BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

SEPTEMBER, 1920.

Bere Regis Church

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Sunday Services.

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.

 KINGSTON.

Sunday Services.

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.

Bere Regis Vicarage,
August 23rd, 1920.

My dear Friends,

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has promised to come to Winterbourne Kingston, on Friday, November 3rd, when he proposes to hold a Confirmation Service. I need hardly say that I look upon this as a very good piece of news, as I was expecting that this year it would be necessary for our Candidates to go to a Confirmation outside the parish. I am very grateful to the Bishop for giving us a Confirmation in our own parish, and that I am very glad that this time it will be in Winterbourne Kingston Church. I am sure that my readers in Bere Regis will agree with me when I tell them that there has never been a Confirmation in Kingston within the memory of man and that I believe the last time the Bishop of the Diocese was present at the Service in that Church was over fifty years ago. So I should like the day to be a memorable one at Kingston, and for the whole parish to combine to make it so. Confirmation classes are already beginning and I ask any who wish to attend them and who have not yet given in their names to do so without delay. And I also ask that those who have been Confirmed will remember in their prayers at this time those who are seeking the gift of the Holy Ghost through the laying on of hands. I am printing in another column a prayer suitable for these days. I should like also to mention that on Thursday evenings at 6-30 p.m. there is a short service of intercessory prayer in Bere Regis Church. The special object of this little service is that we may join together in praying for the gifts of the Holy Ghost. It is really an attempt on our part to win our Lord's promise "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" (S. Luke xi. 13). I need hardly say that any who care to attend this service will be welcomed.

In spite of harvest and holidays this month has been a busy one in Church matters. But perhaps the most important event is one that concerns not only ourselves but all the Christian people in the land. I mean the appeal put forth by the Archbishops and Bishops at the Lambeth Conference for re-union. I have spoken on the subject in the Parish Church, but as it is a question of vast importance I need not apologise for alluding to it here.

Briefly what the Bishops propose is Re-union on the group system, that all the bodies that at present go to compose the divided Church, should combine together to form the one visible Church of Christ. It is worth noting that of the 252 Bishops in the Conference, representing all shades of opinion in the Church of England, only three abstained from voting in favour of the Appeal as it was put forth. Now I personally believe that could the idea of an united Christendom be realized the cause of Christ would be immensely strengthened and I hope that other Christian bodies in this country at any rate, will not leave it unanswered. In the meanwhile we have to wait before putting forward any local scheme till we see what answers are given to the Appeal. But I see no reason why we should not be considering the question how far the Bishops' ideal corresponds to our own. And as I know that this magazine is read by some who do not belong to our Church, I appeal through it to all our readers to consider whether the time has not come for closer co-operation and friendship, for laying down the old weapons of party warfare and taking up the new weapons of brotherhood and peace. It is now a year since I arrived in Bere Regis and during that time I have to acknowledge many acts of friendship and courtesy which have not been confined to the members of our own Church. And this makes me feel all the more strongly that the time has come for getting together and sharing the work instead of keeping it in water-tight compartments of the various Churches.

Yours sincerely,
R. C. V. HODGE.

PARISH NOTES.

A Sale of Work organised by Mrs. Bemister on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was held in the Vicarage Garden, on Thursday, July 29th. Thanks to the good attendance of visitors the sale proved a great success and the sum of £19 6s. 6d. was handed over to the Society after paying expenses.

The Sunday School Treat took the form of a picnic on Woodbury Hill, on Tuesday, July 27th. The weather was kind enough to allow us to spend a delightful afternoon and to return home without getting drenched.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Rowland who provided the boiling water for tea, to Mr. Minterne who took good care to see that no one should go away hungry, and to ladies and gentleman, who helped in organising games and sports for the scholars.
A wedding which attracted great interest in Bere Regis took place on August 4th, when Miss Winifred Bugby was married to Mr. Victor Archard. The Church was decorated by friends for the occasion, and there was a large congregation present at the service. We wish the bride and bridegroom all happiness in their new home.

Missionary Meetings. Two interesting meetings were held on Friday, July 30th, when Mrs. Palmer spoke on the work and needs of the Diocese of Bombay, of which her husband is Bishop. At the evening meeting it was decided to hold another meeting on August 18th, to see what could be done in the parish to help on the overseas work of the Church. Accordingly this was done, and it was decided that the work should take a two-fold form. First, the children in the Day and Sunday Schools are to be asked to provide for the keep of an Indian child at Ahmednagar. Secondly, the parish is to be asked to contribute towards the work among the Criminal Tribes for which the Government of India has asked the Diocese of Bombay to make itself responsible.

Organ Recital. Please note that W. Pickard Cambridge, Esq., has kindly consented to give a short Organ Recital after the Evening Service, on Sunday, September 12th.

Harvest Festivals. The Harvest Festivals will be held at Winterbourne Kingston on Sunday, September 26th, and at Bere Regis on Sunday, October 3rd. The Preacher at both the Morning and Evening Services at the Parish Church on October 3rd, will be the Rev. W. Farrer, formerly Vicar of this parish.

Tower Restoration Fund. This account cannot be closed for a few weeks because there is a little more money to come in. But we are glad to say that the amount collected together with the small sum still due to the fund practically covers the expenses.

THE WAR MEMORIAL FUND.
We regret to say that by an oversight a statement as to the winding up of this fund which should have appeared in the July Magazine was omitted.
A meeting for the purpose of passing the accounts was called by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Bedford on June 2nd. The Hon. Treasurer having presented the accounts Mr. Bevis and the Vicar were asked to audit them and it was carried unanimously that the accounts should be passed, subject to auditing. An examination of the accounts showed that the total cost of the War Memorial including Architect's fee amounted to £150 6s. 0d.
Towards this sum £143 19s. 10d. had been collected by subscriptions, leaving an adverse balance of £6 6s. 2d. This deficit was kindly paid off by Mr. G. Watson.

PRAYER FOR THOSE ABOUT TO BE CONFIRMED.
O Holy Ghost, who hast vouchsafed to choose our bodies for Thy Temple, reveal Thy gracious indwelling in everyone of us, and especially now we pray for those waiting for Thy gifts, that they may be strengthened by Thy presence against every enemy, and enlightened with a true knowledge of things divine, so that living in the fear and love of God they may be purified from earthly corruption, and attain to dwell in the blessed fellowship of the saints, who with the Father and the Son are blessed and glorified now and for evermore.

Amen.

BAPTISMS.
August 8th—Margaret Winifred Mildred Harvey
August 22nd—Dorothy Mary Brown

MARRIAGES.
August 2nd—Maurice Moore and Mary Victoria Chinehan
August 4th—Victor Stanley Archard and Winifred Bugby

ASSISTANT CLERGY FUND.
We beg to acknowledge with many thanks the following subscriptions to the above named fund.

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