BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

OCTOBER, 1915.

Sunday Services.

BERE.

Holy Communion	8.0
First Sunday	12.0
Mattins	11.30
Children's Service or Sunday School	2.30
Evensong	6.0

KINGSTON.

Holy Communion	(2nd Sunday)	8.0
	(last Sunday)	10.15
Mattins—(except 3rd Sunday) ...		10.15
Children's Service		3.0
Evensong		6.0

Saints' Days.

Holy Communion	7.30

Week Days.

Mattins	8.50

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THE WAR.

August the 21st, was a 'black Saturday' for Bere Regis, on that day Lieut. Frank George and Private Charles Bright were killed and many others from this parish were wounded. These fell fighting in the Gallipoli Peninsular, which has proved the grave of such a large number of our brave soldiers. We at home owe a vast debt of gratitude to the noble men, who are defending our hearths and homes from destruction, our women-kind from insult (and worse) and our children from ill-treatment and misery. Some of us perhaps did not think a great deal of them in times gone by. Let us in the days to come give honour where honour is due. More than one will return home maimed for life, how shall we receive them? Not we trust by first giving them pots of beer, and then forgetting them and what they have done.

It appears from letters that have come home, that Lieut. Frank George fell while leading a very brave attack against a Turkish Trench. An obituary notice appeared in the 'Times,' written we believe by his relation Mr. Thomas Hardy, O.M., but the facts of his life are too well known by our readers to need repeating here. He was born and bred in the place, and had risen to a considerable position in his profession. He enlisted at the beginning of the war in the 6th Gloucesters, and was after a few months given a commission in the 5th battalion of his own county regiment, where he soon won the esteem of his superior officers and the affection of his men. We offer our sympathy to his mother and sisters, and pray that they may be supported in their trial. Free from anxiety they cannot be as both Charlie and Cecil are fighting in France. A memorial service was held at the 8 a.m. Communion Service on Sunday, September 5th.

Mrs. George asks us to express her heartfelt gratitude for much kind sympathy: she feels unable to thank personally all those who have shown their affection for her son and their distress at her own great sorrow. She has received some 150 letters of condolence, and has found much comfort in the sympathy of her friends.

Charlie Bright we believe fell on the same day, and in the same attack. He was a popular lad, and appears to have got on very well as a soldier. He was a good shot and won a watch for being the best shot in his company. To his parents we offer our sympathy and our thanks.

At the end of the war we must place some quite simple memorial tablet in the Church recording the names of those belonging to the parish, who have fallen in battle. Something after the manner of that on the reredos would be admirable, and not too costly.

The following is a list of men from this parish who have been wounded:—

5th Dorsets.

Sergeant W. Lush.
Private B. Diffy.
" W. Cox.
" W. Rawles (missing).
" W. Ames.
" E. Legg.
" F. Stickley.
" T. Russell.

7th Dragoon Guards.

Private P. Battrick (slightly)

18th London Regiment.

Private W. Sheppard (slightly)

R. A. M. C.

Private H. Barnes.
" A. Barnes (slightly)

Mr. Fred Jesty has received a comission, but we have not heard in what battalion.

WEDDINGS.

Sept. 4th.—Reginald John Henwood, to Isabel May Hewitt.
" 21st.—Robert Jesse Stickley, to Edith Mary Sansom.

We offer our congratulations and good wishes to Miss Hewitt. She has been a mainstay of the Soprano of our choir for many years, and a teacher in the girls' school also for many years. Her husband was for a short time assistant at the boys' school. Mr. Henwood is now a private in the Machine Gun Section of the 4th Dorset Regiment, and is a volunteer for service abroad. He and his best man Bombardier F. Barnes were in Khaki at the wedding, at which two hymns were sung.

BURIAL.

Sept. 14th.—Harold Mawson Howe, aged 6 years.

THE FAIR.

Woodbury Hill Fair was very small this year, and very little business can have been done. The Fair was chiefly remarkable for the large number of healthy looking, able bodied young men, who were on the Hill, indeed they appeared to form the majority of the merry-makers, they would have looked better in Khaki!

Mr. Legg came for the Sunday, he preached in the morning and again on the hill in the evening. We regret to say that he is resigning his position of Diocesan and Itinerant Missioner in order to take

a curacy in Salisbury. He has done good work and we always enjoyed his annual visits, while many of us remember his "Mission" with particular gratitude.

COLLECTIONS.

	Aug. 29th.	Sept. 5th.	Sept. 19th.
8.0	7/1	13/10	5/1
11.30	—	£1 7/-	£1 13/2
6.0	—	7/6	—

Oct. 17th.—Collections for some one of the various Patriotic Funds.

SUNDAY EVENSONG.

On and after the first Sunday in October, Evensong will be at 3 p.m. instead of at 6. This change is necessitated by the police order forbidding the shewing of bright lights from any windows. We should have thought that the stained glass was protection enough for the large windows, and that it would have been sufficient to cover the small ones with a curtain, but the powers that be thought otherwise. This precaution appears to be absurd, and it creates the feeling that those who make the police fuss about such trifles are probably neglecting matters of vastly greater importance. All the same we do not complain, rather a thousand precautions too many than one too few.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

will not be held in the afternoons at any rate for the present, the children will receive their 'stamps' for attendance at the service instead. We transferred the Sunday school from the Drax Hall to the Church in order to make room for the soldiers, and it certainly has not proved very satisfactory to have the children of so many different ages in the same building. As a result there has been a falling off in numbers, and we rather fear a still further falling away as the result of the fresh alteration. There is the hope that parents may find themselves able to come with their children in the afternoon and to sit with them, and if they would do that, then there would be no need to regret the substitution of afternoon for evening service. Our Saviour went to the Temple, when He was twelve years old, with His parents, they did not send Him and stay at home themselves: There is an example here not only for children, but also for their fathers and mothers.

Winterbourne Kingston.

I am sorry that we cannot have our Harvest Festival as we have had it in the past, but the sad news from the seat of war has affected our village so much, that I think it would be better to forego our usual joyous Festival this year. We shall therefore have simple services of Thanksgiving on Sunday, September 26th, when the offertories will be given as usual to the Dorchester Hospital.

We are very anxious indeed about our Boys in the Dardanelles, of whom we get very scanty news: and some of them are, I am very sorry to say, still missing. The death of Philip Honeybun, killed in action, came as a great shock to us all, and our deepest sympathy goes out to his bereaved parents and their children in this severe trial. We are very sorry to hear that Fred. Miller and J. Vincent have both been wounded in the same sphere of action, but we trust not dangerously, and we hope soon to have good news of the boys.

As most of you know, very stringent orders have been issued by the police, with regards to lights in the village, as we are unfortunately within the prescribed military area. As we should not have liked to give up our evening services during the winter, especially in these troublous days, blinds have been provided to obscure the windows, which I trust will satisfy the military authorities, and the church services will be held at the usual times.

OFFERTORIES.

Aug. 29th.—	8 a.m.	...	2	0
	11 a.m.	...	3	0
	6 p.m.	...	3	11
Sept. 5th.—	11 a.m.	...	5	2
	6 p.m.	...	2	10
Sept. 12th.—	11 a.m.	...	4	4
	3-30 p.m.	...	2	7
Sept. 19th.—	11 a.m.	...	4	4
	6 p.m.	...	3	1

DENIS MOORE CANN.