

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

QUINTET NEWSLETTER

MAY 2018

The Rector writes:

After Easter I made my first ever visit to Winchester and paid my respects to King Alfred. The other night I watched a programme about his struggle, as the last surviving Saxon king in England, to hold off and defeat the Danes. The climax of the struggle was the Battle of Edington fought in early May 878 when Alfred's army comprehensively managed to beat the Danes under Guthrum, thus ensuring the survival of Saxon England. What interested me was the way Alfred behaved in victory. A natural reaction would have been to seek revenge, to execute Guthrum and his nobles and send the Danes packing. Instead, Alfred encouraged Guthrum to be baptised as a Christian, even acting as his godfather. There followed a peace treaty and a few days of feasting. That wasn't the end of Alfred's problems with the Danes but it seems that it was the end of his trouble with Guthrum who took the baptismal name of Athelstan and withdrew, as had been agreed in the treaty, to his kingdom in East Anglia.

This programme was followed by another, an episode of Simon Schama's history of the Jews. It detailed the attempts by many central European Jews throughout the 19th century to assimilate into wider European society as, following the Age of Reason, a mood of tolerance and secularism began to take hold. The programme ended with that dream crashing down at the end of the 19th and in the early 20th centuries, as a rising tide of nationalism provoked a wave of anti-semitism across Europe. I felt rather disturbed and sickened to realise that many of the same cultural forces Schama was pointing to are again very much at work in modern society.

Though Christianity is far from innocent in the matter of anti-semitism, I think the real culprits are nationalism and tribalism, which use religion as a cloak. Contrast nationalism, giving rise to a Hitler, with Alfred who, with every reason to want to revenge himself on Guthrum, nevertheless was moved by his Christian faith to seek to turn Guthrum's life around and make things better for both of them. That it seems to me is the power of the gospel at work, Christianity being true to the last command Jesus gave his followers on the night of his betrayal: *A new commandment I give to you, that you love*

one another; even as I have loved you. It is a costly way, look at the price Jesus paid, but it gets results. Nationalism's insistence on defending its own against 'the other' has only ever led to a vicious circle of conflict and bitterness. Alfred's hand of peace paved the way for a lasting peaceful settlement.

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"

10th April - Funeral at Woodlands

Muriel Joyce Riggs

10th April - Funeral at Poole Crematorium

and 18th April - burial of ashes at Wimborne St Giles

Alan John Humphries

Charity of the Month

The result of the March collection for the **The Trussell Trust** was £262.35. Thanks to everyone who contributed. The result for the April collection for **Gingerbread** will be announced in due course.

Our **May** collection will be in support of **Christian Aid**:
"For more than 70 years, with the help of our amazing supporters, Christian Aid has been helping change the lives of people, of all faiths and none, living in poverty around the world."

Another thank-you: to everyone who supported our special appeal. £460 was raised for Bishop Samuel of Nzara's medical treatment. Please continue to hold him in your prayers.

WOODLANDS

FETE AND FUN DOG SHOW

**SATURDAY 12th MAY 2018 2.00 to 4.30pm
at WOODLANDS VILLAGE HALL**

**Traditional stalls including: Cakes and Preserves,
Tombola, Bottle Stall, Bric a Brac, Plants, Books,
Toys – and delicious teas in the Hall!**

To help or donate items, please contact
Anne Micklefield 01202 824506 or
Judy Kimber 01202 822963

CRANBORNE OPEN GARDENS

June 16th and 17th

More details to follow but offers of help welcome now. Please contact Rosemary Jarvis: 01725 551242



Thanks to THE FIRESIDE THEATRE who donated £84 to the Church of the Ascension, Woodlands from their Helping Hands Production of "Still Runs The Coly" in October 2017.

Church Services in MAY

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
* Thursday 10th	Ascension Day
7pm Quintet Communion	Woodlands
Sunday 13th	Sunday after Ascension
8.00 Holy Communion	Wimborne St Giles
9.30 Parish Communion	Cranborne
6.00 Bible Study Group	The Old Vicarage, Cranborne
Sunday 20th	Pentecost
8.00 Holy Communion	Woodlands
9.30 Parish Communion	Edmondsham
11.00 Matins	Cranborne
6.00 Evensong	Wimborne St Giles
Sunday 27th	Trinity Sunday
8.00 Holy Communion	Cranborne
9.30 Parish Communion	Wimborne St Giles
11.00 Family Service	Edmondsham
6.00 United Service	Woodlands Methodist Church
*Thursday 31st May 12.30pm Holy Matrimony	Cranborne
*Thursday 31st	Corpus Christi
7pm – High Mass	Wimborne St Giles
Sunday 3rd June	Trinity 1
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 2nd May at 7pm	The Fireside Theatre
A reading of "Waters of the Moon" – by N.C. Hunter (the Englishman's Chekhov).	
For more information contact Glen Carlyon: 01202 813517	
Mon 7th 10am	Prayer Group
The Old Vicarage, Cranborne	
Wed 9th 10.30am	Coffee morning and cake sale
Woodlands Village Hall	
Mon 14th 12 00 noon	Quintet Lunch Club
Cranborne Garden Centre	
Mon 28th 10 – 12 noon	Quintet Coffee Club
Cranborne Sports Club	

WIMBORNE ST GILES FETE

Saturday 2nd June – From 12noon

Traditional stalls PLUS: musical entertainment from The Mangled Wurzels; displays by Liberty's Owl and Raptor Centre; Tomahawk throwing by a local Scouts' Adult Support Unit, Country Dancing by children of Wimborne St Giles First School and a Fun Dog Show

Refreshments on the Green all afternoon

Offers of help still welcome -

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

NB – all dogs must be keep on a short leash

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 6th

10.45 Morning Service
6pm

Dr Christopher Slade
at Holtwood

Sunday 13th

10.45 Morning Service
6pm Worship for You

Mrs Joyce Wild
Pastor Jenny Yates

Talk entitled : "SHAVUOT"

Followed by tea coffee and cake.

Sunday 20th

10.45 Holy Communion
6pm Evening Service

Rev Nigel Deller
Mr Colin Besant

Sunday 27th

10.45 Morning Service
6pm United Service:

Mr Graham Downer

Rev David Hollingsworth and Rev Robert Simpson

COFFEE MORNINGS:

1st and 3rd Thursday each month

10.00am to 11.30am Bring & Buy, Raffle, Book sales.

QUIET TIME

Monday May 7th 6.30-7.00pm

An in formal time of prayer

SOCIAL EVENT

"Hymn Singing "

Friday May 18th at 7.30pm

Led by Mr Hugh Ashley Formerly of Radio Solent followed by tea/coffee & biscuits

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Any news or contributions for future editions please to Averil Cubitt 01202 828797 averilcubitt@gmail.com by the 15th of the month