# Bere Regis

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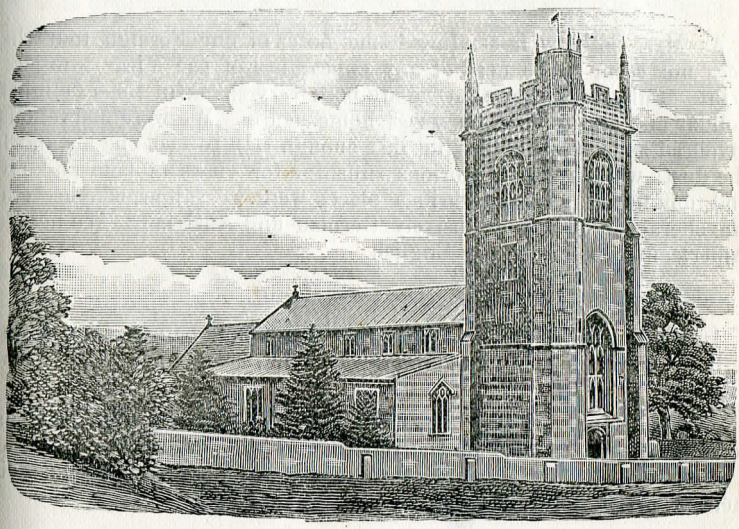
# Winterborne Kingston



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## CHURCH SERVICES.

BERE REGIS.

Church Services : Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion : August 4th at Midday.
" " " 18th at 8 a.m.
Children's Service, " 25th at 2-30 p.m.

As Mrs. Sotheby is sending home notes of our Foreign tour there does not seem to be need of any appearance of the Vicar himself in print. Suffice it to say that we are both very thankful for a delightful holiday and also to find ourselves home again. We were marvellously favoured as to weather, having just enough rain to cool the air and lay the dust, while we had glorious sunshine for views of lake and river and mountain. At the various places were we sojourned our fellow travellers were almost exclusively German and Austrian. We met few Americans and hardly any English.

In the hope that our friends at Bere Regis may be interested to hear a little more about our foreign travels, I add a few lines to the Vicar's Letter.

A wonderful variety of beautiful views come to my mind's eye as I look back on our time in the Bavarian Highlands and the Tyrol, and I greatly wish that I could reproduce them for my friends, but being neither artist nor photographer it is impossible.

Mountains were the chief feature throughout, for we avoided the flat country and were usually from 3,000 to 4,000 ft. above sea level, always in sight of hills, snow-clad, rocky, or wooded—some towering to nearly 10,000 ft. and seeming to shut out half the Sky.

In respect of mountain views, Bere Regis can certainly offer no comparison.

Nor can we boast picturesqueness of building like the Bavarian villages where the houses are adorned outside with pictures and inscriptions.

But in one respect our village may claim a high place : in no country place have we seen a more noble church. It was very interesting to note the various styles of architecture and internal decoration of the churches from the grand cathedrals of Mayence and Munich in the mountain village churches of the Tyrol. Almost all that we saw in town or country were Roman Catholic, and the few Protestant Churches compared unfavourably with the others : the latter in their bareness and ugliness seemed as unlike our English ideal as the former, and made one feel all the more grateful to those who, in our own churches, have preserved or restored so much of the beauty and richness suitable to God's house. The Roman churches were in the other extreme of profuse trivial ornamentation : plaster painted to imitate marble ; gaudily painted walls and ceilings, which but for the sacred pictures might have suited a ball-room ; artificial flowers and lace on the altars—all seemed painfully lacking in the dignity and *seriousness* due to the worship of God. But when we look below the surface, I feel there is still something for us to admire and copy ; I mean in the strong devotional feeling which prompted all this work : even in the small villages, with no rich inhabitants, the church would be fully ornamented, and above all there would be the whole population joining in the church-worship ; on Sundays the services would be crowded, and on week-days the church, always open, would be continually used for private prayer by people in the intervals of work. Our ideal of a church should surely be that it is honoured above every other place both by outward care and suitable adornment and by reverent worship.

F. SOTHEBY.

FLOWER SHOW.

The Annual Show will be held on August 22nd. It is to be hoped that the weather will be finer than last year.

BURIAL.—July 3rd, Shadrach Hardy, aged 78.

BAPTISMS.—June 30th, Edward, son of Thomas and Amy Sheppard.
July 31st, Kathleen Mary, daughter of George and Nora Mary Beatrice Lys.

## KINGSTON.

CHURCH SERVICES :
Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Children's Service, 2-15 p.m.
HOLY COMMUNION :
August 4th, at midday.
" 18th at 8 a.m.

CHOIR OUTING.

The Annual Outing was held on July 11th, when we went to Bournemouth. Unfortunately several members of the choir were unable to go, but those who did, enjoyed themselves. It was a long day as the start was made at 7-30 a.m., and home was not reached until 10 p.m. We could not have had a finer day, but the heat was intense. We wish to thank the number of small subscribers who this year helped to provide funds for the outing.

SCHOOL TREAT.

Through the kindness of Mr and Mrs. Mansel Pleydell, the children of the Day and Church Sunday Schools had a Treat in Whatcombe Park on July 12th. The journey was made in wagons, kindly lent by Mr. Stacey and Mr. Keynes, and the park was reached about 3. After tea there were plenty of swings and other amusements for the children and a game of cricket for the men. The day was fine and the treat was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

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BOYS' ALLOTMENTS.

Mr. Huntley, the County Council Inspector, has been over to see the allotments, and seems to have been very well satisfied with the results. The weather has been all against gardening, and the crops in consequence have done badly in some cases. We hope to get some First Class Certificates this year.

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COAL CLUB.

Members are reminded that unless ALL their money is paid in by October 31st, they will receive no help from the Club funds. There are 60 subscribers this year

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BAPTISM.—July 7th, Violet Ethel, daughter of William Arthur and Gertrude Newman.