

November 1960

Bere Regis Vicarage,

Dorset.

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My dear friends,

It is the greatest concern to me that the normal Holy Communion Services at 8 a.m. at the Parish Church have not on recent Sundays been possible since the onset of this present spinal trouble. I am waiting now to be re-admitted into the Portwey Hospital, and you will know that my one desire will be to return to take fully the remaining services of my Ministry here. Meanwhile I am very grateful to everyone for their kind understanding and I know that you join with me in grateful appreciation of the services which are being taken by the Reverend A. W. Wheeler, at both the Parish Church and at S. Nicholas. I am so sorry that there has had to be any curtailment of services before my departure on November 30th. Very frequently during the vacancy of a living drastic cuts have to be made on Sundays but we are most fortunate that the services will be entirely as usual in both Churches, apart from two alterations at the Parish Church. From the beginning of December there will be no 8 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion during the remaining winter months, but there WILL BE Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. at the Parish Church on the 4th Sunday in the month and also as usual following Mattins on the 2nd Sunday in the month. During the Winter Evensong at the Parish Church will be at 5.45 p.m.

My wife and I are feeling our approaching departure from the Parish very deeply but the fact that I have had this prolonged attack does make it conclusively evident that it was a right decision both from the point of view of the Parish and myself, although a very hard one for us to leave the Churches and our many kind and loyal friends. In the section of Occasional Prayers in the Prayer Book there is a Prayer for use during the Vacancy of a Parochial Charge, which I hope all will use daily. At the moment of writing no appointment has been made. I know from my own experience that when that time comes your new Vicar will have your help and encouragement and support to assist him in his plans for the Spiritual Life of the Parish.

During November we have had kind invitations to a Parish Social in both villages, for which we are so grateful, and at which we shall give an opportunity to say goodbye to each other. I hope I shall return from hospital sufficiently well to see those in their own homes who are not well enough to attend these gatherings.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

ROLAND C. HERRING.

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IT is with regret that a decision not to continue this Magazine next year has had to be made owing to the high expense of publication. Grateful thanks are due to those who have given so much time over the years in its distribution and to Henry Ling Ltd. for their generous financial concession to us over the years in view of the nature of the Magazine.

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THE sum of £10 7s. 4d. was the amount sent to The Church of England Children's Society from the collecting boxes by Mrs. Drew, Hon. Secretary, who would be glad to issue boxes to anyone making application to her.

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THERE will most regretfully be no distribution this Christmas of The Jesty, Charity, owing to the relative clause in the Trust Deed which requires the signatures of the Vicar of the Parish and the Congregational Minister, both appointments being vacant. The Fund will of course accumulate for future distribution.

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THE Annual S. Nicholas Church Market will be held in the W.I. Hall on Friday Evening, December 2nd, at 6.30 p.m. Gifts to the stalls will be gratefully received during the afternoon from 2.30-3.30 p.m.