Bere Regis & Winterborne Kingston

MARCH, 1921.

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.

PARISH MAGAZINE.
Bere Regis Vicarage,  
February 21st, 1921.

My dear Friends,

It seems strange to think that Easter Day will be past before another number of this magazine is published. May I start, then, by reminding you of the rule of the Prayer Book, “And note that each parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one.” I hope that all who have been confirmed will make a point of being present at one of the Celebrations on Easter Day or during the week following, unless prevented by sickness. If there are any who cannot get to church but who would like to receive Communion in their own homes, I hope they will let me know.

I am glad to welcome the Rev. A. R. Collins, to the parish and I feel sure that his energy and experience will have a beneficial result upon us all. Personally I feel it a great relief to have permanent assistance in the parish. I do not think I am betraying any confidence when I say that the Commissioners who considered last month the union of the parishes of Winterborne Tomson and Bere Regis were unanimously of the opinion that a parish of this size and character needed two clergy to work it properly. It is not merely a question of providing for the Sunday services but of the work in the week as well. I feel that we are exceptionally fortunate in securing Mr. Collins when I hear of the experience of another clergyman in this neighbourhood. I am told that in spite of advertising widely in the Church newspapers for a curate, for the first time in the course of a long experience, he has had no replies except from men over the age of sixty. I am afraid that it is going to be more and more difficult to find curates for country parishes. The fact is that the old clerical families which in the past provided a large proportion of ordinands are no longer doing so. Fathers are hesitating to advise their sons to enter into a profession where the financial difficulties are so great nor can they afford to pay for the expensive education that in times past has been considered necessary for a clergyman. The Archdeacon of Dorset has been giving evidence lately about some of the ‘livings’ in his Archdeaconry. He mentions four where it is quite impossible for a man to live on his stipend. For example the nett income of Sturminster Marshall is £177. The Rectory has a large entrance hall, drawing and dining rooms and study, twelve bedrooms and two large rooms with skylights. Outside there is a larder and dairy in outhouse, stable, saddle-room, coach-house. There is also a farm with cow-houses for ten cows, three horse stalls, large corn barn. We are not quite as badly off as this at Bere Regis, but the Vicarage and grounds are far too large for the stipend, and if I can see my way to finding a smaller house I shall certainly try to do so. In the meanwhile we are making use of the Vicarage as far as possible for parochial needs. A girl’s club meets at the Vicarage on Friday evenings for work and games, and I am glad to say that it shows every sign of prospering. My grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Lys for inaugurating it.

I should like also to draw attention to the Working Party that is held at the Vicarage on Friday afternoons from 2-30 to 4-30. Its purpose is to provide articles for a Sale of Work which we hope to hold in the summer for the Assistant Curate’s Fund. We should be very glad to welcome any ladies who have not yet attended, for there is not a great deal of time for work if the sale is to be a success. Gifts of material, etc., for the sale will be gratefully received. We have to acknowledge with thanks two gifts of 10/- and 2/6 for this purpose.

Yours sincerely,

R. C. V. HODGE.

Thanks are due to Mrs. R. Radclyffe, Mrs. Lys, Mrs. Robins, Mr. Jay, for gifts of papers, etc., in response to my appeal in last month’s magazine. Also for an anonymous gift of £1 towards the Vicar’s Fund.

EASTER DECORATIONS.

At Christmas it was found difficult to enlist a sufficient number of ladies as church decorators. May I appeal to the ladies of the congregation to try and keep free Saturday morning, March 26th, for the purpose of decorating our churches both at Bere Regis and Kingston.

SERVICES AT HYDE.

Thanks to the kindness of Colonel Roundell, who has lent us a room for the purpose, it has been possible to hold a course of Lantern Services during the week for those parishioners who live in that neighbourhood. In many cases it is difficult for those who live so far
from the Parish Church to attend our regular services, though we are glad to see that there are some who manage to come in spite of the distance. Still the excellent attendance at the Lantern Services shows that they are appreciated, and we hope the experiment may be repeated another year. We must add a word of thanks to Mr. Sparke, who is proving the best lantern operator we have ever experienced.

LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICES.

For the sake of clearness we print below the services to be held in Bere Regis Parish Church during Lent and Easter.

BERE REGIS.

Weekday Services. Morning Prayer daily at 10 a.m.
Wednesday evenings at 7-30 p.m. Evensong and Sermons.
The sermons on March 2nd, 9th, 16th will be preached by Rev. J. L. Smith Dampier, of Holy Trinity, Winchester.
Holy Week, March 20th—26th.
Palm Sunday, March 20th.
  8 a.m. Holy Communion.
  11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.
  2-30 p.m. Children's Service.
  6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.
Monday, 10 a.m. Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion.
Tuesday, 6-30 p.m. Evensong.
Wednesday, 10 a.m. Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion.
  7-30 p.m. Evensong and Preparation for Easter Communion.
Thursday, 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
  10 a.m. Morning Prayer.
  6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Good Friday, 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion.
  6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.
Easter Day, 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and noon, Holy Communion.
  11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.
  6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.
Easter Monday, 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

WINTERBORNE KINGSTON.

Weekday Services.
Thursdays in Lent. 7 p.m. Evensong and Address. The Thursday before Easter the service will be a service of Preparation for Easter Communion.

Good Friday. 11 a.m Morning Prayer and Sermon.
  7-15 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.
Easter Day. 8 a.m. and noon. Holy Communion.
  11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.
  6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

WINTERBORNE KINGSTON.

On entering Kingston church for the first time on Ash Wednesday I was delighted to find that my duties were to be performed in such a fine and well-appointed building. It was also a great joy to see the number of communicants at 8 o'clock and the excellent attendance at Evensong on that day.

Coming in to your midst as a total stranger I cannot help expressing my gratitude to the Churchwardens for their courtesy to me, and to the Organist and Parish Clerk for their kind help. It will assist me considerably in my work if members of the congregation would let me know immediately of any cases of sickness that may occur or of anyone requiring help and guidance in the parish. Sunday School is held every Sunday afternoon at 2-30 in the church, and I should like to take this opportunity of requesting parents to let their children come to the church Sunday School.

Two things I earnestly long for in undertaking the care of your spiritual welfare. I. God's blessing on the work. II. Your mutual co-operation.

It is quite impossible for me to get to know you all at once and although I am gradually working my way round, there are many families whom I have not yet become acquainted with. I am anxious to talk with ex-service men, and should appreciate very much being put into touch with men who have served over seas, particularly those who have been out in Salonica, Constantinople, South Russia or the East. One most remarkable feature at Winterborne Kingston is that I have not yet been requested to sign any pension papers, of which there must be a number.

Week-night services through Lent will be held on Thursdays, commencing March 3rd.

ARTHUR R. COLLINS.

Correction. In the January number of this magazine the name of Miss M. Symes was omitted from the List of the Kingston Choir. Many apologies for our oversight.
## 1920 PAROCHIAL MAGAZINE ACCOUNT

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We publish this account with many thanks to those whose exertions have wiped out the previous deficit of £40.

## BAPTISM

Iris Mary Joan Chinchens.

## BURIALS

- Feb. 4th Sydney Herbert Farr, aged 32 years.
- Feb. 21st (Winterborne Kingston) George Mowlem, aged 87 years.