Bere Regis Church


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
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.

Saints' Days.

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PARISH MAGAZINE.
My dear Friends,

When I wrote my last letter to you I did not think that my time among you would be coming to an end so soon. Let me say at once that both Mrs. Hodge and myself, and, I have no doubt my small son too, if he was old enough to express his opinion in intelligible language, will leave Bere Regis with many regrets and many remembrances of past kindnesses. At the same time there is no disguising the fact that I shall be glad to be relieved of the financial strain which is the portion of almost every country parson in these days. That strain is a two-fold one, how to raise enough money for the Church to carry on its work in the parish and how to support life on an inadequate stipend. I do not know how I could have carried on for this time had it not been for the help and co-operation I have received from many quarters. That help has expressed itself not only in raising money for Church purposes but also, I might say chiefly, in many actions that have made life easier for my family and myself. I know, for example, that in many cases when I have required work done those who performed it for me have taken care to charge as little as possible. To all my benefactors, belonging as they do to all classes, I should like to express my warmest gratitude.

At the same time there are a few critics who think that I am living in the lap of luxury, and ought to pay the stipend of the Assistant Curate out of my own pocket without asking assistance from the parish. The form their criticism takes is that the full amount received from Winterborne Kingston tithes, should be paid direct by me without any deduction, into the Assistant Clergy Fund. My answer to that criticism is that I cannot afford to do so, that the responsibility of Kingston rests with me, and that it has given me since I came into the parish, a large amount of work and anxiety for which it is right that I should receive some recompense. That this may be clear I am publishing my accounts in this Magazine, showing what I have received from all sources since I came to this parish, the expenses of entering the benefice and the cost of maintaining services at Kingston. It will be seen that this leaves me a weekly sum of £3 15s. 5d., on which to keep up this Vicarage and garden, support myself and my family and generally maintain my position as Vicar. I do not think that after studying these accounts, the severest critic will continue to maintain that I "have made a good thing" out of the living. I wish to make it quite clear that I know the majority do understand my position and that I am only publishing these accounts for the minority who do not.

In conclusion I should like to ask for your prayers for three objects. First, that the parish may receive speedily a faithful and wise pastor to carry on the work here. Secondly, that choice may be made of a worthy successor of our late Bishop. Lastly for myself, that my hands may be strengthened to undertake the work on which I am soon to enter.

Yours very sincerely,

R. C. V. Hodge.

P.S.—Owing to my absence I am afraid there will be some slight alterations of Services on Sundays, July 10th, 17th and 24th. There will be no Celebration at 8 a.m. at Bere Regis on July 24th, and the Morning Services at Kingston for these three Sundays will be at 10 a.m. instead of 11 a.m. The other Services at both Churches will be unaltered.

BERE REGIS WITH WINTERBORNE KINGSTON.

August 13th, 1919—June 13th, 1921

A period of 94 weeks

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SALE OF WORK.

I hope this month's Magazine will be out in time to remind you of this sale which is to be held at the Vicarage on Thursday, June 30th, at 8 p.m. Price of admission 2d. Tea at moderate charges. Please come and buy, and, if possible, send something for the sale. Flowers, Vegetables, Fruits, Eggs, Cakes, etc., all most acceptable. In fact, we should welcome anything saleable. Gifts should be sent to the Vicarage by Thursday morning.

HYDE SERVICES.

For the present the Lantern Services will be discontinued, but we hope to start them again in September. Personally these Services have given me a great deal of pleasure as the Congregation has been so appreciative of them. Their success has been very largely due to the willing helpers, especially to Mr. W. Sparke and his understudy Mr. James Mason who have managed the Lantern so excellently.

R.C.V.H.

CRICKET FIXTURES FOR JULY.

July 2nd Bloxworth Away
" 9th Poole U.C.C. Home
" 16th Charborough Away
" 23rd Weymouth 2nd XI Home
" 30th Sandford Away

CHURCH-HELPER WANTED.

Would any member of the Congregation volunteer to keep the Sanctuary Pavement clean? It needs rubbing over with a mop (which is provided) once a week. I should be very grateful to anyone who would volunteer to do this. It is not hard work, nor does it take very long but it needs doing regularly.

R.C.V.H.

COUNTY FREE LIBRARY.

We are asked to state that a branch of the County Free Library has been started at the Girls’ School. It is open to adults as well as Schoolchildren. The Library is open from 5-30 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Friday.
Winterborne Kingston.

My dear Friends,

The Communicants Class, which is held at 7 p.m. on Friday Evenings before the first Sunday in the month, has not been quite so well attended the last two Friday Evenings and I should like through the Magazine to extend an invitation to all Communicants who feel disposed to attend this Service. It usually lasts about half-an-hour and is intended as a preparation for Holy Communion at 8 o'clock the third Sunday in the month.

The Church-yard looks much better for the labour bestowed upon it and the paths must have had considerable labour expended upon them to look so neat and tidy. I hope that those who frequent the Hallowed Acre will assist us in maintaining good order and treat it as consecrated ground.

We hope to have a Flower Service the ninth Sunday after Trinity, particulars of which will be announced later.

Now that the Sunday School is growing, I am more anxious to interest the parents in the welfare of their children, and with this object in view propose speaking to parents at the Children's Service on the 24th July. Please let this be known as much as possible at Winterborne Kingston.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur R. Collins.