BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

JANUARY, 1919.

Sunday Services.

BERE.

Holy Communion 8.0
Also on the Great Festivals at 7.0 & 11.0
Choral—on the First Sunday of the month at 11.0
Mattins (except the First Sunday in the month) at 11.0.
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 7.0

Week Days.

Mattins 8.50

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY, 1919.

Jan. 1—Circumcision of our Lord.
,, 5—2nd Sunday after Xmas.
,, 6—Epiphany of our Lord.
,, 12—1st Sunday after Epiphany.
,, 19—2nd Sunday after Epiphany.
,, 25—Conversion of St. Paul.
,, 26—3rd Sunday after Epiphany.

MR. BERE'S LETTER.

Dec., 1918.

My dear Friends,

First of all let me wish you a Happy New Year. After so much war abroad let us strive for peace at home and avoid carrying the war-spirit into our social and political differences and difficulties. Before this year is out, most of the boys will be at home again. Our affair is to see to it that 'Blighty' is a happier and more hopeful place for them than it used to be.

Secondly. I have just sent home a wooden Cross, and should be glad if you will agree to it being placed somewhere in the Church. It was given me a few days ago by the Matron, who thought that it ought to be taken care of. It has been in the Mortuary, where those who died in the C.C.S. were laid, until they were taken to the Cemetry.

It will be a symbol to those who have lost sons or husbands, that the bodies of the dead were treated with all possible reverence and respect out here. The Matron has promised to send a brass plate to be fixed to the base of the Cross, stating where it came from.

I am,
Yours sincerely,
M. A. BERE.

MR. BENNETT'S LETTER.

1919.

My dear Friends,

This is the last time of my Editing your Parish Magazine, as I must soon now be entering upon my new work at Christchurch Priory, and it will not be very long before you may hope to have Mr. and Mrs. Bere with you once again. You will, I know, be ready to extend them a hearty welcome back to their parish, and doubtless Mr. Bere will have many interesting things to tell you about his work abroad during the great war.

We have, between us all, tried to keep things going during his absence, and there are many indications which show that, at all events, the work of the parish has not gone *backward* all this time. It has been my pleasure—with your aid—to endeavour to fill up the gap, and I am glad that the new sphere of work to which I am now called is not so very far away, so that there will be opportunity of keeping more or less in touch with you for some time to come. I hope if any of you happen to go over to Christchurch at any time to visit the noble Priory Church you will give me the opportunity of speaking to you.

I am glad to have been able to spend one more, (this memorable,) Xmas with you. Now that, happily, the war is over, we have realised more fully then ever the sweet Xmas Message of Peace, and we have Celebrated the Xmas. Festival with hearts full of thanksgiving. Perhaps it was on this account that our Xmas Communicants numbered more than usual, totalling 96 at the three Celebrations.

The Church was appropriately decorated for the Festival, and in spite of the fact that our choir has been somewhat depleted of late owing to removals from the parish, the musical portion of the services (including the time-honoured Carols) was efficiently rendered, and the services were well in keeping with our feelings and thoughts at the present time. A pleasant Social Evening was spent at the Drax Hall on Boxing Day, and Mrs. Lys informs me that the proceeds amounted to £5 3s. 6d., a portion of which is to be assigned to the Women's Institute, and the remainder to St. Dunstan's Home.

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Life is full of lights and shades, and a gloom was cast over the parish just before Xmas by the death of a well-known and much respected parishioner.

Mrs. Gregory, who has lived in the parish for over 40 years, and who loved her Church and was very regular in her attendance at the Services, has for some time past been suffering from a painful malady. Three times an operation proved successful, but under the fourth she succumbed, and passed peacefully away in the Dorset County Hospital only a day or two after she had gone there from her home. I saw her just before she left, and she was facing her ordeal very bravely and cheerfully, and with faithful resignation to the will of God. Perhaps we little realised we should not see her again. But it was willed otherwise, and she has been released from her sufferings

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Winterbourne Kingston.

Christmas is again here, and I trust that it will indeed be a Blessed Season for us all. It should be a time of deep thanksgiving to Almighty God for His great mercies to us, and of making earnest resolutions for the coming year—1919. I am quite sure that when we read of that highly critical time in France last Spring, (the knowledge of which was mercifully kept from us until now) when the most wonderful deeds of heroism and valour were performed by our courageous men, we must feel what an immense debt of gratitude we owe to our brave lads who withstood the fierce onrushes of the enemy in their last and supreme effort to break through our lines. It was only the dogged resistance of our soldier and their marvellous courage that made possible the final glorious victories, which in the end compelled our cruel and obstinate enemies to humbly sue for peace. So let us thank God, the only Giver of Victory, for His countless gifts of mercy and love, and as regards the unknown Future let us take courage and as the New Year dawns, let us say :—

"Father, let me dedicate
All this year to Thee,
In whatever wordly state,
Though wilt have me be.
Not from sorrow, pain or care,
Freedom would I claim,
This alone shall be my prayer,
"Father glorify Thy Name."

Since I last wrote in this Magazine, we have had two pretty weddings in the village, viz :—that of Mr. Harold Edwin Skyvington, (who returned from the Front on special leave for the ceremony), and Miss Lettie Mowlem ; and also that of Mr. Arthur William Janes (who is so well known and so highly respected in this neighbourhood) and Mrs. Armanda Marshall, (daughter of Mr. Chinchin, who has lately come from Bere Regis to live at Kingston, where the family resided for many years in the past). We offer our best wishes and warmest congratulations to both these happy couples.

We were very glad to see Private George Ballam and also Gunner T. Henville, who have been home on short Christmas leave. Both of them are looking exceedingly well, in spite of all the perils and privations through which they have passed. We were exceedingly pleased to hear from one of our old Choir boys —T. Jeans—who has been made a Lance Corporal and who will spend his Christmas in a small town "somewhere in France.

I regret to have to report two sad deaths—the first, that of Mr. Thomas Mowlem who died after only two days' illness.—His family is very well known and respected here and our sincere sympathy will be extended to them.—The other very sad death is that of Annie May—daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, who was married in our church only eight months ago, and I am sure that we shall sympathize most deeply with her bereaved husband and her sorrowing family in their terrible loss.

DENIS MOORE CANN.

MARRIAGES.

Dec. 7th Harold Edwin Skyvington and Lettie Emma Mowlem.

Dec. 18th—Arthur William Janes and Alice Armanda Marshall.

BURIAL.

Nov. 23rd—Thomas Mowlem aged 60 years.

OFFERTORIES.

				s.	d.
Nov. 24th—	M	...	...	2	2
	E	...	...	4	10
Dec. 1st—	M	...	...	3	1
	E	...	...	6	7
Dec. 8th—	M	...	...	1	7
	E	...	...	3	11
Dec. 15th—	M	...	...	2	0
	E	..	...	3	7

BERE REGIS NOTES—*continued*,

and called away to the Land where there is no more pain, and where God shall wipe the tear from every eye. She will be missed from her place in Church, but has gone to join in the Great Worship Beyond ! And in that she is with us still—for

"The Church in Heaven and that on earth
But one Communion make."

The funeral took place on the Feast of St. Thomas, December 21st, amid tokens of much sympathy. To her sorrowing husband and family we tender our heart-felt condolence in their sad bereavement. May God abundantly comfort them.

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On January 19th (the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany), and onward until Mr. Bere's return, the Services in Church will be conduct-

ed by the Rev. D. M. Cann. In order to accommodate the arrangement there will have to be a slight alteration in the *hours* of the Sunday Services, as Mr. Cann will be serving the *two* parishes of Bere Regis and Winterborne Kingston.

At Bere Regis, therefore, the Morning Service will be at 11-30 (instead of 11) and the Evening Service at 5-15 (instead of 6). And there will be *no* early service until further notice.

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It is not our custom in the Parish Magazine to refer to politics, but at the present time one cannot help referring hopefully to the result of the recent Election which bids fair (in the overwhelming coalition majority) to be a good augury for the establishment of a strong and just Peace, to which we are all looking forward with great hope.

So let me close in voicing the wish that Peace may be to the world, peace to our nation, and peace in our homes, and may it be that Blessing of the Lord "which maketh rich, and to which is added no sorrow."

With every good wish to you all for 1919 and always.

Believe me to remain,
Yours in all sincerity,
AUGUSTUS B. BENNETT.

BAPTISMS.

Dec. 1—Ian Bamphylde McCaul.
,, 22—Diana Donata Ames.
,, ,, —Edwin Charles Ames.

BURIAL.

Dec. 21—Frances Mary Gregory, aged 68 years.

OFFERTORIES.

		£	s.	d.
Dec. 1—Advent Sunday	8.0		10	1
	11.0		6	1
	6.0		13	9
	Children's Service		7	3
,, 8—Advent II.	8.0		3	5
,, 15—Advent III.	8.0		4	7
	11.0		17	10
	6.0	1	4	8
,, 22—Advent IV.	8.0		2	0
,, 25—Xmas. Day	7.0		8	7
	8.0	1	15	7
	11.0	1	7	10
,, 29—1st S. aft. Xmas.	8.0		2	0