BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

MAY, 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.

PARISH MAGAZINE.
BERE REGIS.

Bere Regis Vicarage,
April 17th, 1920.

My dear Friends,

First let me thank you all for your very generous Easter Offerings which amounted to £15. I was very glad to see the good attendance in Church on Easter Day. Both at Bere Regis and Winterborne Kingston the Churches were beautifully decorated and I should like to thank those who sent flowers and those who helped with the decorations.

I have to prepare the matter for the Magazine early this month as I shall be away for 10 days when the Rev. A. E. Dru, S. Andrew's Missioner, will be in charge of the parish. The Bishop has kindly sent Mr. Dru here for a few weeks to assist in the parish, and I am sure that while he is here he will receive a hearty welcome. The consequence is that I am able to give Kingston during May almost a full complement of Services except on May 16th when I shall be away.

May I draw your attention to the fact that during this month there are three great festivals. The first is Ascension Day on Thursday, May 13th. Then on Sunday, May 23rd comes Whit Sunday and the Sunday following is Trinity Sunday. I hope that on Whit Sunday at any rate, many will make a special effort to be present at one of the Celebrations of the Holy Communion. Speaking generally we have not yet realised what the gift of the Holy Spirit can mean to us. It is the entrance into our lives of the power of God's Life.

I have already received the names of several candidates for Confirmation and I am greatly obliged to those who have given in their names in such good time. I trust that during the next few weeks others may follow their good example so that when autumn comes we may have all preparations made for Confirmation Classes. I hear that the Lord Bishop is to hold a Confirmation at Puddlettown on November 28th (Advent Sunday). The Vicar of Puddlettown has kindly invited me to bring candidates over to this Confirmation.

Yours very sincerely,

R. C. V. HODGE.

EASTER VESTRIES.

The Easter Vestry was held at Bere Regis Thursday, April 15th, and on Friday, April 16th, at Winterborne Kingston.

At the former meeting the Vicar nominated Mr. Bullen as Vicar's Warden and Mr. Tozer was elected as People's Warden, Mr. H. James having expressed a wish not to continue to hold office. We much regret that Mr. James has found that pressure of work does not allow him to continue to hold office. At the same time we are glad to welcome Mr. Tozer who, becoming Churchwarden, is continuing a family tradition.

At the Kingston Vestry Mr. Wm. Besent consented to hold office as Vicar's Churchwarden while Mr. Cave was elected People's Churchwarden. The Kingston Churchwardens are more fortunate than their confrères at Bere Regis in one respect in that they start the year with a balance in hand of 9d., while the Bere Regis Church accounts show a deficit. But now that there are collections in Church every Sunday we trust that the deficit will soon be wiped out.

SERVICES DURING MAY.

BERE REGIS:

Services on Sundays as usual at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.

On Whit Sunday, May 23rd there will be Celebration of the Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and after Morning Prayer.

Daily Services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., except on Ascension Day when Services will be as follow:—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11-15 a.m. Morning Prayer; 7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

On May 1st, S. Philip and S. James Day, 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

WINTERBORNE KINGSTON:

May 2nd—8 a.m. Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon, 6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

May 9th—11 a.m. Matins and Sermon, 6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

May 16th—3 p.m. Evensong.

May 23rd—11 a.m. Matins, Sermon and Holy Communion, 6 p.m. Evensong.

May 30th—11 a.m. Matins and Sermon, 6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

MOTHERS' UNION.

Members are reminded that Trinity Sunday, May 30th, is the fifth Sunday in the month, the day for the quarterly Corporate Communion.
THE CENTRAL CHURCH FUND.

We reprint the following from the "Guardian" Newspaper.

The following appeal for the Central Church Fund is made by the Archbishop of Canterbury:

The weeks pass, and the date, Sunday, May 9th, draws nearer when we must again throw our strength into making proper provision for the Central Church Fund, upon which so many of our activities and possibilities now depend. It is well to note what is being said by some of our foremost laymen about our common obligation. Sir Robert Kindersley, for example, whose public work for the whole country during the war has established his reputation as a leading authority upon these matters, writes as follows:

"It has been said that the Church has failed to grasp the opportunities which the war presented; this may be so—personally, I believe it is so—but it is not the fault of the clergy, but of the laity. For the last fifty years the members of the Church of England have not, as a whole, realised their financial responsibility to the Church; they have not placed it in a position to keep pace with the great growth of population, nor have they seen that their clergy, as a whole, were placed in a financial position which enabled them to devote their time and energies to their task. The laity have let the machinery of the Church deteriorate for want of funds, and have been content to criticise the want of efficiency of that machinery, which, in the main, is due to their neglect. The time has now come when we must face the situation. The Enabling Bill gives each one of us not only the power to remodel, but responsibility to see that it is done, and our work will be useless without the necessary financial aid on a really large and comprehensive basis. It is on these grounds that I appeal to my fellow-laymen to give liberally not sums that entail no sacrifice, but amounts which mean real personal sacrifice, so that our Church may take its proper part in the rebuilding of the world that lies before us and become a real living force in the life of the nation, so ensuring that the spiritual gain from the wonderful sacrifices of the war may be overwhelmingly greater than the loss."

Such words as these, coming from a thoughtful and far-seeing layman, a master of finance, ought to set many people to thought, to self-inquiry, and to firm resolve. I commend them to the consideration of reasonable men and women.

RANDALL CANTOAR.

There will be collections for this fund on Sunday, May 9th.

R. C. V. HODGE.

CHURCH TOWER RESTORATION FUND.

We are glad to be able to report that owing to the efforts of parishioners and friends this Fund has reached already the splendid total of £173. So far as can be estimated at present about £20 are required to complete the Fund. We offer our heartiest congratulations and thanks to the collectors who have achieved this magnificent result. Details will be published in the next number of the Magazine.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE.

We regret to state that the Magazine as at present constituted is being run at a serious loss. Each copy cost about 2½d. to produce and the price of labour is steadily rising. It is therefore imperative to consider what steps can be taken to reduce the expenditure. It has been suggested that the "Sign" Magazine inset might be charged for separately or that the price might be raised. We should be glad if some of our readers would give us their views on the subject.

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

Thanks to the energies of Mrs. Johnson and some of the parishioners a most successful entertainment was held in the Drax Hall on Thursday, April 15th. The Entertainment took the form of two comedies "The Silent Woman" and "Domestic Economy" with an interlude of musical items. The organiser is to be congratulated on the most successful result of her labours. A popular newspaper has been conducting recently a search for hidden theatrical stars. It is a pity that its Dramatic Critic was not present at the Entertainment for Mr. Grumley proved a star of the first magnitude. We hardly know which was admired the most, Mr. Grumley's whiskers or his method of keeping shop. We hope that it will not be long before we have another evening as enjoyable as this one proved to be.
BAPTISMS.
March 20th—Robert Alfred Charles Arnold.
April 1st—Margaret Joan Minikin.
" 4th—Kenneth Leslie Simmons.
"  " Betty Ena Trent.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.
The first Meeting of the Parochial Church Meeting was held on Friday, April 16th. The following were elected as the parochial representatives to the Rural Deanery Conference, viz.:—Mrs. Johnson, Messrs. Bullen and Bedford.
These together with the Vicar and the People's Churchwarden form the ex-officio members of the Parochial Church Council.

The Meeting then elected the Parochial Church Council. Their names will be published next month when it has been ascertained whether they are willing to act.

WAIFs AND STRAYS, 1920.
Twenty-five Self-denial Boxes were issued to the Sunday School children at the beginning of Lent, which were returned containing £2 3s. 0d. at Easter.
This amount has been forwarded to the Society.

K. HATTON