## Bere Regis Church

### Sunday Services

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<td><strong>Holy Communion</strong></td>
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<td>Also on the Great Festivals at 7.0 &amp; 11.0</td>
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<td>Choral—on the First Sunday of the month at 11.0</td>
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<td>Mattins (except the First Sunday in the month) at 11.0</td>
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<td>Children’s Service or Sunday School 2.30</td>
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### Saints' Days

| Holy Communion | 7.0 |

### Week Days

| Mattins | 8.50 |

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August 25th, 1919.

My dear Friends,

As the Bishop has kindly given me permission to officiate in Bere Regis until institution it falls to me to write something for your Parish Magazine before I have been a week in the place. Naturally, therefore, I have not met many of you as yet but I hope that soon we may become friends as I have already termed you in anticipation at the beginning of this letter. I must say that, even during these few days my wife and myself do feel ourselves to be among friends owing to the many kind offers of help that we have received.

You will understand that until I have been formally instituted and inducted I have no official position in the parish. This does not mean that nothing can be done for the present. What it does mean is that we have a few quiet weeks in front of us which we can spend in getting acquainted before we start planning out our winter work. This, I think, is all to the good. It gives us a chance of getting to know our possibilities. One of the things that we shall have to arrange about is the Sunday School. To my very great regret Miss Hatton who has been superintending it is leaving very shortly and so we must get things fixed up. Now I consider that Sunday School work is one of the most important things in the parish. And in the Sunday School practically everything depends on the teacher. To my mind no system that I have ever come across equals the old class system by which every teacher has his or her class Sunday by Sunday, a small compact body of children and has the chance of getting to know them individually. No amount of catechising in Church can take the place of this individual attention. I have met men and women in all parts of the world who recall with the deepest sense of gratitude the trouble and self-sacrifice of their old teachers. But to get this result two things are necessary. Firstly, an adequate supply of teachers, secondly, regularity of attendance so that the teachers may be sure of getting their own classes and not finding that two or even three classes have to be put together owing to there not being sufficient teachers. And so I ask for volunteers to help in this work. My idea at present is to restart the monthly Children’s Service in Church and to continue the class system, if possible not in the Church.

The fact is that there is plenty of work to be done in many directions and we cannot have too many helpers. There is a poem of R. L. Stevenson’s that expresses better than any words of mine can what we need to-day. I think it is to be found in his “Songs of Travel.”

“Wanted volunteers
“Do their best for two score years.
“A ready creature here I stand,
“Primed for Thy command
“With burnished sword
“If this be faith, O Lord,
“Help thou mine unbelief
“And be my battle brief.”

It is the spirit of volunteers that we require.

Yours sincerely,

R. C. V. HODGE.

CHOIR OUTING.

After a lapse of five years since the last one, the Choir Outing took place on August 15th. Fortunately the day was fine and all who took part in it enjoyed it thoroughly. Accompanied by Mr. Ballen who made the arrangements, the choir proceeded by motor to Weymouth and after luncheon at the George restaurant, separated to spend the rest of the day according to individual tastes. We hope that future choir outings will be equally successful.

THE CHURCH TOWER.

Our readers have probably heard by this time that on the removal of the Church Bells it was discovered that a considerable amount of repairs would have to be undertaken in the Tower before the bells could be rehung. At the time of writing the Diocesan Surveyor has not made his examination but he hopes to do so this week when it ought to be possible to have some idea what the work will cost. It is a matter of great regret that the congregation should be asked to meet this additional expenditure at the present time. But the Church is such a fine one that I am sure they will not be content till the bells are rehung and the Tower declared to be in a satisfactory condition. Next month I hope to have something more definite to say on this matter. I would only ask you, at the present time, to realise that we shall soon be asking for your help.

R.C.V.H.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

The Harvest Festival this year will be held on Sunday, September 21st, when there will be the usual Services.
Winterborne Kingston.

I am sorry that the Services on August 10th and August 17th had to be changed owing to the requirements of Bere Regis, but our Kingston people are always exceedingly considerate in such matters, and I am quite sure that they thoroughly understood the position in which I was placed.

The Peace festivities at Whatecombe, so kindly and so generously provided by Colonel and Mrs. Pleydell Railston and Captain and Mrs. Arnold Forster were very much appreciated and enjoyed by us all. The weather was perfect and all the arrangements for the entertainment and amusement of the very numerous guests were admirably carried out. The proceedings terminated with a brilliant display of fireworks, and with a speech from Colonel Pleydell Railston which was heartily applauded.

The long looked for rain has not yet come and I fear that the prospects of the Food Problem during the coming winter months will be anything but bright, and that we shall have to expect a most serious shortage of supplies of all kinds. We shall all have to practise the greatest economy: otherwise, although we have won the War, we may lose all the benefits of the Peace. We have certainly had splendid weather for the Harvest, for which we must be thankful, but the root crops are sadly in want of rain.

I am very sorry to say that Mrs. William Ricketts, who, (as I wrote in the last issue of the magazine) had been so seriously ill, for a considerable time, died, after an operation in Dorchester Hospital on August 23rd. Our deepest sympathy will be given to her bereaved husband and family in their great loss.

It is now proposed to celebrate the return of our soldiers from the War, and I trust that this may be done, at once, in some fitting manner, for we owe them all the deepest gratitude. And whilst we rejoice sincerely at the safe return of those who are spared to us, I trust that we shall not forget those gallant lads who have given their lives on our behalf, and I am most anxious that the beautiful memorial which was placed in the Church in 1916, should now be completed. I am sure that all those who were present when our boys volunteered so willingly at the outbreak of War, (and of that original number, only three survive) will never forget their sacrifice, and I am most anxious that their names should always be remembered in the village. I find that the memorial can be suitably finished by an expenditure of between £5 and £6, and I trust that this sum may speedily be made up. I shall be very glad indeed to receive any subscriptions for this purpose, as soon as possible.

DENIS MOORE CANN.

MARRIAGE.

Aug. 4th—Edward Henry Hodder and Minnie Grace Biddle.

BURIAL.

Aug. 27th—Phoebe Rose Ricketts, aged 48 years.

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