BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

MARCH, 1920.

BERE. **Sunday Services.** KINGSTON.

Every Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon (except 3rd Sunday).

6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

1st Sunday in Month

12 a.m. Holy Communion.

Daily Services at times announced in Church each Sunday.

Every Sunday

Evensong and Sermon ... 3 p.m.

Third Sunday

Mattins, Sermon and Holy Communion ... ... 11 a.m.

Saints' Days.

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BERE REGIS.

Bere Regis Vicarage,
February 24th, 1920.

My dear friends,

At a Vestry meeting held at the Vicarage on February 17th, I asked the opinion of the Vestry on two points. First of all I asked whether it would cause inconvenience to the parishioners if the Sunday Evening Service was held at 6-30 p.m. instead of 6 p.m., and was told that if anything the change would be a popular one. My reason for desiring to make this change is that it does not leave me much time between the afternoon service at Winterborne Kingston and the evening service at Bere Regis. So in starting from the first Sunday in March, that is March 7th, the evening service at Bere Regis will be at 6-30 p.m. The other question I asked was whether we should have collections every Sunday instead of the first and third Sundays in the month as at present. It was unanimously agreed that we should have collections every Sunday. The fact is that under the present system the money we raise is insufficient to meet our ordinary running expenses for the church, apart from extraordinary expenditure on such things as the tower and the clock. As you know from the very beginning Sunday collections have been the general rule in the Christian Church. S. Paul, when writing to the Corinthians, tells them "upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store as he may prosper (1 Corinthians ch. 16 v. 2) And if we follow out this rule I do not think we ought to be worried over raising money to meet the necessary expenses of our church. I ask you, before you come to church, to consider what you can afford to give. And I should like to say, if I may, that it will relieve the Churchwardens and myself of considerable anxiety if the collections are generous so that we may not always be struggling to make both ends meet. At Winterborne Kingston there is already a weekly collection so that I need not dwell on this point to my readers there. But I do ask them for something else and that is personal service. Shortly after the outbreak of war a small island called Niuwe or Savage Island which is annexed to New Zealand, raised the sum of £164 which was sent to the Empire Defence Fund. Of this £131 was given by the natives, who at the same time offered 200 men to fight for the Empire wherever they were needed. With the gift and the offer came a letter signed by twelve chiefs. This is the letter "I am the island of Niuwe, a small child that stands up to help the kingdom of George V. There are two portions we are offering—(1) money (2) men." Now I call that letter a fine one and I think it exactly expresses what we should feel to-day. We, a country parish with not many people and no great riches are standing up to fight for the Kingdom of God. Let us in our turn make our offering (1) money, (2) the lives of men and women.

We are now in the season of Lent, the time when the call comes to us to consider seriously the way in which we are living our lives. And the question I ask each one of you to consider is whether you are carrying out your Baptismal promise "to confess the faith of Christ crucified and manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world and the devil." We cannot disguise from ourselves the fact that life is a serious business, and that if we are to get through it with tolerably clean hands it means a hard struggle, so spend the next few weeks in having a thorough spring-cleaning of your hearts, as good housewives do of their homes. Find out where you are going wrong, get rid of the dust and cobwebs, open the windows of your soul so that the "Dayspring from on High" may enter through them and flood them with sunshine. This is the best way of securing a Happy Easter.

Yours very sincerely,
R. C. V. HODGE.

MID-DORSET VILLAGE FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

By defeating Milton Abbas on Saturday, February 14th, Bere Regis won the Cup presented by Mr. Angus Hambro, M.P.

Appended is the Bere Regis Club's record in the Competition.

Matches played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
12	10	1	1

Goals. For.	Against.	Points.
40	8	21

H. H. BARNES,
Hon. Sec.

RE-DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH BELLS.

On Thursday, February 5th the Church Bells were formally rededicated by the Rural Dean, Rev. A. L. Helps. The Wool ringers were kind enough to come over and give us a peal and the Master and Secretary of the Salisbury Guild of Ringers were also present.

We should like to thank all concerned for the trouble they took on our behalf and especially the Rural Dean who came to fulfil his promise at a time when Mrs. Help's health was causing him great anxiety.

BAPTISM.

Feb. 22nd. Albert Victor George Simpson.

BURIAL.

Feb. 10th. Joseph Brewer, aged 78.

We congratulate Mr. Herbert Barnes on his marriage on January 26th. Mr. Barnes comes of a family that has done much for Bere Regis Church in the past, and his regular attendance in the choir shows that he is carrying on the family tradition. Our best, though belated, good wishes to him and Mrs. Barnes. The Bere Regis F.C. of which he is Hon. Secretary presented him with an handsome oak table of Jacobean design.

Mrs. E. Radclyffe has kindly presented the church with a pair of brass altar vases in place of those stolen some time previously. We are very grateful for the gift and the thought that prompted it.

We congratulate the choir boys on the excellent average of attendances they are making at present time. We have arranged to give at Christmas a hymn book to every boy in the choir who makes 90 per cent. of possible attendances and whose conduct is satisfactory. These hymn books will be similar to those used by the senior members of the choir.

We are glad to say that the ladies of the parish are considering the best methods of raising money for the payment of the Church Tower and Clock. The details are not settled yet but by next month it should be possible to give particulars. In the meanwhile one suggestion has been made which could be put into practice at once. Will those of our readers who keep hens give the eggs which are laid by the hens on the Sundays during Lent to the Belfry Restoration Fund? If it is inconvenient to send the eggs please put the money that the eggs make into an envelope, mark the envelope "egg money" and send it to the Vicar.

An inset in this magazine gives particulars of a Missionary Exhibition to be held in Dorchester from March 22nd—26th. From what we have heard it will be well worth seeing and we hope to be able to take some of our Sunday School children over to see it. But as we cannot take more than 30 of them we are afraid that it will be impossible to take all who wish to go as we are only making the very low charge of 1/- a head which does not cover expenses.

MOTHERS' UNION.

A service for the members of the Mothers' Union will be held in the Parish Church on Wednesday, March 24th at 3 p.m. All mothers, whether members of the Union or not are invited to attend.

I am very glad to see a better attendance at the 8 o'clock Celebrations of the Holy Communion on Sunday mornings. This is largely due to the fact that members of the Sunday School have undertaken to see that what has happened in the past shall not happen again, namely that owing to there being no Communicants present, no Celebration was possible. I hope that the numbers at these services may grow steadily. The weekly Celebration or Breaking of Bread goes back to the earliest days of Christianity (read Acts xx 7)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

We reprint the following from the Salisbury Diocesan Gazette.

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PAROCHIAL ELECTIONS.

"The Parochial Roll should now be compiled without delay under the direction of the Vicar and Churchwardens in every Parish.

All lay Parishioners of either sex, of 18 years of age and over, who have been baptised and do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Church of England, are eligible for the Roll of their Parish. The following form must be signed by everyone :—

I (full names) of declare that I have attained the age of eighteen years and reside in the Parish of and am a member of the Church of England and do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Church of England, and that I am not entered

as a non-resident elector on the electoral roll of another parish in the same diocese.

Signed "

I hope shortly to receive some pamphlets for distribution explaining what this National Assembly is to do. In the meanwhile I print the form that is to be signed in order to ask if any members of the congregation will volunteer to get the forms signed by their immediate friends and neighbours. If so will they be kind enough to send in their names to me.

R. C. V. HODGE.