BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

MARCH, 1922.

BERE Regis Church

BERE. Church Services for the Month. KINGSTON.

March 5th ... 8 a.m. ... ... ... 10 a.m. 7-15 p.m.
   ... 11-15 a.m. ... ... ...
   ... 5-45 p.m.

March 12th ... 11-15 a.m. ... ... ...
   (followed by Celebration of H.C.)
   ... 5-45 p.m.

March 19th ... 8 a.m. ... ... ...
   ... 11-15 a.m. ...
   ... 5-45 p.m.

March 26th ... 8 a.m. ... ... ...
   ... 11-15 a.m. ...
   ... 5-45 p.m.

March 25th—Annunciation of the B.V. Mary.

PARISH MAGAZINE.
The Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure, which passed the National Assembly in February and carried the Royal Assent in July of last year, transferred to the Council of every Parish (i) All powers, duties, and liabilities of the Vestry relating to the affairs of the Church, except as regards the election of Churchwardens and Sidesmen and as regards the administration of ecclesiastical charities but including the power of presentation to the benefice if the right to present thereto is vested in or in trust for the parishioners and the power of making any voluntary Church rate. (ii) All powers duties and liabilities of the Churchwardens relating to (a) the financial affairs of the Church including the collection and administration of all moneys which may be raised for Church purposes and the keeping of accounts in relation to such affairs and moneys; (b) The care and maintenance, preservation and insurance of the fabric of the Church and the goods and ornaments thereof; (c) The care and maintenance of the Churchyard (including a closed churchyard) with all rights now possessed by the Churchwardens to recover from the Overseers the cost of maintaining a closed Churchyard: Provided that nothing herein contained shall affect the property of the Churchwardens in the goods and ornaments of the Church or their powers duties and liabilities with respect to visitations.

In a later clause we find that the same Measure gives to the Council (i) Power to frame an annual budget of moneys required for the maintenance of the work of the Church in the Parish and otherwise and to take such steps as they think necessary for the raising collecting and allocation of such moneys.

(ii) Power to make levy and collect a voluntary Church rate for any purpose connected with the affairs of the Church including the administration expenses of the Council and the cost of legal proceedings.

(iii) Power jointly with the Incumbent to appoint and dismiss the Parish Clerk and Sexton and to determine their salaries and the conditions of the tenure of their offices but subject to the rights of any persons holding the said offices at the date of the commencement of the Measure.

(iv) Power jointly with the Incumbent to determine the objects to which all moneys to be given or collected in Church shall be allocated subject to the directions contained in the Book of Common Prayer as to the disposal of money given at the Offertory.
(v) Power to make representations to the Bishop with regard to any matter affecting the welfare of the Church in the Parish.

The Further Powers Measure, if it passes into law in the form in which it passed the National Assembly last November, will enable the Council when a vacancy occurs in the benefice to make representations to the patron with regard to the exercise of his power of presentation and to send a petition to the Bishop asking him to refuse to institute the person appointed.

This Measure also declares that the Council’s power to make representations to the Bishop includes representations respecting the services in the Church.

FUNERALS.
February 7th at Bere Regis—George Hann, aged 31 years
February 27th at Bere Regis—Rebecca Steele, aged 69 years
February 28th at Bere Regis—Robert James Hookey, aged 79 years

The Women’s Institute is gradually increasing in numbers and it is hoped more members will still join. They hope soon to have a hut of their own and Mr. Debenham has most kindly given a piece of ground for it to be erected on. The Institute are working hard to raise the money to purchase it and hope to have an entertainment and sale of work at Easter. Mr. Lock and friends very kindly got up a most successful dance in Drax Hall on Tuesday, February 28th, in honour of the Royal Wedding and are giving the proceeds to the Institute who are very grateful for any help.

The Reverend R. C. V. Hodge writes to us to say that “Last year we collected some money in Bere Regis to help with the work among the Criminal Tribes in the Bombay Diocese. Mrs Palmer, the Bishop’s wife, has just sent home details of two of the boys we have helped. Could you make room for them in the Parish Magazine?”

We append the details:

Hanomo Dyaama is about ten years old. His father was in prison when he was brought into the Home and the boy himself was concerned in a theft in the bazaar together with another boy who is also in the home.

He is of Jhattiwaddan caste. This section of the Waddan caste is criminal and there is no doubt that the boy was under very bad home influences.

He is a bright, merry little fellow in the home—loved by all—and is clever in school. He is already in the fourth standard and it will probably be advisable to send him to the High School with Timma later on.

Timma Timma belongs to a Caste called Bestor, whose principal occupation is thieving. He belongs to a very bad family—his father is dead, his mother is a bad and very ignorant old woman and of his three elder brothers, one is now in prison, one was killed lately in a dacoity and the eldest, who came from prison a year ago, is now working regularly and seems likely to reform. He takes great interest in his young brother’s progress.

Timma is now about 14 and has been in the home two-and-a-half years. He goes daily to the Mission High School, where the tuition is in English and he holds his place in class well among boys of the town and upper castes. He is a thoughtful boy and works well. He has had regular religious instruction while in the home and he says that he has now definitely made up his mind to be a Christian. He will have, however, to wait for baptism until he is of age (at 16) and free from Government control.