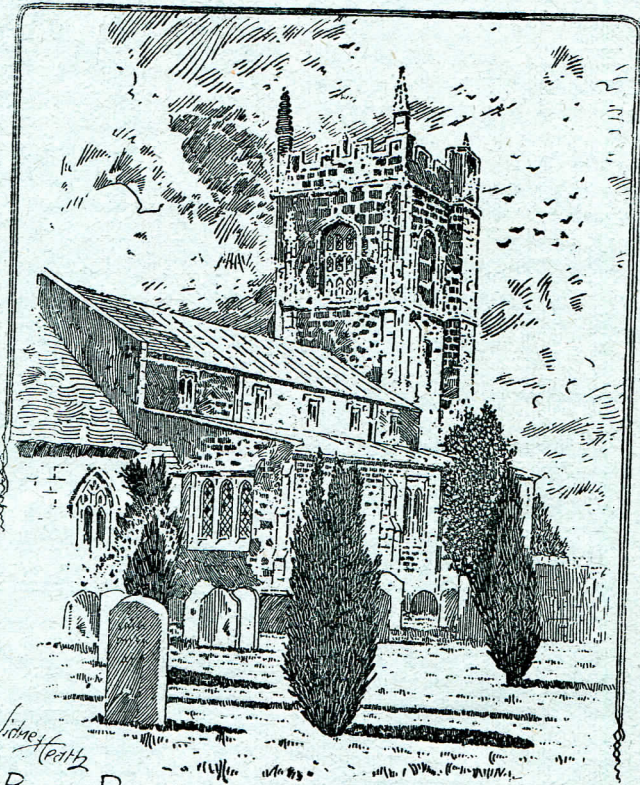


# BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

DECEMBER, 1917.



*Sibthorpe*  
Bere Regis Church

## BERE. Sunday Services. KINGSTON.

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

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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## THE CHURCH'S CALENDAR.

- Dec. 21—St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr.  
" 25—Christmas Day.  
" 26—St. Stephen, the First Martyr.  
" 27—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.  
" 28—Holy Innocents' Day.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS.

Special Advent Sermons will be preached on the Sundays in Advent.

On each Wednesday, at mid-day, there will be Intercessions and a Short Advent Litany.

There will be a *Special Service for Communicants* on Thursday, December 20th, at 7 p.m.

The Services on Christmas Day will be as follows:—

- 7 a.m. Holy Communion  
8 a.m. Holy Communion  
11 a.m. Mattins, Holy Communion, and Sermon.  
6 p.m. Shortened Evensong and Carols.

Carols will also be sung at Evensong on the Sunday after Christmas, December 30th.

## MR. BERE'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

At a conference held last month at Salisbury, Canon Garrett, Vicar of Portsea said, "I am convinced that services must be shortened, and that there must be added some of an informal character." With this the Bishop expressed his agreement, saying that he was "strongly in favour of greater elasticity of service." I myself am convinced that the speakers were right, and that there ought to be more change and more variety in our public worship. Also I am "fed up" with hearing this sort of thing so constantly said, while no action is taken in consequence, and further if parish churches are going to make any alterations, I would sooner that Bere Regis was the first to act, and not the last.

What can be done? just this:—Evensong could be said at 3 o'clock and the 6 o'clock service might be as follows. (1) Hymn, (2) Prayers (or the Litany Sung), (3) Hymn, (4) New Testament Lesson, (5) Hymn, (6) Sermon, (7) Hymn. Not every Sunday of course, but say every other Sunday or perhaps once a month, this might be done. It is a type of service very common with our troops, and I find the men like it.

Personally it is not a type of service that appeals to me, and the majority of our Church-

people will be of the same mind. But when we are asked by our Bishop, to hold some services of an informal character, in the hope that by so doing we may win some who at present are lost to us, I am ready and glad to sink my personal preferences, and I believe that the mass of our Churchpeople will agree to do the same. If there is any reasonable hope that more "elasticity" will help to extend the kingdom of God, then there is nothing more to be said, but there is plainly something to be done.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. BERE.

## THE NATIONAL SOCIETY.

On Sunday, November 18th, sermons on behalf of the above Society were preached by the Rev. S. Hughes Games, M.A. late Principal of Bishop Wilson's Theological College, Isle of Man, and Diocesan Inspector of Schools, Bristol. The Collections amounted to £2 4s. 3d.

## WEDDING.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Tuesday, October 30th, Miss Iris Evelyn Rosamund Radclyffe, second daughter of Major and Mrs. Eustace Radclyffe, of Hyde, was married to Major Theodore Prestige, L.C.C. of Mohun House, Blackheath Park, Kent, and 17 Hertford St., Mayfair. The wedding, which was fully Choral, was conducted by the Rev. Augustus B. Bennett, in charge of Bere Regis, assisted by Colonel the Rev. Arthur Hart, M.A., Vicar of St. Nicholas, Deptford. The bride, who was handsomely attired, was given away by her father, Major C. R. E. Radclyffe (1st. Life Guards) and was attended by Matrons of Honour, bridesmaids, and two tiny train-bearers. A military Guard of Honour was in attendance at the Church Porch, and the Church was crowded with guests and interested friends.

We accord our very best wishes to the happy bride and bridegroom.

## DRAX HALL SOLDIER'S TEA ROOM.

It will be of interest to all of us to know that during the three years that the hall has been in use for soldiers from Bovington Camp, 34,316 cups of tea have been served, and £431 10s. 5d. spent, all in the Village.

The ladies of the Parish, who give up so much of their time and energies to the manage-

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# Winterborne Kingston.

## ADVENT.

The solemn Season of Advent, will be here almost before you read these lines, and there will be special services of Intercession and prayer with an address on each Thursday evening at 7 p.m., and I trust that these services may be as well attended as they were last year. The services on Christmas Day will be

Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

Matins and Sermon, and Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

Evening Service (Carols) at 6 p.m.

The terrible War seems to show no signs whatever of a speedy termination, but rather to grow fiercer as the weeks pass on. The indisputable righteousness of our cause, and the marvellous courage of our brave soldiers and sailors are the two great factors which must undoubtedly in the end bring us that Victory and Peace for which we long and pray. The Sacrifices that all of us are called upon to endure, may, (for so we are warned) become even greater next year, but I am certain that we shall all bear them with patience, and, when we think of what our brave lads at the Front are bearing hourly "for the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and his dominions," I am quite sure that, on our part, there will be no shirking of our most obvious duty—to do our utmost by self-sacrifice and self-denial, and, above all, by our prayers to bring nearer the longed for day when God will again "give His people the blessing of peace." May God in His mercy hasten that day, and may He comfort all those who are mourning the loss of some dear one, bidding them look forward from this long night of sorrow, towards the dawning of the Day when all "shadows shall pass away."

I trust that we may all spend as happy a Christmas as is possible in these dark days. Of course we must forego, again this year, the festivities which are customary at this season, and I hope that as many as possible will be present at the services on Christmas Day.

We are losing, I am very sorry to say, several families from Kingston, and we shall miss them very much indeed. Mrs. Stacey is leaving shortly for Wimborne and, after her long connection with Kingston and her deep interest in all things connected with the Church and Sunday School, her loss will indeed

be greatly felt. We trust that every blessing will attend her in her new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Whiffen have left for Hamworthy and I am glad to know that they are happily settled there. Mr. and Mrs. E. Ricketts have also left Kingston for East Stour. We regret the departure of these families very much indeed, and the absence of their children from the Choir and the Sunday School (at which they were most regular attendants) is indeed a great loss to us.

I am exceedingly pleased that the Mothers' Meetings have commenced with a larger number than ever before, and I am very much gratified at the good attendance, especially as there are some new members in addition to those who came last year.

## COAL CLUB.

The Misses Mansel Pleydell have been so very kind as to send a donation towards providing a premium for depositors in the Coal Club. I am exceedingly grateful to them for their unflinching kindness towards our village and, this year, their kind gift—in view of the prevailing high prices—is even, more than ever, acceptable.

We were very glad indeed to see W. Berry, who has been here, on short leave. He looks very thin, but this is not to be wondered at, considering all that he has gone through at the Front.

It was very pleasant to see J. Keynes, who paid a very short visit to his old home. He was for a considerable time in Hospital, and now expects to be sent to the Front again almost immediately. He has already served at Gallipoli, in Mesopotamia and in France, and he has had very many narrow escapes.

DENIS MOORE CANN.

## OFFERTORIES.

			s.	d.
Oct. 28th—M.	...	...	2	3
E.	...	...	3	7
Nov. 4th—M.	...	...	3	2
E.	...	...	5	0
Nov. 11th—M.	...	...	2	4
E.	...	...	4	2
Nov. 18th—8 a.m.	...	...	3	0
M.	...	...	3	0
E.	...	...	2	7

BERE REGIS NOTES—*continued.*

ment of the hall, may feel well repaid by the gratitude and appreciation of the men from Bovington, who continue to come over on Saturday and Sunday afternoons in goodly numbers.

CONCERT.

Under the auspices of the ladies who superintended the above Soldier's Tea Room a very excellent entertainment was given at the Drax Hall on Wednesday, November 21, by friends from Bovington Camp, and arranged by Lance Corporal Hood. The room was crowded to its utmost capacity by an appreciative and enthusiastic audience, who greatly enjoyed the admirable "Bill of Fare" provided. Every item was heartily encored, especially Gnr. Whitelaw's clever "Chalk Sketches," and the humorous songs by Corporal Mackay and C.Q.M.S. Weir. Lance Corporal Hood gave some very able and pleasing pianoforte solos, and capital songs were rendered by Corporal Plant and Corporal Jones. Sergeant Scott mystified the audience by some very skilful Magical Problems, and Sergeant Histod gave an amusing and clever "Impersonation of Carlton," with some astounding card-tricks. At the close of the performance Mr. Jesty made an appropriate speech in thanking the performers, and laid emphasis upon the magnificent work of the Red Cross Society and its urgent claim upon our help and support. The proceeds of the Concert were for that Society and amounted to the excellent sum of £10 10s.

All who were responsible are to be heartily congratulated on the success of the Entertainment.

HAIG'S BRILLIANT VICTORY.

Our Church bell-ringers well rose to the occasion on Sunday, November 25th, and four times during the day the bells pealed out joyously to celebrate our recent Victory on the Western Front. The bells were rung at

the special request of our Bishop, who expressed the wish that (as far as possible) the bells from all the Church Towers in the Diocese should be rung for the occasion. The sound of "The Church's Artillery," as the bells have been called, certainly had a heartening effect after the war-gloom of the past few weeks, and although much has yet to be accomplished before the Victory of the Allies can be established, and which will entail a great deal more of suffering and sacrifice, yet it is only seemly that we should shew our thankfulness for the measure of success already granted us, and more especially for this recent Victory in the Cambrai battle, which, in the opinion of our military experts, will have consequences of a far-reaching importance.

AUGUSTUS B. BENNETT.

OFFERTORIES.

		£	s.	d.
Nov. 4—Trinity XXII.	8-0		2	9
			11	5
			6	30
" 11—Trinity XXIII.	8-0		13	9
" 18—Trinity XXIV.	8-0		1	6
			3	10
			11	0
			6	0
" 25—Trinity XXV.	8-0		1	4
(children)	2-30		2	0
			5	3

MARRIAGE.

Oct. 30—At St. Margaret's, Westminster. John Theodore Prestige, (Major, L.C.C., London Volunteer Regiment) only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Theodore Prestige, Mohun House, Blackheath Park, Kent, to Iris Evelyn Rosamund Radclyffe, second daughter of Major C. R. E. Radclyffe (1st Life Guards, Reserve of Officers) and Mrs. Radclyffe of Hyde, Dorset, and Foxdenton Hall, Lancashire.