

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

QUINTET
NEWSLETTER
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The Rector writes:

I expect, like me, you regard the men who died in the battles of the First World War as real heroes, going bravely 'over the top' to fight. I wonder then what you make of these lines from poet and World War One veteran, Siegfried Sassoon?

*The barrage roars and lifts. Then, clumsily bowed
With bombs and guns and shovels and battle-gear,
Men jostle and climb to meet the bristling fire.
Lines of grey, muttering faces, masked with fear,
They leave their trenches, going over the top*

"Grey faces masked with fear" - it's not quite what we imagine as heroic.

Sassoon's poem, coming with the authority of experience, is a reminder that at Remembrance what we are NOT doing is glorifying war or beating a drum for any political agenda in modern Britain. We ARE honouring the memory of hundreds of thousands of ordinary men and women who had extraordinary events and deeds thrust upon them - in both world wars. I imagine those who perished at the Western Front would have been quite surprised to think that we would still be talking of them a hundred years on. Veterans I have spoken to have always been reluctant to take the label of hero for themselves. When the fighting stopped they wanted nothing more than to return to being ordinary people with ordinary lives. Just by the parish church in Blandford there is a plaque to commemorate Private Jack Counter, who was awarded the VC on 16th April 1918. He survived the war and worked for the rest of his life as a postman. I suspect that he would have felt he was just doing what had to be done, although of course we see in his actions the mark of a true hero.

I think it is dangerous when we build up those veterans as heroes. Not because what they endured didn't require courage, resilience and yes, heroism - it did - but because it makes the following generations believe that you need special qualities to fight for your country, qualities which most of us feel we probably don't have. Here's the thing - they felt the same, but when the moment came and they were put to the test they showed that any of us can rise to the challenge and do the right thing, the heroic thing. So at Remembrance the dominant note should always be that of grateful recollection but from those earlier generations comes an unspoken challenge to us, are we ready, with all the ordinariness of our lives, to do the right thing, no matter the cost?

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

Weddings

"Those whom God has joined together"

29th September at Wimborne St Giles

Simon Woodley and Emma Dean

Funerals

"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord"

28th September at Woodlands – Burial of ashes

Ivor Thomas

17th October at Woodlands – Burial of ashes

Elizabeth Anne Dendy

Charity of the Month

The amount collected in August and September for **Dorset Mind** was £492.00. Thank you to everyone for their donations. The result of the collection for the Rohingya Charity will be announced in due course.

The Charity for November is 'COMBAT STRESS'

– **From their website:** "For almost a century, we've helped former servicemen and women deal with trauma-related mental health problems such as anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)"

Harvest Festival seems a long time ago now, but we are pleased that we were able to send a total of **£393 to the Salvation Army** from the proceeds of the Quintet Harvest Supper and the collection at the Quintet Harvest Parish Communion. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way

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

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 NOVEMBER

Sunday 4th November **All Saints**
8.00 Holy Communion Edmondsham
9.30 Parish Communion Woodlands
11.00 High Mass Wimborne St Giles
6.00 All Souls Service Cranborne

Sunday 11th **Remembrance Sunday**
8.00 Holy Communion Woodlands
9.30 Parish Communion and Act of Remembrance
Edmondsham
10.55 am Act of Remembrance- War Memorial
followed by Church service Cranborne
5.00pm Remembrance Sunday Service Wimborne St Giles

Sunday 18th **2 before Advent**
8.00 Holy Communion Wimborne St Giles
9.30 Parish Communion Cranborne
6.00 Bible Study Group 9 Caradon Place Verwood

Sunday 25th **Christ the King**
8.00 Holy Communion Cranborne
9.30 Parish Communion Wimborne St Giles
11.00 Informal Family Service Edmondsham
6pm United Service Woodlands Methodist Church

Sunday December 2nd **Advent Sunday**
8.00 Holy Communion Edmondsham
9.30 Parish Communion Woodlands
11.00 High Mass Wimborne St Giles
6.00 Advent Readings Cranborne

Wednesdays 10.00am Holy Communion at Woodlands

This month in the Quintet Group

Mon 5th 10am **Prayer Group**
The Rectory - Cranborne

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

Wed 14th 10.30am **Coffee morning and cake sale**
Woodlands Village Hall

Mon 26th 10 – 12 noon **Quintet Coffee Club**
Cranborne Sports Club

**There will be a Helping Hands Production of
"Peace in Our Time"**

**A commemoration of the centenary
of the end of World War One in words and music
in Woodlands Village Hall**

14th November at 7.30pm

Tea/coffee and homemade cake during the interval

Tickets £5 from Anne Micklefield – 01202 824506

Proceeds to Royal British Legion

On Saturday 3rd November – Wimborne St Giles Village Hall are holding a commemoration of the centenary of the ending of WW1 at their coffee morning.

10.30am to 1pm

Books, letters, artefacts and stories – and a sing along with the Songbirds. Authentic refreshments!

Do drop in and try Trench cake or an Anzac cookie!

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 4th

10.45 Morning Service

Rev Barbara Davies

6pm Evening Service

at Holtwood

Sunday 11th

10.45 Morning Service

Mr Colin Besant

6pm Worship for you

led by Mr Steven Maycock – Remembrance service
– joined by our friends from Holtwood Methodist.

Sunday 18th

10.45 Holy Communion

Rev Nigel Deller

6pm Evening Service

Rev Gwyneth Owen

Sunday 25th

10.45 Morning Service

Mr Eric Brown

6pm United Service

Rev Nigel Deller and Rev Robert Simpson

COFFEE MORNINGS:

1st and 3rd Thursday each month

10.00am to 11.30am Raffle, Book sales

November 1st – Action for Children special

QUIET TIME

November 5th from 6.30 to 7pm

An informal time of prayer

SKITTLES EVENING

Friday November 30th – at Woodlands Village Hall.

Starts at 7.30pm – entry by ticket only

Cost £6 - to include a ploughman's supper.

To book: phone Brian on 0102 822066

EVERYONE WELCOME

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