Bere Regis & Winterborne Kingston

August, 1921.

Bere Regis Church

Bere.

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.

Saints' Days.

Kingston.

Every Sunday
11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon.
6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Celebrations of Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday of the Month after Mattins, on the 3rd Sunday at 8 a.m.

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My dear Friends.

May I start by thanking all those who were responsible for making the Sale of Work at the end of last month such a success. We cleared over £21 and there are still some things to be disposed of, but I write this before I know what they will bring in.

As I am away from home, and therefore temporarily out of touch with local affairs, I want to take the opportunity of writing to you about the future of the Church in Bere Regis and the work that needs to be done. That is one of the advantages of a holiday. It enables you to stand away from your work, as an Artist stands away from his picture while he is painting it, so that he may judge how it is progressing and whether he is putting on the canvas the ideas that he has in his mind.

Well, my ambition for our Church in Bere Regis is that it should play the same part in the life of the village as in years past the Church of England has played in the life of the Nation. What do I mean by this? You know that centuries ago there was no such thing as the Kingdom of England. There were a lot of little Kingdoms, Wessex, Mercia, Northumbria and so on, each independent of the other. In those by-gone days it seems quite right and fitting for a man of Wessex to knock a Mercian on the head if he came across him and no doubt, when opportunity came his way, the Mercian returned the compliment. Then Christianity was introduced into the country. And the form of Christianity was not a Book or a Creed, but a Society which possessed both a Book and a Creed. In those days, as now, so far as the Church of England is concerned, if you accepted Christianity it meant that you joined a Society which was called the Church. Once you had joined this Society you were a brother to all its other members. So a Christian from Wessex found himself a brother to a Christian from Mercia, and instead of going for him with a club he gave him the right hand of fellowship. Now this started men thinking. They asked themselves why it was necessary to keep up these divisions such as Wessex and Mercia—when in the Church to which many of them belonged, these divisions, as separating Christian from Christian, did not exist. And little by little, taught by the example of the Church, these divisions disappeared and instead of a country split up into a number of petty Kingdoms, a united England arose. Now it seems to me that we want something of the same sort today. In the bad old days it was thought that there must be certain distinct classes in village life and that what benefited one class harmed another. For example, the idea was that what benefited the landlord harmed the tenant, what benefited the workman harmed the employer. Relics of this antiquated spirit still exist, though I hope that it is steadily disappearing. And our work for the future is to teach through our Church the possibility of union. Just as the National Church in the past created an united nation, so the village Church in the present must create an united village.

Yours very sincerely,
R. C. V. Hodge.

CHOIR OUTING.

On Tuesday, July 12th, the Choir had their "Outing." Bournemouth was the place chosen, and at 9.30 a.m. a merry party of 23 or 24 started. Bournemouth was reached about 10.45 a.m., and the party scattered to enjoy themselves. Dinner and Tea were partaken of at the Jervis Hall, everyone doing justice to a generous spread. A start was made for home soon after 8 o’clock, and Bere reached about 9.30 p.m., after a splendid day—almost too splendid. Mr. Jessy most kindly made himself responsible for getting the Choir to Bournemouth, and the members are greatly indebted to him and to Mr. B. Jessy for the trouble they took in the matter.

Communicated.

CHOIR BOY’S ATTENDANCE
January 16th—June 19th inclusive.
Maximum possible 46 attendances

1. Jack Legg ** 46
2. Cyril Minterm
3. Jim Legg * 45
4. Fred Hann
5. M. Barues
6. J. Hann * 44
7. F. Baker * 43
8. Charles Minterm *a 42
9. R. Toop a 37

** Highest possible attendance.
* Over 90 per cent. of attendances.
a Absences due to illness.

R. C. V. Hodge.
SALE FOR ASSISTANT CLERGY FUND.

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- Photos of Font: 7 0
- Bread: 2 2

**Total:** £21 0 10

BAPTISMS.

May 22nd—Alan Kenneth Gerring  
July 3rd—Reginald Frank Slade Hawkins  
" Violet Ivy Peggy Hawkins

BURIAL.

June 1st—Eliza Foster, aged 85  
July 14th—Tom Rawles, aged 71

Winterbourne Kingston provided me with the very thing I was looking for at the time of my return from the near East and now that I feel rested and once more fit for active employ-ment I feel it my duty to move on to a more thickly populated area where I shall have the duties of larger parish and a greater variety of work. It was my intention to remain longer amongst you but the Vicar’s preference to St. Vedast’s, London, would probably mean that eventually my engagement would have to terminate and consequently I feel it would not be wise to let this opportunity slip by. I hope to take up my new work about the middle of September.

We return to our usual time of Service for August and hope the slight alteration for July has not been any great inconvenience to the members of the congregation.

Sunday, July 24th, we had our Children’s Flower Service in the afternoon at 2.45 p.m., which proved a great success and in the evening the Choir rendered an anthem and other special music. The offertory at the evening service will be devoted to the Choir Fund.

By the time this reaches you I hope we may have had our Sunday School treat. Mrs. Stacey has very kindly sent us 10/- towards providing an outing for the children and with some generous contributions from members of the congregation we hope to be able to give them a good time at Swanage or Weymouth.

Yours sincerely,
ARTHUR R. COLLINS.

CHURCHINGS
Winterbourne Kingston.

Mrs. Miller.  
Mrs. Lacey.  
Mrs. F. Pitcher.