

BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

FEBRUARY, 1919.



John Heath
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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NEAR BAPAUME.

My dear Friends,

On Christmas afternoon I was ordered into Hospital, because I was found to have a mild—very mild—attack of Diphtheria. Luckily it was the afternoon and not earlier in the day, so the Services were not interfered with, and I should have been sorry to have missed them. The unit Concert Party formed itself into a choir, so we were able to have an Anthem at Mattins, and to sing carols—in four and five parts—in the wards afterwards. For myself I have been in bed since, and my most optimistic hope is that I may be allowed to go back to work at the beginning of next month.

At Christmastime it was my pleasure and privilege to join with Mr. Crookall and Mr. Bullen in dispensing the gifts under the new charity, recently founded by Mr. and Mrs. Jesty in memory of their daughter, whom they lost shortly before I came to the parish. Mr. and Mrs. Jesty desired to commemorate her memory in a manner they knew to be after her own heart. The capital sum of the charity is £500, and the interest will be distributed twice a year by the trustees appointed under the deed of gift. So for all time certain poor people in the parish will have cause for grateful remembrance of the name of Miss Nellie Jesty. On behalf of those who were the first recipients, and of those who will benefit in years to come, we may warmly thank Mr. and Mrs. Jesty for their kindly generosity.

To-day is the last Sunday, on which Mr. Bennett is ministering at Bere Regis Church. It has been most fortunate that he has been able to stay so long. His ministrations have been most acceptable, and the congregation will be sorry to bid him good-bye. Personally I owe him a debt of gratitude, some of my colleagues in France have many and frequent anxieties about the way things are going in their Churches at home. Thanks to Mr. Bennett I have had none. He takes with him the good wishes of his temporary parishioners.

As far as I know, I am most likely to be able to return for the first Sunday in April. I do not think it at all probable that I shall be demobilised earlier. Meantime Mr. Cann will kindly step into the breach as he has done before.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. BERE.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Will you kindly allow me space in the Magazine to express on behalf of Mrs. Bennett and myself to the people of Bere Regis our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the kind and pleasing presentation which we have received on the eve of our departure. It came to us as a welcome and humbling surprise, and over and beyond the acceptable gift of the generous cheque we specially value the long list of the names of the donors, which representatively includes the whole parish. We are extremely touched by this farewell expression of goodwill from the parishioners we have been living amongst for the last, nearly, three years, and we shall carry away with us to our new sphere of work at Christchurch Priory the impression of this kindly act and shall always treasure the memory of our Bere Regis friends, whose names we are privileged to have before us on the Illuminated Address. Allow me to express our united thanks to one and all, and our most gratified appreciation.

Very sincerely yours,

AUGUSTUS B. BENNETT.

Winterbourne Kingston.

The heavy and continuous rainfall that we have had since the commencement of the year has naturally militated against good congregations, but I am pleased that so many made an effort to attend the services in spite of the inclement weather and the bad roads.

For the present, the services will be at the hours, given out in Church, namely at 10 a.m. in the morning, and at 6.30 p.m. in the evening, as I have undertaken the services at Bere Regis, until Mr. Bere's return from the Front.

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop will hold a Confirmation Service at Blandford Parish Church on Wednesday, March 19th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. I shall be very glad to receive as soon as possible the names of those who wish to be confirmed this year, in order that classes may be arranged. I find that 41 candidates have been presented by me, during the time that I have been at Kingston.

On Sunday, Jan. 19th, I had completed six years of ministry at Kingston, and the changes that have taken place in the village during this period, more especially, of course, during the past five years, are very great indeed. One misses, alas! that exceedingly fine body of young men, who were such regular attendants at the Church, many of whom have given their lives for their country in the greatest and most terrible of all wars.

I was very glad to see Motor Transport Driver, H. Symes here, on leave. He has indeed been in many serious dangers, on one occasion having to wait with his Motor Car for a General, in the very place that had been shelled at that particular time, each afternoon. Happily however, he has come through all, unscathed, and we trust that he may soon be home, for good.

DENIS MOORE CANN.

Septuagesima Sunday (Feb. 16th) will shortly be here, when we shall begin to think of the approaching solemn season of Lent, and we must remember (as the words of the beautiful old hymn tell us) that

“ Alleluia cannot always
 Be our song while here below :
 Alleluia our transgressions
 Make us for awhile forego
 For the solemn time is coming
 When our tears for sin must flow.”

OFFERTORIES.

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Dec. 29th—	M	3	9
	E	5	5
Jan. 5th—	M	2	3
	E	3	10
Jan. 12th—	M	1	10
	E	6	8
Jan. 19th—	M	1	1
	E	3	11