

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

**QUINTET**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**JANUARY 2019**



**The Rector writes:**

A couple of weeks ago I was asked what I wanted to do with the churches in our villages. It was a good question, not least because it wasn't asked in a church setting. So, here goes.

I have always believed that a village church exists for the sake of the whole community, not just those who are believing Christians, still less just those who are signed-up members of the Church of England. In a way which is not true of town or city churches, the village church has to have fuzzy boundaries. We shouldn't put off, still less turn away, those who believe and live differently from people of a more definite faith. The village church is still the main focus for people to mark those key 'rites of passage' through life - christenings, weddings, funerals. Because we are the Church of England we willingly take on responsibilities and obligations to perform such services for those who live in our villages, irrespective of their 'membership' of the Church.

I want therefore to create a culture in our village churches where anyone can feel they belong and where their voice and opinions are welcome. Many people nowadays are conscious of the need to look after their more spiritual side - I am thinking of things like the encouragements to take well-being and mindfulness seriously - your church (and it is *your* church) should be there to help you with that. We are looking to building what in modern church jargon is called a 'mixed-economy' church. We are committed to maintaining the traditional services that the 'signed-up members' value - and of course without them and their commitment (and giving) we would not have churches in our villages. Equally though we want to commit ourselves to providing spaces and events (probably not necessarily on a Sunday) for people to feel welcome and to question, discuss, experiment, challenge us but most of all to share part of the journey with us, even if we are on parallel tracks that may never quite meet.

In a few months time, we will be sharing more of our hopes and plans with you all, please take the trouble to hear us out. More immediately, hopefully in February, I plan to start a course looking at what Christians believe and why. That may be the chance of a refresher for some of you, or the opportunity to throw questions at us, or a stage on your journey through belief which could lead you in a more definite direction, if you wish perhaps even to confirmation. Watch this space! I wish you all a very happy 2019.

**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**

**Baptisms**

*"We receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock"*

18<sup>th</sup> November at Cranborne

*Thomas Andrew Webster-Clarke*

15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at Woodlands

*Alice Florence Lilius Micklefield*

**Charity of the Month**

The amount collected in November for **COMBAT STRESS** and in December for the **Children's Society** will be announced in due course.

**The Charity for January is Sleepsafe:-** Sleepsafe is a supported beds programme for rough sleepers. 250 volunteers and over 20 churches are supporting Sleepsafe this winter.

Meanwhile, we are pleased to pass on some feedback. We received the following thanks from the United Nations Refugee Agency for your recent donation to the Rohingya Appeal: "...That's extremely generous of you and thank you for the wonderful support. We will ensure to earmark this to the Rohingya Appeal, and please send a huge thanks to the Quintet Group for their support. This donation will go a long way towards providing emergency relief, shelter, support and assistance for Rohingya refugees forced to flee their homes."

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

**Cranborne Church** will be holding an exhibition of vintage wedding dresses over the early May bank holiday and would be delighted if anyone has a dress they are happy to loan for the 3 day event. We will be in Church the whole time so they will be safe. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Linda Packman at

[lindapackman@gmail.com](mailto:lindapackman@gmail.com).

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

## **Church Services in JANUARY**

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>
8.00 Holy Communion	Edmondsham
9.30 Parish Communion	Woodlands
11.00 High Mass	Wimborne St Giles
6.00 Evensong	Cranborne
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Baptism of Christ</b>
8.00 Holy Communion	Wimborne St Giles
9.30 Parish Communion	Cranborne
6.00pm Bible Study	The Rectory, Cranborne
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 3</b>
8.00 Holy Communion	Woodlands
9.30 Parish Communion	Edmondsham
<b>6.00 Evensong and dedication of the new kitchenette and toilet by the Archdeacon of Dorset</b>	<b>Cranborne</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 4</b>
8.00 Holy Communion	Cranborne
9.30 Parish Communion	Wimborne St Giles
11.00 Informal Family Service	Edmondsham
6pm United Evensong	Woodlands
<b>Sunday February 3rd</b>	<b>Candlemass</b>
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**

### **St Nicholas Concert**

Saturday, February 2nd at 7.30pm  
at Edmondsham House

St Nicholas Concert by parishioners for parishioners.  
To book seats please contact  
Julia Smith (01725) 517207

## **This month in the Quintet Group**

<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> 10am</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>
	The Old Vicarage Cranborne
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am</b>	<b>Coffee morning and cake sale</b>
	Woodlands Village Hall
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> 12 00 noon</b>	<b>Quintet Lunch Club</b>
	Cranborne Garden Centre
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> 10 – 12 noon</b>	<b>Quintet Coffee Club</b>
	Cranborne Sports Club

## **The Fireside Theatre**

The Fireside Theatre would like to thank all those who supported their production of "PEACE IN OUR TIME".

£220 was sent to the Royal British Legion.

This was our third Helping Hands Production and so far £541.12 has been raised for charity and good causes.

## **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](http://www.woodlandsmethodistdorset.org.uk)**

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

10.45 Morning Service

*Mrs Joyce Wild*

6pm Evening Service

*at Holtwood*

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

10.45 Morning Service

*Rev Sue Litchfield*

6pm Worship for you

*Holtwood Mission Band*

Followed by tea coffee and cake

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

10.45 Covenant Service

*Rev Nigel Deller*

6pm Evening Service

*Mr Eric Brown*

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**

10.45 Morning Service

*Pastor Jenny Yates*

6pm United Service

*Parish Church*

*Rev Nigel Deller and Rev Robert Simpson*

### **COFFEE MORNINGS:**

**1st and 3rd Thursday each month**

**10.00am to 11.30am Raffle, Book sales**

### **QUIET TIME**

**Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 to 7pm**

**An informal time of prayer**

### **QUIZ EVENING**

**Friday January 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

**Woodlands Village Hall**

**Question masters: Nigel and Caroline Barnes**

**Entry: £2 each – fish and chips extra.**

**Please book (for catering purposes)**

**See or phone Brian on 01202 822066**

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