Bere Regis & Winterborne Kingston

May, 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.

Saints’ Days.

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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Bere Regis Vicarage,  
Wareham,  
April 19th, 1920.

My dear Friends,

Last month, when I sent the proof of the Magazine to the Printer I added a line to thank you for your kind gift of Easter Offerings. At that time I did not know the exact amount. It reached £15 0s. 0d. for which I should like to repeat my thanks.

Easter seems quite a long way off now and we are looking forward to Whitsuntide. Please remember that Ascension Day is on Thursday, May 5th, and Whit-Sunday on May 15th. I hope that we may have a large number of communicants on both these days. It is astonishing to what extent the words of the Holy Spirit have been ignored by ordinary Christian people in the past. Yet I think it is an inspiring thought to realise the presence of God in this world, manifesting Himself to us through the Holy Spirit. Some of you know how sometimes you seem to be receiving through the works of Nature, help and teaching, the like of which you find nowhere else. There is nothing surprising in this. It is the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to you. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but can'st not tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth; so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." And again, sometimes you feel as though you possessed a power in yourself greater than any power that you yourself possess. That is the Holy Spirit at work in you. So let us make more use of the Festival of the Holy Spirit and treat it as one of the great days of the Church's year.

Another thing in which I ask you to help me is in letting me know of the sick who wish to be visited. I have to thank several friends who have come and told me of cases of sickness and I should be very glad if others would do the same. It is very easy in a scattered parish like this not to hear of cases of sickness, easier perhaps than many imagine. And I have often noticed that the one thing that parishioners expect and rightly expect from their parish Priest is that he should visit the sick. So I ask you to help me in this matter and if I don't visit them sufficiently frequently, it will be a kindly act if you jog my memory again because it is a very bad one. While I am writing on this question may I add a word to parents. It always is advisable to have infants baptised as soon as possible. In case of illness, if it is at all serious, it is very important to have them Christened privately at home, then later on they can be admitted to the Church, for which there is a special form of Service in the Prayer Book. In an emergency where it seems unlikely that the Clergyman will arrive in time to Christen the infant, any baptised person, man or woman can perform the ceremony of baptism. The essential part of baptism is that the infant should be named by his or her Christian name and water poured on the forehead, while the person who baptises says these words, "I baptise thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

I am glad to say that Mr. Bullen and Mr. Tozer who were Churchwardens last year have consented to continue in office and were duly elected at the Easter Vestry. This is probably the last Vestry that will be held as in future its duties will be assumed by the Parochial Church Meeting.

Yours very sincerely,

R. C. V. Hodge.

ROGATION SUNDAY.

As has been the custom of late years, the Lord Bishop has appointed Sunday, May 29th, for collections to the Central Board of Finance. May I ask for good collections on this day.

ASSISTANT CURATE'S FUND.

I am now in a position to give a rough estimate of the amount required to place this fund in a satisfactory condition.

The annual Stipend is £210. Towards this I have received a promise of £20 from Bishop Burgess' Fund, which is a Diocesan Fund for making grants for such purposes. The Endowment Fund, which was started last year by the generous gift of £500, brings in £17 0s. 0d. after deduction of Income Tax, but I hope the Diocesan Authorities will be able to get this refunded. If so, it will bring in £25. I have just arranged with the patron of Winterborne Tomson that he will pay me the full gross stipend of £98 14s. 6d. from Tomson which, after deducting Income Tax and Dilapidations, I intend to hand over in its entirety to the Fund. I expect that the nett amount from Tomson will be
approximately £80. Hence the Budget appears to be as follows:

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\text{Receipts.} & \text{£} & \text{s.} & \text{d.} \\
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\text{Bishop Burgess' Fund} & 20 & 0 & 0 \\
\text{Bere Regis Endowment Fund} & 25 & 0 & 0 \\
\text{Stipend from Tomson} & 80 & 0 & 0 \\
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\text{£125} & 0 & 0
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\text{To Stipend of Assistant Curate} & 210 & 0 & 0
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This leaves £85 to be found by means of collections, sales of work, subscriptions, etc.

I should like to thank all those who have sent in gifts for the sale of work to be held at Bere Regis in June and to those ladies who are attending the working classes at the Vicarage for the purpose of making articles of clothing, etc., for the sale.

Winterborne Kingston.

My dear Friends,

On Good Friday the Vicar conducted an Evening Service in the Church which was well attended. The lantern was a good one and the operator knew well how to show the pictures to advantage. We hope at some future time that it will be possible to arrange another Service—illustrated with pictures.

Easter Day, the Church looked at its best, every window was simply covered with flowers and the Altar and Font were tastefully decorated. The vast quantities of flowers must have taken considerable time and patience to gather and required skill and taste to arrange so artistically in Church. We wish to thank all those who have helped us so very pleasantly in this.

The Collections at all Services amounted to £2 15s. 0d.

The Communicants were 25, made up of 15 at 8 a.m. and 10 at midday. The Choir sang two Easter Carols at the Evening Service and the Sunday School Children rendered one of their hymns.

The Easter Vestry was held on Thursday, April 7th, at 7 p.m. The Vicar took the Chair and there were present—Mr. Cave and Mr. Besent, the two Churchwardens, and Mr. Ballam, the Clerk. Mr. Cave resigned his position as Peoples’ Warden, and Mr. Burgess was elected in his place. We are sorry to lose Mr. Cave as Churchwarden and hope that his resignation from office will not rob us of his continued support. The Vicar asked Mr. Besent if he would stand as his Warden for the ensuing year, and on his consenting to do so he was elected Vicar’s Warden.

The Church Parochial Meeting on April 8th, was not well attended, but after the revision of the Electoral Roll, the following were elected to the Council. Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Shephard, Mrs. Farquharson, Mr. Ballam.

We are pleased to welcome into our midst Mrs. Morgan, who, with Mrs. Weber, is living at the Parsonage. The great tendency of the day is to migrate from the country and seek the town. We should be glad to see this reversed, but the absence of houses in the country prevents it.

The collections at the Services on May 1st, are to be devoted to the Central Church Fund. The object of this Fund is to provide the necessary money for the training of Service Candidates for the Ministry of the Church. Many of these men come from the ranks and are quite unable to meet the enormous cost of Training, either in a Theological College or University.

The Central Board of Finance has decided to spend £120,000 for this purpose during the present year. The same fund also is assisting the various Dioceses in paying their Clergy adequate Stipends. If these two objects appeal to you, you will no doubt make a liberal response to the appeal.

The Services on Whit-Sunday will be
8 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion
11 a.m. Matins and Sermon
2-30 p.m. Children’s Service
6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR R. COLLINS.

BAPTISMS.

March 27—Evelyn Esme Roffey
April 15 (privately) — Dorothy Mabel Simpson

MARRIAGES.

March 9—Walter Bisley Haggett and Nellie Constance Battrick
March 31—Herbert Charles Jesty and Daisy Dot Kellaway
BURIALS.
April 2—Richard John Barnes, aged 54 years
James Swyre Miller, aged 67 years
April 16—Dorothy Mabel Simpson, aged 1 month

BOY SCOUTS.
The Bere Regis Boy Scouts, after being disbanded for some years has now been re-started. We are glad to say that Mr. H. C. Jesty, the former Scoutmaster has resumed office and that several members of the Troop belonged to the original Bere Regis Company. Major Huton, D.S.O., was kind enough to come over from Wimborne and gave us a start on April 18th, when intending members were entertained at Supper at the Vicarage. The equipment of Scouts is an expensive matter, costing over £1 for each member, so that if any friends would help us with donations, however small, we should be very grateful.

PARISH COUNCIL.
We have been asked by the Parish Council, which is responsible for the upkeep of the Churchyard and Cemetery to point out that lately the custom has been growing of disposing of dead flowers, crosses, etc., in a heap near the entrance to the Cemetery, thus making the approach unsightly. The Council trusts that parishioners will co-operate with the Council in keeping the Cemetery and its approach in a fitting manner, and will take care that this spot, hallowed by the memory of the dead, is not marred by untidy heaps of rubbish.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.
A meeting of the Church Council was held at the Vicarage, on April 26th. It was decided that the time of Evening Service should continue as hitherto at 6 p.m., and that on the third Sunday in the month, as soon as arrangements could be made, there should be a Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion, instead of the customary Morning Prayer. A vote of thanks to Miss Percy was passed for her work as Secretary to the Council.