BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

NOVEMBER, 1916.

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	1st Sun. at Midday. 3rd Sun. at 8 a.m.
Mattins	11 a.m.
Children's Service,	2nd Sun. at 3 p.m.
Evensong	6 p.m.

Saints' Days.

Holy Communion	7.30

Week Days.

Mattins	8.50

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SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER

Nov. 5th—XX. Sunday after Trinity.
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-30 Holy Communion (Choral)
6-0 Evensong.

Nov. 12th—XXI. Sunday after Trinity.
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-30 Mattins.
6-0 Evensong

Nov. 19th—XXII. Sunday after Trinity.
8 0 Holy Communion.
11-30 Mattins.
6-0 Evensong.

Nov. 26th—XXIII. Sunday after Trinity.
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-30 Mattins.
2-30 Children's Service.
6-0 Evensong.

Intercession Service every Wednesday at Mid-day.

Nov. 30th—St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr.

MR. BERE'S LETTER.

October 25th, 1916.

My Dear Friends,

A few days ago I had a letter from Mr. Bedford, in which he said that he would not like his farm in the same state in which the land is between Thiepval and Albert. But he would not like it in the condition in which many of the farms are between Albert and the Channel. If one imagines things to be on the same condition on each side of the line, then one can realise something of the appalling wastage of valuable agricultural land, which this war is causing. There is absolute devastation near the front, but there is a great deal also for miles and miles behind it This I think is little understood, but for all that it is a great trial to all the farmers, large and small. Imagine Bovington Camp in the neighbourhood of the village. It would make a pretty mess of Roke or Shitterton Farms, or if there are not many camps on that scale in France, there are smaller ones all over the district.

The unit to which I am attached has taken possession of a large grass field, which had in the spring the appearance of being valuable pasture ground. We have pitched tents and built huts all over it, we make ditches, and good solid paths when it pleases us. Tons upon tons of flints, gravel and cinders have been put down, so as to make smooth surfaces over which the wounded can be wheeled without discomfort. It must be many a long day before that field can be recovered from its present condition. On either side of that field are two more, in which horses have been picketted and wagons stored. I cannot say whether these were used for pasture or for arable ground before the war, but I shall be sorry for the plough if they are ever ploughed again. We had a small part of one dug up to plant some cabbages in, a few months back, and we excavated baulks of timber and large rocks, which had been put down to make a solid stand for horses. It will be impossible to use the ground again until the whole of it has been hand dug, cleaned and roughly levelled. We run roads and lay railway lines across the land, where we need them. We take as much of farm houses and farm premises as we choose. It is not only in "no man's land" that the agricultural industry is checked and hindered.

For my own part I had no idea that war interfered with so large an area of the countryside. We may well be thankful to have the demon kept out of England. The English are considerate to the people, and payment is made by way of rent, but the amount of damage done cannot be covered by that, at least I think that would be the verdict of a practical farmer.

Then the loss through lack of labour is large too. The farm in which I am billeted has usually in the harvest time ten able-bodied men on his farm, this year he employed a cripple, two-old age pensioners and some children.

The war is costing England much, it is costing this part of France far more.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. BERE.

ENTERTAINMENT.

Mrs. Forsyth and Mrs Raymond Radclyffe are to be congratulated on the result of the Entertainment given in the Drax Hall, on September 28th, on behalf of "The Dorsets'

As we pointed out in the October Magazine, a Working Party has been formed in this parish, in connection with several other parishes, to make garments of clothing, etc., for the men of the Dorset Regiments, and also to provide bandages and swabs for the wounded. The Entertainment was for the purpose of raising funds to buy the necessary material, and the result was eminently satisfactory as upwards of £10 was realised.

The evening was a most enjoyable one, and the Entertainment, which was of a high-class nature, was thoroughly appreciated by the large audience which filled the hall.

The proceedings opened with a well executed pianoforte duet by Mrs. Corbett and Miss Kellaway. Then followed a marvellous display of conjuring by Mr. E. Compson Crump, who won great applause for the skilful sleight-of-hand with which he mystified his audience.

Miss Muriel Radclyffe and Miss Iris Radclyffe gave some excellent recitations in which they displayed considerable dramatic power, and they obtained enthusiastic encores. Mr. J. E. Copleston

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Winterbourne Kingston.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

We held our Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday, October 1st, and the church was very prettily decorated for the occasion, with fruit, flowers and vegetables, though naturally, owing to the war, there was not quite such a profusion, as is usually the case at Kingston. The congregations were good, and the services most heartily rendered—the sermon in the morning being preached from the text: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit," S. John, 12, 24, and that in the evening from Gen. 8, 22, "Seedtime and harvest shall not cease." I was very glad that the offertory which amounted to £3 3s. 4d. was larger this year than last. It was sent to the Dorchester Hospital, and a very grateful letter of thanks has been received from the treasurer of the Hospital. In the afternoon the children had their Festival and brought their gifts, which were greatly appreciated by the recipients, who have warmly thanked the Kingston children for their generous and acceptable offerings.

THE MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.

The Mission of Repentance and Hope will take place shortly, and in the meanwhile, I trust, that everyone will seriously take to heart the deep spiritual lessons that the great war is teaching us all. Our country is being severely tried and it rests with us that, from the present tribulation, we endeavour to rise by God's help to better and nobler things.

It is with very deep regret that I have to record the death of Private A. G. Keynes, R.A.M.C., who passed away at Salonica, from fever, after doing much good work in nursing our seriously wounded soldiers. He joined the Army Medical Corps at the commencement of the war, and was first at Malta, and afterwards (in June last) was sent to Salonica.

I am very glad to learn that Private Reginald Wellstead, R.A.M.C., is recovering from his exceedingly serious illness, and I sincerely hope to hear soon that Private G. Steele who was recently wounded in France is doing well. Private Walter White, who was also wounded in France some little time ago, is in hopes of being discharged from the Hospital at Bexhill very shortly, and to come home on short leave before going back to the trenches.

I have just heard the sad news that Mr. and Mrs. Marsh have lost their son—killed in action. I am sure that all our sympathy will go out to them in their sad trouble.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

The Mothers' Meetings will commence again on Wednesday, November 1st. They will be held as usual at the Vicarage, at 2.30 p.m., on every Wednesday afternoon.

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OFFERTORIES.

		£	s.	d.	
Sept. 24th—M.	...		4	10	
E.	...		3	11	
Oct. 1st—M.	...		19	9	Harvest Thanksgiving
E.	...	2	3	7	
Oct. 8th—M.	...		3	3	
E.	...		1	9	
Oct. 15th—M.	...		3	8	
E.	...		2	10	

BERE REGIS NOTES—*continued*

and the Rev. A. B. Bennett contributed songs for which encores were also demanded. Then followed a highly amusing and successful play entitled: "Browne (with an 'e')." The Dramatis Personæ—who came from Bournemouth—consisted of Miss Stanley Sharp, Mrs. Raymond Radclyffe, Miss Oliveira, Mr. C. Crump, Mr. Graeme Oliveira and Mr. A. E. Copleston. All sustained their parts with manifest histrionic talent and with a vivid interpretation of the characters they severally impersonated. The stage was most artistically decorated, and the prettily painted scenery was the skilful workmanship of Mrs. Oliveira. Mrs. Johnson proved an efficient accompanist, and the whole performance reflected the greatest credit upon all concerned, who received a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the Rev. A. B. Bennett, before the proceedings closed.

THE WORKING PARTY.

The Working Party, which meets every Thursday at the Drax Hall, from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., has now been well started, and it only remains for more to join up. A hearty welcome will be given to additional members who are *needed*, if the amount of work contemplated is to be successfully carried out.

In this connection the Queen has recently issued the following appeal for her "Queen Mary's Needlework Guild:—"On the threshold of the third Winter since the beginning of the war, I appeal to all those who have generously responded to my requests for work during the past two years not to relax their efforts in providing comforts for our soldiers and sailors."

We are assured that the applications from regiments and hospitals at home and abroad increase instead of diminish, and an almost unlimited number of things are needed.

Here, then, is another opportunity for many to do their "little bit."

THE SOLDIERS' HALL.

It is interesting to record that, during the two years from October, 1914, to October, 1916, in which the Drax Hall has been placed at the disposal of the men stationed at Bovington Camp, 20,797

cups of tea have been served on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and the sum of £233, for provisions, has been spent in the village. The ladies who so readily give their time and energies to this good work, will therefore have the double satisfaction of knowing that while the Hall is a great boon to the soldiers, who are loud in their appreciation, the trade done in it, is also of great advantage to Bere Regis itself. We now miss many old friends—"the Dorsets" and others, who have been drafted off elsewhere, but the Australians who have come in in large force, have been quick to realise and appreciate the advantages the Hall continues to offer.

BERE REGIS ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following names have now to be added to previous lists :—

Private A. W. White of the 5th Dorsets, was killed in patrol duty in France, after service in Gallipoli and Egypt. He had been one of Mr. Bedford's employees, and his officer, Lieut. Jesty, writes of him : "He was a good fellow—one of my best men."

Private H. Brown, 5th Dorsets, has died of wounds, after two years' service.

Private Harry Bright, Lab. Batt., Royal Fusiliers, was killed in the fighting on the Somme Front. He went out to France in March of this year. His brother was also killed earlier in the war.

Private W. J. Ames, 5th Dorsets, has died of wounds. He was in the very beginning of the battle of the Somme.

Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the parents and relations of these brave fellows, of whom we are proud. Their sacrifice is also their glory—for "Greater love hath no man than this." May God comfort those who mourn.

MRS. HALLAM'S BEREAVEMENT.

I am sure we all deeply sympathise with Mrs. Hallam—our esteemed head teacher of the Girls' School—in the loss of her brother of the Cape Town Police, who was killed in S. Africa through being thrown from his horse. He was known to many in Bere Regis. He has done good service, and would soon have been entitled to his pension of retirement. This, perhaps, makes the case all the more sad.

BERE REGIS WAR SAVING ASSOCIATION.

A War Saving Association has been formed in Bere Regis under Scheme 3, which enables members to contribute from 1d. upwards and receive the same benefit as paying 15/6 at once.

Since starting, 17 certificates have been purchased and the Association has 25 members.

Other than school children may become members and subscriptions are received at the School House on Tuesdays, 5 to 7 p.m.

In purchasing certificates through a War Saving Association, members receive over 5 per cent. interest and can withdraw their money when they wish. The Committee number ten ladies, with Mrs. Jesty of the Retreat as Treasurer. Messrs. Jesty and Bullen have kindly acted as Auditors of the first quarterly accounts.

It is interesting to note that school children all over the country are proving active supporters of war-saving schemes. We are told that at Bootle, *e.g.*, every elementary school has its own association, and one school has collected £251 in a fortnight. Contributions of from £30 to £60 a week from a single school are not infrequent. One Kidderminster girls' school, in connection with a penny-a-week scheme, has subscribed 4,000 pennies, and another has contributed 5,000 pennies.

THE BELLS OF EVENSONG.

The defence of the Realm Act requires that church bells must not be rung after dark. We must therefore, be prepared to dispense with the usual "call" to our Sunday evening service after November 5th. We hope this will not in any way diminish our Sunday evening congregations. We all know the hour at which the service begins, viz., 6 o'clock. The only difference will be that the bells will not be rung.

THE CENTRAL DIOCESAN FUND.

We hope to be able to publish the result of the house-to-house collection for the above fund, in the December magazine. It is not quite completed in time for the November magazine.

THE INTERCESSION SERVICE.

We find it will be more convenient for some who attend our weekly Intercession Service, if it be held on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays. In future, therefore, or until further notice, the service will be held on each Wednesday at mid-day.

PERSONAL.

I hope to be able to take up my abode at the Vicarage early in November. I feel sure you will all extend a kind welcome to my newly-wedded wife.

AUGUSTUS B. BENNETT.

BAPTISMS.

Oct. 1st—Roger Frederick Way.
,, 8th—Arthur Cecil Mintern.
,, 15th—Emily Kate Toms.

OFFERTORIES.

Oct. 1st—XV. Sunday after Trinity—

	s.	d.
8.0	4	7
11.30	7	10
6.0	14	3

Oct. 8th—XVI. Sunday after Trinity—

	s.	d.
8.0	3	0

Oct. 15th—XVII. Sunday after Trinity—

	s.	d.
8.0	3	0

Oct. 22nd—XVIII. Sunday after Trinity—

	s.	d.
8.0	2	1

Oct. 29th—XIX. Sunday after Trinity—

	s.	d.
8.0	4	1