



Parish Church News

Berwick Bassett

A correspondent writes: - On Sunday, the 19th instant, it was announced from the pulpit of Berwick Bassett Church that the usual Lent service would be held on the following Wednesday evening, at seven o'clock.

The church was warmed as usual, and the bells rang for three quarters of an hour for service. A fair congregation assembled, some from a distance through the snow.

After waiting till a quarter past seven o'clock, the Vicar's son arrived with information that there would be no service, as his father had gone to preach at Calstone.

Last Sunday morning the congregation of the sister Church at Winterbourne Monkton assembled for morning service as usual, and after waiting some time and no clergy man appearing, they had to return home disappointed. Is it any wonder the labouring classes of our villages are fast turning to dissent if this is the way our Church of England services are neglected?

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