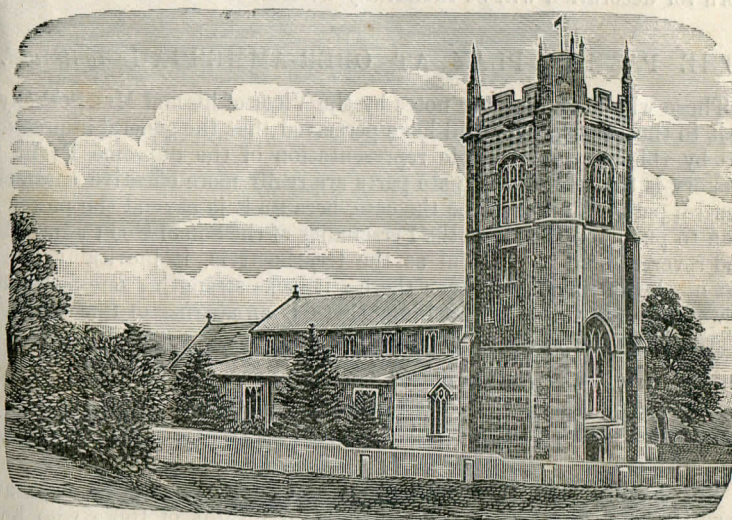


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Church Services.

BERE REGIS.

Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Holy Communion, October 7, 8 a.m. and Mid-day.

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„ 21, 8 a.m.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on Thursday, October 4, and next Sunday. On Thursday, at 7-30 p.m., the preacher will be the Rev. Donald Campbell, Rector of Okeford. The Offertory will be for the Dorset County Hospital. Any offerings in Flowers or Corn for decoration will be thankfully welcomed.

THE PASSION PLAY AT OBER-AMMERGAU—*continued.*

Those who have read the notes by the Vicar of his and Mrs. Sotheby's visit to the Passion Play will have perceived that the general impression left by this very remarkable representation of the Supreme Event in History is that the subordinate parts are really more effective than the Central part. This must be the case, because it is beyond the power of man to put upon the stage the Personality of the Son of God; admirable and reverent and thoughtful as the treatment is, it inevitably leaves out much that must have been there; it lacks strength; one feels that however beautiful and touching, there is an absence of that which is expressed by the words of our own poet,—

Strong Son of God, immortal Love,
Whom we that have not seen Thy face
By faith and faith alone embrace,
Believing, when we cannot prove.

But having said this, we cannot admire too much the care and devotion and earnestness and thoughtful insight of those who have laboured so hard and so successfully to enable the spectators to understand the working out of the motives which brought about the great Tragedy; the wonderful gifts and graces manifest in this small community of simple shopkeepers and mechanics, who play their parts with such naturalness, as well as artistic skill and excellence, that scarcely a jar is felt even in the tremendous scenes of the Last Supper and the Crucifixion.

Moreover, as has been previously said, the performance is lit up by interludes of delightful music. The melodies which recur again and again in varied clothing, haunt one in a strange way, and to some of us seem scarcely of this earth. A very large portion of the devotional character of the performance is owing to the choral descriptions of the various scenes.

And, finally, is it not wonderful that in so Catholic a district as the Bavarian Tyrol, nothing is said or done which should be painful even to the staunchest Protestant? Even in the Institution of the Blessed

Sacrament, there is nothing which suggests Romish superstition; no legend, however dear to devout Catholics, is allowed to intrude itself into the simple Gospel story; we leave Ammergau with a sense of deep thankfulness, that however widely we English church people may differ from these villagers in many religious conceptions, at its root our faith is one and the same, and that in the presence of the Crucified and Risen Son of God, our differences are of small account in comparison with the central truths of the Gospel as to which we are at one.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

A full account of the Flower Show must be held over till next month. Although the gate money was comparatively small owing to the disastrous weather, it is believed that with the balance in hand from last year the expenses will be met.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEA,

August 7, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

				£	s.	d.
Rev. W. E. H. Sotheby	...	...	...	1	1	0
Mrs. Radcliffe	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. G. Lys	...	...	...	10	0	
Mr. Lys	...	...	...	10	0	
Mrs. Jesty	10	0	
Mrs. Besent	10	0	
Mr. Hibbs	5	0	
G. Blaine, Esq.	5	0	
Mr. W. Bedford	1	0	6
Visitors	1	15	6
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				£	7	0

EXPENDITURE.

				£	s.	d.
223 Tickets at 6d. each for Children, Mothers,						
Teachers, and Band	5	11	6
71 Teas for Visitors	1	15	6
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				£	7	0

BAPTISMS.—Sept. 2, Frederick Charles Hewitt.

„ 21, Patience Maine }
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MARRIAGES.—Sept. 15, William Smart and Edith Alice Maud Grant.

„ 15, Albert Wilkins and Emily Kenchington.
 „ 26, Henry House and Frances Sarah Corbin.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL.

The yearly Harvest Festival was held on the evening of Wednesday, September 12th. The Church was very prettily decorated, and among the offerings was a large quantity of good fruit, which has since been sent with the vegetables to the County Hospital at Dorchester. The congregation was a very large one, a good many strangers being present. The service went well and heartily. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Chapman, and was very much appreciated by every one. We are very grateful to Canon Chapman for coming. The Services were continued on the Sunday following, and the collections at the three services amounted to £5 4s., the largest amount ever collected at these services in Kingston. The money has been sent as usual to the County Hospital at Dorchester.

EVENING SCHOOL.

These classes commence on October 1st, and will be held in the School Room on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 7 to 8-35 p.m. The subjects will be Commercial History and Geography, and Hygiene.

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MARRIAGE.—Sept. 4, John William Richardson to Alice Bertha Chaffey Way.