Bere Regis and Winterbourne Kingston

January, 1927

Sunday Services.
At the Church of St. John Baptist, Bere Regis.
First, Third, and Fourth Sundays in each month:
8 a.m., 11.15 a.m., and 5.45 p.m.
Second and Fifth Sundays:
11.15 a.m. (followed by H.C.) and 5.45 p.m.
There is a Children’s Service at 2.45 p.m. on the Second Sunday in each month.

At the Church of St. Nicholas, Winterbourne Kingston.
First, Third, and Fourth Sundays in each month:
10 a.m. and 7.15 p.m.
Second Sunday: 9 a.m. (H.C.) and 7.15 p.m.
Fifth Sunday: 10 a.m. (H.C.) and 7.15 p.m.

The Hours of Services on Easter Day will be:
at Bere Regis, 7 a.m., 7.45 a.m., 11.15 a.m., 5.45 p.m.
at Winterbourne Kingston, 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 7.15 p.m.
BAPTISMS.

June 13th, at Bere Regis—
  Barbara Marion, daughter of Albert Wilfrid and Dorcas Ida Mary Hewitt.

August 8th, at Bere Regis—
  Walter Kenneth Sydney, son of Reginald and Florence Ellen Trim.

August 15th, at Bere Regis—

September 5th, at Bere Regis—
  Derrick William, son of Levi William and Nellie Gladys Standfield.

September 12th, at Bere Regis—
  Sylvia Joan, daughter of Frederick Jack and Mildred Ethel Lewis.

October 3rd, at Bere Regis—
  Hilda May, daughter of Frederick and Agnes Haynes.

November 21st, at Bere Regis—
  Montague Gerald, son of Samuel and Evangeline May Hewitt.

November 21st, at Bere Regis—
  Charles Edward, son of John Henry and Lucilla Violet Crocker.

November 28th, at Bere Regis—
  Joan Valarie, daughter of William Frank and Rose Percy.

December 5th, at Bere Regis—
  Elsie Eleanor Betty, daughter of Andrew Sidney David and Eliza Agnes Allen.

CONFIRMATIONS.

December 2nd, at Puddletown, by Bishop Joscelyne—
  Doris Sarah Churchill.
  Violet Ruth Way.
  Vera Marion Way.

MARRIAGES.

July 29th, at Winterbourne Kingston—
  Frederick Charles Pitman and Ethel Margaret Jane Langdown.

October 9th, at Winterbourne Kingston—
  Herbert Green and Florence May Sheppard.

October 23rd, at Bere Regis—
  Edward Charles Day and Nellie Blanche Percy.

FUNERALS.

June 23rd, at Winterbourne Anderson—James Sansom (82).
June 24th, at Winterbourne Kingston—
  Peggy Rita Little (5).
June 30th, at Bere Regis—Harriet Burton (71).
July 6th, at Bere Regis—Mary Ann Riggs (71).
July 6th, at Bere Regis—George Walker Profeit (52).
July 9th, at Bere Regis—Ben Rawles (73).
July 24th, at Winterbourne Kingston—
  Elizabeth Ann Burt (87).
July 31st, at Bere Regis—Cicely Sheppard (83).
September 21st, at Bere Regis—Susan Sarah Cobb (71).
September 25th, at Bere Regis—
    Richard Amos Kellaway (76).
September 29th, at Winterbourne Kingston—
    William Robert Little (60.)
October 2nd, at Winterbourne Kingston—
    Ann Symes (72).
October 4th, at Bere Regis—Susan Gould (85).
October 8th, at Bere Regis—
    Margaret Primrose Cobb (8 months).
November 5th, at Bere Regis—
    Amy Batsheba Bartlett (73).
November 16th, at Winterbourne Kingston—
    Susan Wellstead (72).
November 17th, at Bere Regis—Mary Rolls (85).
November 19th, at Bere Regis—Elizabeth Jane Ames (62).
November 27th, at Bere Regis—Mary Hannah Rolls (48).
December 18th, at Winterbourne Kingston—
    Kathleen Maud Jeans (24).
December 22nd, at Bere Regis—Mary Jane Langdown (85).
December 29th, at Bere Regis—Charles (Paine) Butler (89).

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

On Sunday, November 7th, we had a visit from the Rev. R. Procter, Organising Secretary for the S.P.G., who in the course of the day preached in both our Churches. The offertories on that occasion amounted to £7 19s. 6d.

The Bere Regis Sunday School box has contributed £9 15s. 4d. during the year—and the only other box at present collecting in the village has brought in £3 3s. 5d.

The total for the year therefore stands at £20 18s. 3d. It is a pity that there are as yet no boxes collecting in Kingston.

CENTRAL & DIOCESAN CHURCH FUNDS, 1926.

It is pleasing to be able to report that our quota has again been paid in full. The total contributions from Bere Regis amounted to £22 3s. 1d., and from Winterbourne Kingston to £12 6s. 0d.

CHURCH OFFERTORIES, 1926.

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For Church Expenses                    | 68 2 11    | 38 5 4                |

| Total                                 | £137 16 5  | £58 17 0              |

CHOIR, RINGERS, etc. SUPPER AND ENTERTAINMENT.

This annual event took place at Bere Regis on December 9th in the Drax Hall, and at Winterbourne Kingston on December 10th at the Council School. On both evenings the entertainment was provided by Mr. Tom Burrows and Miss Hilda Bartram, who throughout kept their audiences interested and amused.
NEW HEATING APPARATUS IN BERE REGIS CHURCH.

This has now been installed and fully tested. It was used for the first time for the Armistice Service on November 11th. The work was taken in hand by Messrs. Wippell Bros. and Row, of Exeter, and the whole plant has been put in very neatly and as inconspicuously as possible. The necessary mason's work—no small item—has been done locally, and we owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Henry Standfield and his assistants not only for their readiness to work long evening hours, but also for the keen intelligence with which they have grasped and carried out the instructions of our engineer and architect.

SOME RECENT GIFTS TO THE CHURCHES.

At Bere Regis three new Altar frontals have been offered to us recently by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Needless to say they have been accepted with gratitude. They are the work of the Embroidery School at St. Margaret's Convent, East Grinstead.

The first has already arrived and has been in use throughout Advent: the material—violet in colour—is embossed velvet, of which the design has been outlined with gold and red, the orphreys being of plain velvet, as also is the superfrontal of violet and red.

The second—green—is promised for January 16th: it is made of damask silk and is embroidered with a beautiful design "The Leaves of the Tree," symbolical of the Tree of Life (Rev. xxii. 2). The superfrontal also is heavily embroidered.

The third—red—in damask silk, will be embroidered with a panel design of pomegranates, and will be used with the same superfrontal as number two.

This gift has made it necessary to procure a chest in which to keep our frontals. It has been made of oak throughout by Messrs. Hannah and Holland, of Dorchester, and has found a fitting resting-place in the North Aisle.

At Winterbourne Kingston we have received a set of purificators which were greatly needed, the work of Mrs. Raymond: also new offertory bags, two for ordinary use in red, and two in white for festivals—these also have been beautifully embroidered at the East Grinstead Convent School.

BERE REGIS CHURCHYARD.

The two remaining chestnut trees have been felled. One was condemned as a public danger, the other had been lopped and lopped until it was no longer a thing of beauty. Parish Council and Parochial Church Council were unanimous; but, as nothing could be done without the consent of the Dilapidations Board at Salisbury, the matter was referred to them for a decision.

However the loss of old friends is largely compensated by the handsome offer of Mr. Bedford to replant the devastated area with more suitable specimens and, before summer comes again, the gap should begin to be filled.

BERE REGIS CHARITIES.

The Bernard Mitchell Charity.
Under a will dated March 22nd, 1646.
"for the poor of the Parish of Bere Regis in the County of Dorset."
"Twenty shillings issuing out of the King's Head Inn "in Weymouth, now in the occupation of Jane Lane, and
“belonging to Sir J. Johnstone, Bart.”

On the 13th of June, 1836, The Charity Commissioners say: “We do empower the resident Minister and Churchwardens for the time being of the Parish of Bere Regis to receive the same (rent charge, etc.) and to apply the same to the purposes of the Charitable Donation thereof according to the Trust.”

There are payable yearly in December two sums of 13s. 4d., 6s. 8d.

(a) The Johnstone Estate Office, New Street, Weymouth.
(b) Trustees of the Maiden Street Wesleyan Chapel, Weymouth.

**Thomas Williams’ Trust.**

In September, 1719, Thomas Williams granted “seven acres of arable land in Bere Fields, a dwelling house, orchard, and six acres of pasture ground, lying at Rye Hill; a dwelling house, garden and orchard with two grounds containing about four acres; another house and garden and a cottage at Bugbarrow, with half an acre of arable land in Bere Field; all the said premises being situate in the Parish of Bere Regis; also a common of pasture for fifty sheep and ten cows appertaining to the said premises, and the tithes of hay of a certain moor on the west side of Rush Mead, upon trust to apply the rents and profits thereof for teaching and clothing six poor children of the Parish of Bere Regis—as many of them as conveniently might be of the tithing of Shitterton.”

The yearly gift of outfits of clothing have the following conditions attached—(i.) None of the said children to be under 7 nor above 14 at Easter in the year of their admission: (ii.) other things being equal, preference to be given to applicants from Shitterton: (iii.) children must be members of the Church Sunday School; (iv.) when once admitted, retain their places till they become 14, except only in case of serious misconduct.

**Poor Stock.**

Nearly sixty years ago the original bond dated April 5th, 1769, was discovered in the Parish chest. A copy of it was sent to the Charity Commissioners and they were asked if it would be possible to re-establish this long-lost Charity.

The reply of the Commissioners says “A bond of which nothing has been paid and which has not been acknowledged for twenty years is barred by the Statute of Limitations and its payment, if insisted, would not be enforced.”

The capital sum involved amounted to, roughly, £140, which was made up of many small legacies which had come in from time to time. It seems clear that an income of some £6 or £7 has been lost to the poor of the village through the negligence of those whose duty it was to see that the interest was paid with regularity.

**Williams’ Gift.**

By a deed dated September 3rd, 1830, Mrs. Jane Williams of Bourton-on-the-Hill in the County of Gloucester made over a sum of £350 3% Consols to trustees for the benefit of the poor of Bere Regis.

According to the terms of the Trust the Vicar of Bere Regis is to distribute the proceeds “on Christmas Day in every year at the Parish Church of Bere Regis immediately after divine service to two men and two women, poor inhabitants of Bere Regis, and of the Established Church.”

The Trust money is now in the hands of the Charity Commissioners and the dividends are paid by them quarterly into the Bere Regis Charities account with Lloyds Bank at Wareham. The yearly income amounts to £8 15s. 0d.

**The Nellie Mary Jesty Trust.**

In the year 1918 a sum of £500 5% War Stock was lodged with the Royal Exchange Assurance, London, E.C. 3, to create a Trust to be known as “The Nellie Mary Jesty Trust.”
The income arising from this Trust is to be “paid each “half-year to such necessitous people in the Parish of Bere “Regis as shall be nominated for the purpose jointly by the “Vicar of Bere Regis for the time being, the Vicar’s Warden “for the time being, and the Minister of the Congregational “Chapel of Bere Regis for the time being—it being particularly directed that no question of the religious sect to “which such necessitous people may belong shall give them “any preference or priority—the only facts to be taken into “consideration being the needs of the recipients.”

The original Trust number was 907: that has now been altered to 3003. A list of intended recipients signed by the Vicar, the Vicar’s Warden, and the Minister of the Congregational Chapel, must be sent to the Manager, Trustee and Executor Office, Royal Exchange Assurance, at 53 Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, towards the end of May and November in each year.

The income of the Trust is £25 p.a. less the management expenses of the Royal Exchange Assurance.

**BRITISH LEGION (Bere Regis Branch).**

Much progress has been made by this Branch in the last year. About 70 ex-service men attended a Parade and Church service at Bere Regis on Armistice Day; and the District is to be congratulated on the results of Earl Haig’s appeal. The collections, etc. were as follows:

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A very successful Supper on November 19th was attended by 116 ex-service men in the Drax Hall; 16 new members were enrolled, bringing the total up to 128.

**BERE REGIS WOMEN’S INSTITUTE.**

The Women’s Institute Hut is now out of debt; more than £200 has been collected in various ways in the three years since it was started. There are now forty-four members; and interesting demonstrations have been given on First Aid, Bedmaking for Invalids, Basket making, Home Dyeing, and Re-covering Eiderdowns. Talks have been given on Citizenship, The Legend of Flowers, and Slavery; and there have been many competitions.

The Flower Show was again a great success, and, as a result, a balance of £6 7s. 9d. has been placed in the Post Office Savings Bank.

In October a Dance was held in the Hut and out of the Hut and out of the proceeds a contribution of two guineas was sent to the Children’s Hospital at Swanage.

On the afternoon of December 21st the old folk of the village were invited to tea at the Hut—and a large number were able to respond to the invitation. They were entertained afterwards by the members of the Institute and of the Girls’ Club.

**BERE REGIS MOTHERS’ UNION.**

A Service was held on June 25th at the Parish Church, at which an address was given by the Rev. G. C. Morrow. There were 38 members present.

On August 17th the members were invited to tea at The Cedars by Mrs. Tozer. After tea there were games and
competitions. Mrs. Waring (enrolling member of Halstead, Kent) kindly showed the members the cardboard house representing "Mary Sumner House," and explained the work that was carried on there.

On September 29th an afternoon Meeting was held at the W.I. Hut. 30 members were present, and listened to a very interesting address by Mrs. Kindersley; all expressed what a help it had been, as she told us what the M.U. really stood for.

**WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.**

The W.I. has been very busy for some months and have as a result of sewing and knitting classes been able to invest in the new W.I. centre at Dorchester Debenture Shares for a good amount; they have also secured several Tickets for the County Hospital and have now as a New Year gift purchased an Invalid Chair for the use of the village which can be had on application to the Secretary. The Institute has been fortunate in retaining their President and Secretary and with a willing Committee ought to do good work in the coming year.

The year's work was wound up on Wednesday evening, December 29th, by a Fancy Dress Dance and a Whist Drive at the School. The rooms had been tastefully decorated for the occasion; a large number of invitations had been sent out and accepted. Prizes were given for Whist, Dancing, Fancy Dress, and so on. The dance music was provided by the 'Encore Syncopated Band' from Blandford.

The prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. Cholmondeley, of Anderson Manor, and at the conclusion votes of thanks were passed to her and all the other helpers. Altogether the evening's entertainment was a great success and reflects much credit upon the Committee who arranged and carried out the programme.

**BERE REGIS CRICKET CLUB, 1926.**

Although the results look rather poor upon paper, we nevertheless did quite well considering the strength of the teams opposed to us.

Matches played, 11. Won 4, Lost 7.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the ladies who so kindly provided the teas during the season, and also Mr. Bedford for all the work which he has done for the Club.

A concert was given recently in the Drax Hall by the "Odds and Ends" troupe, and the proceeds—eleven guineas—were handed over to the Nursing Fund to be devoted to some special object in connection with the Fund.

**WINTERBOURNE KINGSTON.**

The Cricket Club played their last match at Kingston on August 28th, and may fairly be congratulated upon a very successful season.

The Annual Football Meeting was held early in the season, when the following officials were appointed—Captain and Hon. Sec., Mr. F. Burgess: Chairman, Mr. E. G. Kingham: Vice-Chairman, Mr. E. R. Welstead: with a Committee of five members. The Club decided to join the Mid-Dorset League, and up to the present their record is 4 games won, 4 drawn, and 4 lost.

A joint meeting of the Football and Reading Room Committees was held on October 6th. It was decided to arrange a winter programme of concerts, etc. to raise funds in conjunction with each other. The opening concert was held on November 13th, when the "Revellers" Party under the presidency of Captain G. F. A. Webster, O.B.E., gave
an excellent evening's entertainment. The proceeds were equally divided between the two Committees and amounted to more than £4. The Committees are most grateful to all who helped to make the Concert a success.

The Reading Room has had a good year with increased membership, and it is confidently expected that the Annual Meeting early in January will find the Budget in first-rate order.

A grand Concert was given in the Council School on December 28th by the "Odds and Ends" Concert Party in aid of the British Legion Relief Fund. The Concert Party consists of ladies and gentlemen from the neighbourhood, and they are to be congratulated on the fine performances they were able to give.