

**Cranborne with Boveridge, Edmondsham,
Wimborne St Giles, and Woodlands**

QUINTET NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018



The Rector writes:

What's the worst that could happen? That question eats away at those beset with problems. Our subconscious tells us that disaster is inevitable and we can end up anxious, depressed or even suicidal. Some years ago the department I was working in was faced with having to cut its collective hours. I was in no position to take any kind of financial hit and the issue really began to weigh on my mind. I was slipping closer towards a state of depression and yes, I did toy, briefly, with the thought of taking a quick way out. That was the wake up call to me to reach out for help. I asked myself that question '*What's the worst that could happen?*'. I teased out the worst cases and decided that even if I lost my job and home, I nevertheless - thankfully - could count on the love and support of my wider family. After some months and with professional help, I managed to come through to a more positive place but it helped to face down the very worst that I could imagine and see that life could go on beyond it.

At that point in my life I had 'fallen out of love' with God. From a position now of faith, I would like to offer this reflection. Facing down the worst that can happen is at the heart of the Christian gospel or good news; it is the story of Jesus' journey to his death on the cross and out the other side. Jesus quite deliberately chose to take on the worst that could be thrown at him. The worst that could happen - a show trial, rejection by his closest followers, flogging and then crucifixion - actually happened and he faced it down. I am sure that part of what sustained him was the knowledge that even if the worst happened, he could still count on the love of his Father to enfold him and support him and so he died, commending himself into God's hands.

Christians believe that the story doesn't end there. Jesus was raised to life on the Sunday after Good Friday. Apart from anything else it was enough to persuade his followers that they too could count on the upholding love of God, through and beyond death if necessary. The transformation was remarkable and explains both the rapid growth of the Church and its resilience in the face of relentless persecution and innumerable martyrdoms down the centuries. We can face down the worst that might happen because we believe - many of us would

say 'we know' - that there is renewed life, a continuing love of God, beyond the worst. If you are in a dark place this Easter I offer for your consideration what I believe is a glimmer of hope, the indestructible love of God, contained in the age-old Easter greeting: *Christ is risen - he is risen indeed, alleluia.*

Reverend Robert Simpson

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Do please let the Rector know if you would like him to visit, whether to discuss some particular matter in confidence, or in the case of illness or infirmity, to visit someone in hospital or just for a chat. Alternatively, you are welcome to come to the Rectory – formal appointments are not necessary, but it's helpful to phone beforehand if you can

From the Parish Registers

Funerals

"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord"

27th February - at Cranborne

Carl Anthony Legg

Charity of the Month

The result of the February collection for the **Christian Aid Yemen Crisis Appeal** was £250. Thanks to everyone who contributed. The result for the **March** collection for **The Trussell Trust** will be announced in due course.

Our **April** collection will be in support of **Gingerbread**: the charity for single parent families - providing expert advice and practical support for single mums and dads in England and Wales.

WOODLANDS

FETE AND FUN DOG SHOW

SATURDAY 12TH MAY 2018

Donations will be much appreciated for the following stalls

Cakes and Preserves - Tombola

Bottle Stall - Bric a Brac - Plants - Books - Toys

Please contact

Anne Micklefield 01202 824506 or

Judy Kimber 01202 822963

LENT LUNCHES

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Lent Lunches this year – not only those who hosted a lunch, supplied the bread cheese or soup, or served and washed up – but also to everyone who came along – despite rather discouraging weather on a couple of occasions.

Your donations achieved the wonderful total of £430.00 for the Salisbury Hospice Charity'. Thank you all.

EARLY NOTICE
WIMBORNE ST GILES FETE

Saturday 2nd June

More information to follow, but offers of help welcome NOW.

**Please contact Caroline Barnes: 01725551258
or Averil Cubitt: 01202 828797**

Church Services in APRIL

Sunday 1st April	EASTER DAY
8.00 Holy Communion	Edmondsham
9.30 Parish Communion	Woodlands
11.00 High Mass	Wimborne St Giles
6.00 Evensong	Cranborne
Sunday 8th	Easter 2
8.00 Holy Communion	Wimborne St Giles
9.30 Parish Communion	Cranborne
6.00 Bible Study Group	To be arranged – see Quiver
Sunday 15th	Easter 3
8.00 Holy Communion	Woodlands
9.30 Parish Communion	Edmondsham
11.00 Matins	Cranborne
6.00 Evensong	Wimborne St Giles
Sunday 22nd	Easter 4
8.00 Holy Communion	Cranborne
9.30 Parish Communion	Wimborne St Giles
11.00 Family Service	Edmondsham
6.00 United Evensong	Woodlands
Sunday 29th	Easter 5
8.00 Holy Communion	Wimborne St Giles
9.30 Parish Communion	Wimborne St Giles
Sunday 6th May	Easter 6
8.00 Holy Communion	Edmondsham
9.30 Parish Communion	Woodlands
11.00 High Mass	Wimborne St Giles
6.00 Evensong	Cranborne

Wednesdays 10.00am Holy Communion at Woodlands

This month in the Quintet Group

Wed 4th April 7pm	The Fireside Theatre
A reading of "Murder Mistaken" – a suspense thriller by Janet Green.	
For more information contact Glen Carlyon: 01202 813517	
Mon 9th 10am	Prayer Group
The Old Vicarage, Cranborne	
Mon 9th 12 00 noon	Quintet Lunch Club
Cranborne Garden Centre	

Wed 11th 10.30am	Coffee morning and cake sale Woodlands Village Hall
Sat 14th	Visit of Bournemouth and Salisbury Organists To: Wimborne St Giles: 2.30pm Cranborne: 4pm
Thurs 19th 7.30pm	QUINTET ANNUAL MEETING Edmondsham Church
Mon 23rd 10 – 12 noon	Quintet Coffee Club Cranborne Sports Club

Woodlands Methodist Church

Minister The Rev'd Nigel Deller
12, Spring Close, Verwood BH31 6LB (01202 822212)
Coming Events and Services: Everyone welcome
More information: phone 01202 822066 or visit
www.woodlandsmethodistdorset.org.uk

Sunday 1st	
10.45 Morning Service	<i>Mr Colin Besant</i>
6pm Holy Communion	<i>Rev Nigel Deller</i>
Sunday 8th	
10.45 Morning Service	<i>Mr Mark Priestley</i>
6pm Worship for You	<i>Mr John Slow</i>
Sunday 15th	
10.45 Holy Communion	<i>Rev Nigel Deller</i>
6pm Evening Service	<i>Rev Sue Lichfield</i>
Sunday 22nd	
10.45 Morning Service	<i>Mr Brian Sturtridge</i>
6pm United Service at the Parish Church:	<i>Rev Nigel Deller and Rev Robert Simpson</i>
Sunday 29th	
10.45 Morning Service	<i>Rev Nigel Deller</i>
6pm Evening Service	<i>Deacon Alison Mcmillan</i>

COFFEE MORNINGS:

1st and 3rd Thursday each month
10.00am to 11.30am Bring & Buy, Raffle, Book sales.

QUIET TIME

Monday 2nd 6.30 to 7pm
An informal time of prayer together. All are welcome

SOCIAL EVENT

Call my Bluff (a good laugh) and ploughman's supper
Friday April 20th 7.30pm
Tickets £6. To book phone 01202 822066

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