

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

QUINTET NEWSLETTER

JULY 2019

The Rector writes:

I am writing this just short of the Longest Day, wearing winter clothes and resigned to the cold, wet June weather. By the time you read it, of course, there could be a heatwave and we will be complaining that it's too hot!

We are constantly commenting on the weather in Britain but at the same time we tend to take it for granted and not give it any really deep thought. Perhaps if we did we might take the Climate Emergency of our time more seriously. That is not where I want to focus though in this letter, I am merely observing that we can be surrounded by something and not really give it the attention it deserves. I wonder if fish spend much time thinking about water!

Christians, I think, are often guilty of treating God - or at least the distinctively Christian understanding of God as *Trinity*, Three-in-One - in much the same way. We spend time on the big moments, Christmas, Easter and so on, but the nature of God's deepest Being, as Trinity - a God eternally in relationship - which should completely absorb us, is usually something we brush over. Those who have heard me preach recently will know that I am quite taken with a 15th century Russian icon, or piece of religious art, called the Trinity by Andrei Rublev**. It represents a moment in the Old Testament when Abraham plays host to 3 visitors. Christians have always interpreted that moment as a pre-Christian appearance of the Trinity.

The icon shows the three figures seated around a table, about to share food together. A book I have been reading about the Trinity explains that on the front of the table is a small rectangular shape which some art historians have speculated originally had a mirror glued to it. The effect then would have been for the observer to have the experience of seeing herself or himself, as the fourth guest, especially as the figure opposite has a hand beckoning in invitation.

That is quite a picture to shape our thinking about God. This is no distant, enthroned and slightly disapproving figure, but a God who is defined firstly by being eternally in a relationship of love and secondly by making plain that the ultimate intention for us is to be drawn into that relationship. Invited to take a seat at the table. It's kind of what we do at every communion service but I suspect we don't usually make the connection between communion and the essential nature of God. Imagine, a God who doesn't sit aloof from us but wants to be amongst us, sharing every part of our lives. It's certainly worth thinking about.

Robert Simpson

**** See note overleaf**

****Please note:** If you want to learn more about the icon mentioned in the Rector's letter, the Wikipedia reference is: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity_\(Andrei_Rublev\)\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity_(Andrei_Rublev)))

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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 these children into the congregation of Christ's flock"

26th May at Edmondsham

George Arthur Revell

8th June at Cranborne

Leo Arthur Louis de Quelen.

Weddings

"Those whom God has joined together"

15th June at Wimborne St Giles:

Charles Cross and Emily Ridgwell

Funerals

"Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord"

13th June at Wimborne St Giles Cemetery – Funeral and burial

Evelyn (Evie) Frances Miles

Charity of the Month

The amount collected in May for the **Christian Aid** was £345.91.

The amount collected in June for the **Association of Country Women of the World (ACWW)** will be announced in due course.

The July charity is MOSAIC - a Dorset charity working with bereaved children and families.

WIMBORNE ST GILES FLOWER FESTIVAL

20th 21st and 22nd July

Theme: "Our Favourite Books"

Church open from 10am to 6pm. Refreshments in the Village Hall 11am to 5pm (11-4pm Monday)

SONGS OF PRAISE – Sunday 21st at 6pm

led by the Rector



Church Services in JULY

Sunday July 7th Trinity 3
8.00 Holy Communion Edmondsham
9.30 Parish Communion Woodlands
11.00 High Mass Wimborne St Giles
6.00 Evensong Cranborne

Sunday 14th Trinity 4
8.00 Holy Communion Wimborne St Giles
9.30 Parish Communion Cranborne
*5.30pm at Edmondsham - 'Tea at 3.00' – but please
note, time is actually 5.30!! - an opportunity for all-
age activities and worship followed by tea and cake.

Sunday 21st Trinity 5
8.00 Holy Communion Woodlands
9.30 Parish Communion Edmondsham
11.00 Matins Cranborne
6.00 Songs of Praise Wimborne St Giles

Sunday 28th Trinity 6
8.00 Holy Communion Cranborne
9.30 Parish Communion Wimborne St Giles
11.00 Informal Family Service Edmondsham
6pm United Service Knowlton

August 4th Trinity 7
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 SUMMER CONCERT

Saturday 20th July at 7.30pm

EDMONDSHAM HOUSE

**A concert for Quintet parishioners past and present –
Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the St Nicholas
concerts, with the founder Robert Prance**

**Limited seating – booking essential from Julia Smith:
01725 517207**

**Refreshments – provided by the performers.
Donations to the Children's Society**

This month in the Quintet Group

Monday 1st July 10am Prayer Group
The Old Vicarage, Cranborne

Mon 8th 12 00 noon Quintet Lunch Club
Cranborne Garden Centre

Wed 10th 10.30am Coffee morning and cake sale
Woodlands Village Hall

Mon 22nd 10 – 12 noon Quintet Coffee Club
Cranborne Sports Club

And a note for August:

COFFEE MORNING at Laundry Cottage Edmondsham
17th August: 10am to 12 noon
In aid of the Church of St Nicholas, Edmondsham
Cakes, Raffle, Bric a Brac, Books.
All welcome

A BIG THANK YOU from Wimborne St Giles PCC to
everyone who helped make our Fete such a success. Your
hard work and support was much appreciated and the sun
even shone on us!!!

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 7th
10.45 - Local Arrangement
6pm Evening Service *at Holtwood*

Sunday 14th
10.45 Morning Service *Rev Roger Gisborne*
6pm Worship for you *Mr Stephen Maycock*
- Talking about the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Sunday 21st
10.45 Holy Communion *Rev Nigel Deller*
6pm Evening Service *Mr Eric Brown*

Sunday 28th
10.45 Morning Service *Mr Phil Collins*
6pm Open Air United Service *at Knowlton*

COFFEE MORNINGS:

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

GARDEN PARTY

Sunday 7th July 3-5.30pm
Garden Party at Bennets Farm. Price:£7.50
including afternoon tea

BOURNE 2 SING

Saturday 13th July at 7.30pm
Bourne 2 Sing male voice choir.
**Tickets £7 including tea/coffee and cake during the
interval**

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