore the Services at Church (commencing on Oct. 5th) will be one hour later?

DENIS MOORE CANN.

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be found the following orders, “All Priests and Deacons are to say daily the Morning and Evening Prayer, either privately or openly, not being let by sickness or some other urgent cause.”

“And the Church Curate that Ministereth in every Parish Church or Chapel, being at home, and not being otherwise reasonably hindered shall say the same in the Parish Church or Chapel where he Ministereth, and shall cause a Bell to be tolled Thereunto a convenient time before he begin, that the people may come to hear God’s Word, and to Pray with him.”

These orders are quite clear and until the weather forbids I shall try and carry them out. I ask those who hear the bell before the Service to remember its significance even though they cannot attend the Services. And I need hardly say that if one or two could make a practice of attending a Service when they can spare the time it would enable these Instructions to be observed more fully than is possible when the Clergyman alone is in Church.

VILLAGE LIBRARY.

It is proposed to restart the Village Lending Library if a sufficient number of people express their willingness to become members. Subscription 2/6 a year for one volume at a time. Any person wishing to join is asked to send in his or her name to Rev. R. Hodge.

DIOCESAN CHURCH FUND.

I hope that the Annual Collection for this fund will shortly take place. As there seems to be some doubt as to the purposes of this fund, I give below a statement of some of its purposes.

1. To build and keep in repair Churches and Parish Rooms
2. To help to train men for the Ministry.
3. To increase the Income of poor Livings.
4. To provide Curates and Lay Readers.
5. To help necessitous Clergy.
6. To provide for Inspection of Religious Education in all Church Schools.

Thus it will be seen that it is a fund well worth subscribing for and I hope that our Collection will bring in a generous response.