BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

JUNE, 1921.

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

11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon.

6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Celebrations of Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday of the Month after Mattins, on the 3rd Sunday at 8 a.m.

Saints' Days.

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My dear Friends.

Since I last wrote we have lost our Bishop, who died on May 4th. May God send us a worthy successor. The Sunday following his death the bell-ringers rang a semi-muffled peal at the 11 o'clock and 6 o'clock services, and the Organist played the Dead March at the conclusion of the services. A short Memorial Service was held in the Church at the time of the Bishop's funeral.

Whitsuntide has come and gone, but at the time of writing the coal dispute still continues. The result is, of course, the gradual throttling of our industries. Factories are standing idle because there is no power to drive the machinery. I cannot help feeling that we are witnessing a similar experience in our Church to-day. We are playing about with machinery when we ought to be concentrating all our energies on getting the power to drive the machinery which we already possess. For example, in this parish of ours we have our machinery ready to hand. We have our two Churches, our Schools, our Parochial Church Councils and so on. I don't say that the machinery is perfect or could not be improved. It certainly could. But what I am constantly feeling is that our chief want is the power to drive this machinery, rather than new machines. We are only working, so to speak, half-time because we make use of an inadequate amount of power. Now the power that drives the machinery of the Church is the Holy Ghost. And the Holy Ghost Himself represents an inexhaustible supply of power. We need never be afraid of want of power to drive our machinery if only, by some means or other we can be linked up with Him. But how can this linking up process take place? First by prayer, secondly by making use of the Sacraments that Christ Himself has ordained for His Church. If you read the Acts of the Apostles' you will find that these are the ways by which they received the power of the Spirit which Jesus Christ promised them. First of all they gathered together and prayed. Then after some days the Holy Ghost came upon them, manifesting His presence by acts of power. Then this supply of power was constantly renewed when they were gathered together to break bread. And I believe that if we follow their example the same results will follow. Only we must take trouble about it. I do not believe that a parish can receive the blessing of "power from on high," so long as it neglects the use of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and cannot find time to pray for the gifts of the Holy Ghost. I must confess that I have been greatly disappointed at the way in which those who have recently been Confirmed have neglected to perform their promises with regard to attendance at the Holy Communion. Each month they receive a reminder about it and in addition, before being presented at Confirmation they expressly declared their intention of becoming regular Communicants. But there has been a bad falling off. I do not think it is altogether their fault. I think it is largely due to the general apathy on the subject. "Man cannot live by bread alone" is a truth often ignored in these and other days. If you have a soul it needs feeding as much as your body, provided it is to become strong and healthy. Yet there are numbers who are quite content to go on from week to week without seeking the slightest nourishment for their souls. How can you expect healthy conditions of life under these conditions?

To turn to other subjects. I should like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Hyde, on the ordination of their son Frank to the Deaconate on Trinity Sunday, and to express the hope that in years to come he will experience the full joy of his vocation.

May I take this opportunity of announcing that the SALE OF WORK in aid of the Assistant Curate's Fund will be held at the Vicarage on the afternoon of Thursday, June 30th. I hope that there will be a good attendance on that day. I should be very grateful for gifts, whether they take the form of donations of money or articles to be sold at the Refreshment or Fancy Work Stalls. There are also a number of garments and other articles that require sewing together or whatever it is that ladies do when they make things up, volunteers for this working pupose will be welcomed at the Vicarage.

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

Winterborne Kingston.

My dear Friends,

There is still plenty of seating accomodation in the Church and it would give us considerable pleasure to see some of those empty pews occupied by those who "profess and call themselves Christians." Too often we lavish time on all that concerns the things of this life, while we give it grudgingly and sparingly to God, as though the surplus were good enough for him, when we are tired or weary of the things of this world. Is it not

sadly true that many men who can find plenty of time for the pleasures of this life, find no time for those things which concern God and their Souls. May I plead with you most earnestly to do all in your power to make the influence of your Church felt by being regular at worship yourself and using your influence to induce those who are either irregular or absent themselves altogether to become constant worshippers.

We all regret that illness prevented our Organist from taking her usual place at the organ on Sunday, May 8th. Master John Hames, however, kindly took Mrs. Sheppard's place and his rendering of Church Music agreeably surprised us. This was the first time he had played on Sunday for us and he managed to get through without a mistake. It is rather a comfort to feel that amidst the the present shortage of Church Workers, we can sport the luxury of an Assistant Organist at Winterborne Kingston.

It has struck me on several occasions that the members of the Congregation love singing and have a few old favourites amongst Hymns Ancient and Modern which they like to sing with louder voices and greater euthusiasm than the rest. It would at any time be a pleasure to me to change the hymns should any member of the congregation desire a favourite or special one. *Good* hearty congregational singing is a real inspiration and we are not lacking as St. Nicholas in this respect. I am, however, more anxious to make a few of my favourite hymns your favourites also, and with this object in view I am going to ask the congregation to assemble at a quarter to six on the first Sunday, in the month to practice a few special hymns. I am aiming at a wider and more varied selection of tunes as well as the combination of the choir and congregation.

Services on Whit-Sunday were good and although very thin in the morning, we had 20 Communicants. The Evening Service attracted a number of people, possibly on account of the singing. The Choir did remarkably well and the Anthem seems to have been appreciated. I hope that we shall be able to manage a *Musical Service* in the near future with the four parts properly rendered.

WANTED.

There are a few things we want but for fear of shocking you I propose to put them in the Magazine one at a time. We want this month a board to put up the numbers of Psalms for the Services. We have one for the hymns and require one for the Psalms. Will someone be good enough to present us with one please?

Yours sincerely,
ATHUR R. COLLINS.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S CLUB.
(Communicated).

When the Tea-room for Soldiers was closed in January, 1919, there was a balance in hand of £67 8s. 6d., which was invested in War Loan Certificates. These have been called in, and with the interest, £7 19s. 5d. The total £75 7s. 11d., has been paid to the Treasurer of the ex-Service Men's Club, which is being formed.

The above balance did not accrue from profits made from the sales to Soldiers, but from gifts of food, etc., received from time to time.

BERE REGIS CRICKET CLUB.

For the month of June we have arranged matches with the Clubs as stated below:—

June 4th—Charborough—Home
,, 11th—Weymouth—Away
,, 18th—Blandford—Home
,, 25th—Poole—Away

A. E. BARNES,
Hon. Sec.,
B.R.C.C.

The Village Football Club have again succeeded in winning the Mid-Dorset Village Football League Challenge Cup, given by Mr. Angus Hambro, M.P.

Club's record in the Competition.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
16	12	3	1	52	21	25

H. H. BARNES,
Hon. Sec.

We congratulate the Football Club on winning the Cup for the second time in succession and hope that next year they will beat all records.

RECREATION FIELD.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Drax Hall, on April 15th, and there were present a good number of those interested in Cricket, Football, etc.

Mr. Bedford was chosen Chairman of the Meeting. The Treasurer produced the Accounts of the Recreation Committee, and it was pro-

posed by Mr. Bugby, seconded by Mr. F. T. Jesty that the Accounts be passed. Carried. Balance in hand £3 12s. 8d., proposed by Mr. F. Lys, seconded by Mr. E. March that the Officers, President, Vice-President, etc., be re-elected en bloc. Carried.

Mr. Bedford asked to be released from the position of Secretary and Treasurer and on the proposition of Mr. F. Lys, seconded by Mr. E. March—Mr. J. Edmonds was chosen to fill the vacancy, proposed by Mr. E. Marsh, seconded by Mr. F. Lys, that Col. Roundell, M.P. and Mr. W. Bedford be elected Vice-Presidents. Carried.

Mr. F. Jesty on behalf of the Football section, and Mr. F. Lys for the Cricket section expressed the sincere thanks of both player, and supporters to the Recreation Committee and also to the subscribers to the fund—Mr. Bedford returning thanks on behalf of the Committee, expressed the hope that Lawn Tennis would be added to Cricket and Football and that all Recreation might find accommodation on the field and work harmoniously. Mr. Bedford also called attention to the need of a place where the children could have some play, swings, etc., and thus be kept off the highways.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the Meeting.