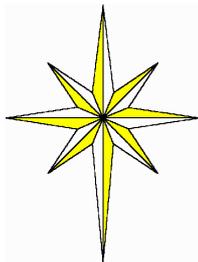


**Cranborne with Boveridge, Edmondsham,  
Wimborne St Giles, and Woodlands**

**QUINTET**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**DECEMBER 2018**



**The Rector writes:**

It's hard to believe this is the third Christmas message I've written for the Newsletter - although I have actually been here for just over 2 years. I looked back at what I wrote in 2016 and was struck by the ending: *Well, suppose Christians are just guilty of wishful thinking and play (and there are over 3 billion of us doing it) I believe it is still worth living as if it were all 100% true. The promise of light in the darkness, healing for our brokenness and of lives and a world re-shaped by love beats any political agenda hands down. It's worth pursuing because the alternatives can't hold a candle to it.*

If anything the brokenness of our politics and our warring world seems to have got worse in the intervening time. Should we just give up because light in the darkness seems to be just a pipe-dream? Emphatically no! Of course the darkness will look worse when up against the light but ultimately light is always stronger. The proper response to an engulfing darkness is for the light - and for all people of light whatever their beliefs about God - to shine more brightly.

This Christmas we are offering a service called *Light in the Darkness* - on Sunday December 16th at 4pm in Wimborne St Giles Church. Darkness threatens people at a personal level as well as the national level I've referred to. The main aim is to provide a moment of reflection and remembering for those who especially feel the darkness of bereavement, loss and loneliness around Christmas. There will be the chance to light a candle and offer a prayer for those we remember, along with reflective Christmas carols and some refreshments afterwards.

Let me invite you to come and light a candle to let the light, both of remembered loved ones and of hope for the future, shine for all of us. *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* (from Chapter 1 of John's Gospel, read at Christmas).

**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"***

14<sup>th</sup> November at Cranborne – Funeral and burial

*Maurice John Bentley Spiller*

**Charity of the Month**

The amount collected in October for **The Rohingya Refugee Charity** was £220. Thank you to everyone for their donations. The result of the collection for the COMBAT STRESS will be announced in due course.

**The Charity for December is The Children's Society:-**

*"We are a national charity that works with the country's most vulnerable children and young people. We listen. We support. We act. Because no child should feel alone."*

**Food Bank box for the Trussell Trust in Cranborne Stores.** Thanks to everyone for their generous support, **please keep it coming!**

**Carols in Woodlands Village Hall –**

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Open at 7pm**

Once again, we are holding a Carols Evening in the hall. Join us to sing some traditional carols - with John Radford on keyboard. Refreshments available from 7.00pm, including mulled wine, mince pies, tea, coffee and squash.

This is a free event open to all, adults and children, and we hope that you will be able to come to join in the singing and festivities – the more the merrier!

The carols will start at 7.30pm (expected finish time of about 9.00pm). Hope to see you there.

More information - Marian Eldrett: 01202 826181.

**The Woodlands Quiz Night** raised £278 for the Trussell Trust. Thank you all who helped and supported us to make it such a happy and successful evening.

**Church Services in DECEMBER**

**\*Please note Special and Christmas services are marked \***

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

8.00 Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

11.00 High Mass

6.00 Advent Readings

**Advent Sunday**

Edmondsham

Woodlands

Wimborne St Giles

Cranborne

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 Holy Communion Wimborne St Giles  
 9.00 Breakfast Church – followed by Cranborne  
 9.30 Parish Communion Rectory, Cranborne  
 6pm Bible Study

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 Holy Communion Woodlands  
 9.30 Parish Communion Edmondsham  
 11.00 Matins Cranborne  
**\*4pm LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS Wimborne St Giles**  
**- a chance to remember loved ones and light a candle in**  
**their memory with reflective Christmas carols.**  
**Light refreshments afterwards.**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8.00 Holy Communion Cranborne  
 9.30 Parish Communion Wimborne St Giles  
**\*6pm Quintet Carol Service Wimborne St Giles**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**\*4.00pm Crib Service Edmondsham**  
**\*11.30pm Midnight Mass Cranborne**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**\*8am Holy Communion Edmondsham**  
**\*9.30 Parish Communion Woodlands**  
**\*11am Family Service followed by**  
**shortened Holy Communion Wimborne St Giles**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 Holy Communion Edmondsham  
 9.30 Quintet Parish Communion Cranborne

**Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 Holy Communion Edmondsham  
 9.30 Parish Communion Woodlands  
 11.00 High Mass Wimborne St Giles  
 6.0 Evensong Cranborne

**Wednesdays 10.00 am Holy Communion at Woodlands –**  
**but no service on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

**This month in the Quintet Group**

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am Prayer Group**  
 The Old Vicarage Cranborne

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm The Fireside Theatre**  
 A Christmas play reading and buffet supper.  
 For more information contact Glen Carlyon: 01202 813517

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> 12 00 noon for 12.30 Quintet Lunch Club**  
 Christmas Special Cranborne Garden Centre

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Coffee morning and cake sale**  
 Woodlands Village Hall

**2019 Church Diaries are now available in all of**  
**our four churches - a bargain at £1 All**  
**proceeds go to Church funds.**

**COMFORT STOP!**

**Cranborne** now at last has got its accessible toilet and kitchenette in the church!!

After 11 long years of discussion, fundraising and planning we have finally achieved it with the help of the very skilful and excellent work of our builder Kevin Ridge. It is concealed within beautiful oak panelling and blends into the tower vestry very unobtrusively. No more will we have desperate pleas for the LOO from wedding guests, baptism and funeral attendees as well as visiting choirs! The gravestones in the churchyard will now be spared!!

The financing of the project has come entirely from private donations, grants from trust funds and specific fundraising events. Not a penny of church funds has had to be used!

**Thank you so much to all those that have helped**  
**Richard Brown**

**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: <https://www.candwmc.org.uk/churches/circuit-churches/woodlands.html>

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10.45 Holy Communion *Rev Nigel Deller*  
 3- 5pm Messy Church ----followed by tea  
 6pm Evening Service *at Holtwood*

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

10.45 Morning Service *Mr Colin Besant*  
 6pm Worship for you with Mr Geoff Kynaston –from  
 Ringwood Tool Aid followed by tea/coffee/cake.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

10.45 Morning Service *Rev David Le Poidevin*  
 6pm Carols by candlelight and Christingle followed by  
 tea/coffee/mince pies with Verwood Training Band.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10.45 Morning Service *Mr Eric Brown*  
 6pm "Call the Christmas Midwife" *Pastor Jenny Yates*

**Christmas Day**

9.30am – Christmas Day Service *Mr Colin Besant*

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

10.45 Morning Service **At Holtwood** *Mrs Margery Barson*

**COFFEE MORNINGS:**

**1st and 3rd Thursday each month**  
**10.00am to 11.30am Raffle, Book sales**

**QUIET TIME**

**Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6.30 to 7pm**  
**An informal time of prayer**

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 the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month