BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

AUGUST, 1920.

Bere Regis Church

BERE. Sunday Services. KINGSTON.

Every Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon (except 3rd Sunday).
6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

1st Sunday in Month
12 a.m. Holy Communion.

Daily Services at times announced in Church each Sunday.

Every Sunday
Evensong and Sermon ... 3 p.m.

Third Sunday
Mattins, Sermon and Holy Communion ... 11 a.m.

Saints' Days.

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Bere Regis Vicarage,
July 22nd, 1920.

My dear Friends,

I have heard from Rev. W. Farrer this morning that he will come and preach at both Morning and Evening Services at our Harvest Festival. As October 3rd, is the date that suits Mr. Farrer best I have chosen this for the Harvest Festival this year. Mr. Farrer tells me that it is seventeen years since he last preached in Bere Regis Church, but I am sure that in his case the long interval of time that has passed since his last visit will not detract from the warmth of the welcome which he and Mrs. Farrer will receive from his old parishioners.

Owing to the skill of Mr. Richard Barnes and the kindness of Mr. Bedford the Churchyard is looking at its best. I hope those who use the pathway through the Churchyard will spend a moment in considering what an improvement it makes to the place when the grass is kept cut and the paths tidy. May I ask all parishioners to co-operate in seeing that odd pieces of paper, cigarette boxes, etc., are not dropped carelessly about the paths. It gives the place a neglected appearance. The old name for a Churchyard "God's Acre" gives us an ideal to aim at. We want to keep "God's Acre" in such a way that strangers and visitors coming inside the gates may feel that here is a place, the last resting place on this earth of many generations of the inhabitants, which is treated with respect. We ought not to take less pride in "God's Acre" than in our own gardens.

Since the last number of the Magazine was published one of the oldest members of our congregation has passed away. Elizabeth Rawles was remarkable for something more than old age. In spite of being over 80 years of age and living a considerable distance from the Church, whenever her health permitted her to come, she never missed her service on Sunday. The Sunday before she passed away she was in her accustomed place in the South Aisle. She was a wonderful example of that spirit which can overcome obstacles where duty calls and we thank God for her life and example.

Yours very sincerely,

R. C. V. HODGE.

BAPTMISMS.

At Kingston, June 27th.—Edward Charles Henry Hodder.
July 4th.—Gerald Stafford Burt.

At Bere Regis, July 25th—Philip Roland Norton.
July 25th—Joan Florence Hyde.

BURIAL.

July 3rd.—Elizabeth Ann Rawles, aged 82.

COLLECTIONS IN BERE REGIS CHURCH.

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On August 1st, the collections will be for the Bell Ringers' Fund. In years past it has been the custom for the Bell Ringers to make a house-to-house collection at Christmas. This will now be discontinued so that there will not be this call on members of the congregation at Christmastide. They are asked therefore, to give in the collections on August 1st, what they would give at the house-to-house collection. On August 15th, the collections will be for the Assistant Clergy Fund.

CHOIR OUTING.

The Annual Choir Outing took place on Monday, July 5th, when a party of about 30 started for Bournemouth. The weather was not as kind as it might have been but it allowed us to get to our destination without a soaking. The time soon passed with the various amusements that Bournemouth has to offer, but unfortunately the evening set in wet. In spite of this the outing was a great success and our thanks are due to Mr. Bugby who was responsible for all the arrangements.

BELL RINGERS' MEETING.

Some thirty Bell Ringers from different parts of the county were present on Thursday, July 8th, for the Guild Meeting which was held for the first time in Bere Regis. Our visitors were very appreciative of our bells and the way in which the Tower had been restored. A short service was held in the Church and after tea at the quarterly meeting the Bere Regis Ringers were elected as Members of the
Guild. We were sorry that many who would have been present were stopped from coming by the rain.

The firm who restored the bells, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have presented two interesting records in framed oak for the Belfry. One contains a list of the bells with their weights, the others on record that the first peal of 720 changes was performed on the Bere Regis bells by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, on June 19th, 1920. This is the oldest existing Society of Bell Ringers in the country being founded in 1637. Its name is derived from the fact that they used to meet to practice on the six bells of S. Martin's, College Hill, a Church destroyed in the Great Fire.

GIFTS.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the following gifts:—

Per Mr. F. Barnes—Brass Almsdish given by Rev. J. Dampier Smith.

For the Sunday School Treat—Two anonymous donations of £1 and 5/- respectively.

THE PARISH CHURCH.

A short description of the Parish Church is being prepared for the use of visitors and others. Can any of our readers tell us whether any photograph exists showing the state of the Church before its restoration in 1875?

A letter has reached us from America asking if any trace can be found in the Parish Registers of the baptism of Thomas Angell who sailed for America about 1632. Unfortunately the old registers both of Kingston and Bere Regis were destroyed by the fire which burnt down the Vicarage in 1788. No trace, therefore, of the record of this baptism can be found. There remains, however, one old register dating back to 1592. It is interesting to notice how many names familiar to us at the present time are to be found in this book. The following are examples, though the Old English handwriting makes it difficult to decipher many of the entries.

1614, John, the son of John Crirker was baptised 2nd February.

1616, William Riggs servant to the widow Rawles of Anderson, was buried the 20th of September.

1618, William Besant and Margarett Moorecocke were married the 22nd day of August.

1619, Richard Bartlett, the sonne of Richard Bartlett was baptised the 9th day of January.

1640, September 18th, Henry, the son of Henry and Luce Kellaway.

1592, Elizabeth Wollfries, baptised September 21st.

1655, Robert Sims was buried April 14th.

Nicolas Honibourn departed this life June 1st, 1657.

Winterbourne Kingston.

A Flower Service for the children was held on Sunday, July 4th, to which a nice selection of flowers were brought. After some had been distributed in the village the rest were sent to Blandford Hospital. We are glad to say that the Rev. W. Firth is coming over from Bournemouth to give his assistance at the week ends. So for the present, it will be possible to give Kingston two services on Sunday and Celebrations of the Holy Communion after Morning Service on the first Sunday in the month (August 1st), and at 8 a.m., on the third Sunday of the month (August 15th).

We much regret the loss of Miss Haines from the School. Miss Haines is leaving shortly to continue her training as a teacher at one of the London Training Colleges. We wish her all success in her work.