

BERE REGIS & WINTERBORNE KINGSTON

FEBRUARY, 1921.



Wm. Heath
Bere Regis Church

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,

There is a very old chestnut about a sailor who had a parrot to sell. He was asked if it talked much, 'No', he replied, 'it don't talk much but it does a deal of thinking'. Most of this last month I have felt like that parrot. A sprained ankle has kept me indoors and has given me the opportunity of doing a deal of thinking. And the conclusion of my thoughts is that it is time I got this magazine written.

I must apologise to some of the subscribers who received their magazines late this month. The Parochial Church Council decided that only 100 copies of the Magazine should be printed each month. Then we found that we had more than 100 subscribers so that we had to get some more printed. Our present net circulation is 135 copies per month printed and paid for. At least I hope they are. I mention this fact because I do not want to see our Parish Magazine pilloried by the "Daily Mail" as belonging to the Dumb Press which consists of those journals which will not disclose their circulation of net sales.

Next week a Commission appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese is to sit at Dorchester for the purpose of discussing whether the benefice of Bere Regis cum Winterbourne Kingston shall be united with the benefice of Winterbourne Tomson, though even if the union be recommended it will be some time before it can be carried out. I have been acting as curate-in-charge of Tomson since April and the money I have received has gone towards paying for the Sunday services at Kingston. As things are at the present time the stipend of the Vicar of Bere Regis is insufficient to support two priests which is what the parish requires. But if Tomson is united then I hope it will be possible for me to have another colleague here permanently. In fact I am only waiting at the present moment to see what the Commission has to say before making an offer to a gentleman who is willing to come if we can guarantee his stipend.

I wonder if any of our subscribers would pass on to me illustrated papers, magazines, etc. after they have read them for the use of a Young Men's Club that meets at the Vicarage once a week. I have to thank Captain Drax for his gift of a year's subscription to "Public Opinion". Possibly some others would follow his example. I speak of a club but I am not

sure that it deserves that title for it has no rules and no secretary. It has, however, one characteristic of a club and that is a subscription. This last month we have received the loan of a billiard table from the Young Men's Institute for which we are exceedingly grateful. Mr. Mintern was kind enough to spend some strenuous hours in putting it to rights while Mr. H. C. Jesty and Mr. Marsh brought it down from the Conservative Club and set it up for us. We hope soon to produce some billiard champions. I must take this opportunity of thanking the Committee of the Young Men's Institute for the help they have given us.

So far I have written about mundane affairs. Let me conclude by reminding you that Lent comes early this year and that it begins with Ash Wednesday on February 9th. A list of services will be found in another column. I would ask you to notice that there will be special services on Wednesday evenings at 7-30 p.m. when the preacher will be the Rev. J. L. Smith-Dampier of Holy Trinity, Winchester. I am most grateful to Mr. Smith-Dampier for volunteering to come for these services. It is no light journey to make every week and my hope is that your attendance will show that you appreciate the effort he is making on our behalf. His name has already appeared in former numbers of this Magazine as the donor of Altar Linen and Alms Dish. I do think that it is a great thing for us to be brought into touch with the life of a large city church in this way and I trust that you will all do what you can to make Mr. Smith-Dampier feel that his visits are appreciated.

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

NOTES ON LENT.

A. What does the word Lent mean?

It is derived from an Anglo-Saxon word 'Lencton' the spring. It is so called because it occurs in the spring of the year.

B. Why do we keep it as a Fast?

Because, at the beginning of our Prayer Book we are given a list of Vigils and Fasts to be observed throughout the year. Amongst these are the Forty Days of Lent.

C. Why does the Prayer Book tell us when to Fast?

Because the Bible tells us that we are to fast, and the Prayer Book tells us when to fast. We keep Lent as a Fast as a sign of mourning for the Death of our Lord upon the Cross.

D. How ought we to keep a Fast.

By making a rule for ourselves which we keep, and by practising some form of self-denial. What form that self-denial takes must depend upon the individual. It is not fasting if the total abstainer resolves not to touch beer, or the non-smoker to abstain from smoking. One resolution that all of us might make with advantage is to read a portion of the Bible every day.

E. What is the use of Fasting?

To acquire self-control, whether mental, moral or physical. "I bruise my body," says S. Paul, "and bring it under subjection, lest that by any means after that I have preached to others I myself should be a cast away." If our Lord found it expedient to fast, it can hardly be unnecessary for us.

"ODDS & ENDS" ENTERTAINMENT.

Below we print the programme of an entertainment given by the "Odds and Ends" Entertainment Company in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis, for the purpose of wiping out the debt on the Parish Magazine. We believe that they were successful in doing this and we should like to express our most grateful thanks to them for the time and trouble they have taken on our behalf. We hope, at the same time, that it is a fact as one of the members of the company remarked on Wednesday night, that they enjoyed themselves as well as amused their audience. If so, it is to be trusted that the company will give us fresh flights of fancy on other occasions and preserve their identity for another season. We understand that a sum of about £12 is to be handed over to the Magazine and that the programme is to be repeated shortly for the benefit of those who could not attend on the night itself.

PROGRAMME.

Music at Piano, Miss Adams; Opening Chorus, "Odds and Ends," Troupe; Duet, "Gendarmes," Messrs. F. T. Jesty and J. Edmonds; Song, "Master and Man," Mr. H. Johnson; Character Quartette, "The Puritans," The Misses E. and M. Besent, Messrs. Johnson and Edmonds; Recitation, "Lasca," Miss Burgess; Musical Monologue, "My Beastly Eyeglass," Mr. J. Edmonds; Dancing, Miss McPhail; Song, "McNamara's Band," Mr. F. Deakin; Musical Sketch, "Belle and The Bobbies," Mrs. Drake, Miss Jesty, Messrs. Jesty, Johnson, Moy, Edmonds.

INTERVAL.

Duologue, "Imp of Mischief," (by kind permission of the publishers, Abel Heywood and Son, Manchester, free of charge), Misses Bedford and Jesty, Mr. Moy; Song, "Love's Garden of Roses," Miss M. Besent; Humorous Quartette, "Italo de Lingo," Misses Jesty, M. Besent, Messrs. Jesty and Moy; Conjuring Sketch, Mr. F. Deakin; Character Episode, "Gutter Merchants," Troupe; Closing Chorus, Troupe.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

BAPTISM,

Jan. 13th. Arthur George Cheffey.

BURIALS.

Jan. 7th. William Ellis, aged 64.

Jan. 7th. George Riggs, aged 65.
(Winterborne Kingston).

Jan. 13th. Sarah Sargent, aged 85.

Winterborne Kingston.

During the past year Winterbourne Kingston has been largely dependent for its services on extra-parochial help. For more than six months we have had the regular assistance on Mr. Firth, of which I can hardly speak too highly. At the same time I always recognised the fact that a parish the size of Bere Regis and Kingston which, according to the figures given in the Diocesan Kalendar, is nearly the largest in area in the Diocese, needed at least two clergy working full-time. The difficulty that prevented my securing a permanent colleague was that none were to be found. Also I did not see from what source the money for his stipend would be forthcoming. I am glad to say that the Rev. R. A. Collins has consented to come and work in this parish. He will be living at the Vicarage, Bere Regis, as no other suitable rooms can be found at the present time, but he will be responsible for such things as the training of the choir and the visiting at Kingston. As far as the Sunday services go, I hope to continue the present arrangement by which frequent exchanges are made. I think this benefits both clergy and congregations. I know that for my part, I like taking services for a fresh congregation from time to time. Mr. Collins comes to us personally recommended by the Bishop, and possesses a wide experience of work both at

home and abroad, having served during the war as chaplain at Constantinople and Salonika. Before taking orders he worked among the Indians in America and fought in the South African war. He is now an honorary chaplain to the Forces. May I ask you therefore, to make him welcome and let him feel that in coming to work with us he has plenty of energy and enthusiasm to back him up.

LENTEN SERVICES.

Bere Regis. Ash Wednesday.

8 a.m., Holy Communion.

11-15 a.m., Morning Prayer.

7 p.m., Evensong and Address.

Morning Prayer will be said daily at 10 a.m. and there will be special services every

Wednesday evening at 7 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. J. Smith Dampier, Holy Trinity, Winchester.

Winterbourne Kingston. Ash Wednesday.
7 p.m., Evensong and Address.

CHILDREN'S TREAT.

On Saturday, January 29th, all the children of the Parish between the ages of 4-14 were entertained at the Drax Hall by Captain and Mrs. R. E. Ernle Erle Drax. It is hardly necessary to say that the children enjoyed themselves immensely and appreciated to the full both the tea and the Conjuring entertainment that followed.