Bere Regis & Winterborne Kingston

September, 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.
My dear Friends,

I am sorry to think that we shall be losing the Rev. A. R. Collins this month. Since he came here in February I have always been able to rely on him for any work that needed to be done and I am sure that there are many in the parish who will miss him when he is gone. We wish him every success in his new work at Swanage.

The patrons of the living have nominated the Rev. P. W. Taylor as Vicar of the parish after my resignation. Mr. Taylor is at present a master at Marlborough College, but he has managed to combine with his scholastic work a good deal of experience in country parishes. Personally I am very glad to think that the work will continue along much the same lines as it has done hitherto. I feel sure that when Mr. Taylor begins work here the whole parish will give him a hearty welcome. The exact date of my leaving has not yet been fixed, but it will probably be sometime in October. In one of the Church Newspapers I see a suggestion which might be adopted in this parish. A correspondent wrote to inquire whether anyone could suggest a method by which vases for flowers, placed at the foot of a Memorial Cross, could be protected from the wind. As we know from our own experience it is difficult to keep such vases from being blown over. In reply to his question, another correspondent states that in his parish a box like a window box has been made and painted a suitable colour to match the stone. This box has been filled with sand in which the vases are embedded. Thus it is impossible for them to be blown over. I should like to hear the opinions of some of who are concerned in this question as to whether such a plan would be feasible here. I notice that not so many flowers are being placed at the foot of the Cross this year as there were last year and I believe the reason is that those who placed them there do not care to see them scattered in disorder on the steps whenever there is a wind.

The Harvest Festival Services will be held at Kingston on September 12th, and at Bere Regis on September 23rd. May I ask for the usual liberal gifts and the help of the ladies in both places in the decoration of the Churches. The collections, as usual, will be for the Dorset County Hospital.

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

VILLAGE LIBRARY.

Subscriptions for the Library end in October. Mr. Taylor informs me that he is anxious to carry it on, but I think the Library had better close down for a few weeks while the Vicarage is vacant. I shall be glad if members will take care to put down in the book the dates when they return their volumes and I would remind them that one rule of the Library is that no book may be kept for more than a fortnight without renewal. Neglect of this rule prevents the free circulation of books.

R.C.V.H.

ASSISTANT CLERGY FUND.

A further sum of £1 5s. 6d. has been received from goods sold bringing the total to £22 6s. 4d.

VILLAGE SOCIAL CLUB.

A grant of 5/- for each ex-Service Man residing in the parish has been received from the United Services Fund.

At a General Meeting, it was decided that, as the grant had to be used collectively, it should be used to purchase an Army Hut, to be used as a Club-room for the men of the village. To this sum the Ladies of the Canteen Committee have very kindly added the balance in-hand, on the closing down of the Tea-room at the Drax Hall.

Capt. Drax has very kindly given a piece of ground, on which to erect the hut, which was purchased at the recent Sale at Wareham.

Volunteers are busy in erecting the hut and it is hoped that the Club will be in working order before the Winter months.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING.

Thanks to the energies of Mrs. Lys sufficient money has been collected to give the Sunday School Children an outing. Unfortunately the epidemic of whooping-cough has caused the postponement of the treat, but if the coughs disappear we hope that it may be possible to have it in September.

Winterborne Kingston.

My dear Friends,

The Choir and Sunday School had an excellent day for the treat and we managed to pack 42 people in a 28-seater, which conveyed us to Weymouth. Monday, August 8th, it was fortunate and we were all able to go, although one member of the Choir did so by proxy.

The members of the Choir and Sunday School had tea together, but either appetites were not keen or else supplies were abnormal, for we have never seen so much cake left on the tables after tea before. The juvenile members of our party found their own amusements, so absorbing on the sands that they had no time to be a trouble or inclination to be naughty.

A Subscription List will be found in the Church Porch and from the Balance Sheet it will be found that we have a good sum in hand.

I am anxious to express publicly through the Magazine my gratitude to the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. V. Hodge, for his consideration at all times to me, and for the freedom he has permitted me in my work, and it is a very happy thought in leaving that the whole of my Curacy has been performed without unpleasantness and whilst I have always aimed at being loyal to my Vicar I can honestly say that this has been an easy task at Bere Regis and Winterborne Kingston. I also want to express my thanks to Mrs. Hodge for so kindly looking after my material welfare and contributing considerably to my general comfort.

At Kingston I have found the Workers quite useful. Mr. Ballam, the Parish Clerk, has been like a Colleague, and done a considerable amount of work outside his own office, always doing it willingly and cheerfully. Mrs. Sheppard, Master John Hames and the Choir have done good service for the Church, and I am pleased with the way they have worked and attended practice throughout the Summer months. Mr. Burgess, the Peoples’ Warden, has attended to the finances of the Church and I am much obliged to him for the courteous way in which he has executed his office. To Miss M. Besent, I also wish to tender my thanks for undertaking the task of revising the Electoral Roll and work of Secretary to the Church Parochial Council.

I am very pleased to have had the experience of Winterborne Kingston and plead most earnestly with those who have helped me so much in my work that they will continue to help forward the great cause of the Christian Faith and make the Church a real centre of Worship.

I remain,

Yours sincerely

ARTHUR R. COLLINS