

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

**QUINTET
NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2021**



The Rector writes:

On Holy Innocents Day perhaps better known as the Boxing Day Bank holiday, deferred to Monday 28th December, I went for a long cycle ride. If you are used to my ways you will no doubt be thinking that there is nothing unusual in that, and you would be right. Reflecting on it though, I think my ride ended up being a good parallel to the way 2020 turned out.

As I write this on New Year's Eve it is easy to remember the anticipation and hope we feel at the start of a new year arriving, and 2020 was no exception. My bike ride similarly started out in a wave of anticipation and expectation. Although a cold morning, the day was bright and sunny. The plan was to cover a familiar route and do a 64 mile ride from Cranborne and around the New Forest. Somewhere on the road between Burley and Bolderwood Arboretum it started to drizzle. By the time I reached Bolderwood the drizzle was fairly steady and turning to sleet, also the temperature was dropping. Out on the exposed section of road by Ocknell Plain, heading towards Fritham, the sleet turned into a full-on snow storm and the temperature had reached -1.8°. I decided to cut my ride short and started heading back towards Fordingbridge. At Godshill I discovered I had a puncture in my rear tyre which needed to be dealt with on the side of the road. It was slightly warmer, at 0.8° but even so having to take off my soggy gloves and wrestle barehanded with my tyre and inner tube finished off my hands which lost all feeling in the fingers! I did warm up a little cycling back to Cranborne but my fingers didn't quite revive and I finally made it home, a human icicle, after completing 57 miles of the 64 I had intended.

You probably see now why it put me in mind of the way 2020 turned out - a hopeful start in January but within months things started to go pear-shaped for all of us.

What about 2021 then? I don't think in my lifetime that a new year has been embarked on with so many hopes riding on it. When I finished mending my puncture at the entrance to a field in Godshill I happened to notice the first tops of what I think were daffodils, poking out of the ground. They did cheer me up, frozen though I was. We are seeing the signs of a spring with the vaccine now available after the long winter of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am sure we are all hopeful that there will be a return to the normality we used to know this time last year. Holding on to hope and rejoicing in the first signs of new life

poking out of frozen ground is, I am sure, an essential part of motivating ourselves to keep forging on.

We should not, in the process, downplay the very real tragedies and tribulations that so many have lived with these past nine months - and continue to live with. Please seize on the hope and anticipation of a New Year but continue to bear with each other's trials and pain, offering support and consolation. I pray, for all of us, that 2021 goes rather better than my Monday cycle ride! **Have a truly Happy New Year.**

Robert Simpson - January 2021

From the Parish Registers

Weddings

"Those whom God has joined together"

27th December at Cranborne:

George Langlands and Annabel Yarrow

JANUARY SERVICES

Subject to any changes in Government advice, the following services are planned for January:

Sunday January 3rd	Epiphany
8 am Holy Communion	Edmondsham
9.30 am Parish Communion	Cranborne
Sunday January 10th	Baptism of Christ
9.30 am Parish Communion	Wimborne St Giles
Wednesday January 13th	
10 am Holy Communion	Woodlands
Sunday January 17th	Epiphany 2
9.30 am Parish Communion	Cranborne
Sunday January 24th	Epiphany 3
9.30 am Parish Communion	Wimborne St Giles
Wednesday January 27th	
10 am Holy Communion	Woodlands
Sunday January 31st	Candlemass
9.30 am Parish Communion	Cranborne
Sunday February 7th	Second Sunday before Lent
8 am Holy Communion	Edmondsham
9.30 am Parish Communion	Wimborne St Giles

For the latest information on services please check our website: www.dorsetquintet.org.uk.

Please note – if necessary we may need to restrict admittance to services in order to maintain two metre distancing.

Cranborne Church is open for Private Prayer on Sundays 10am-12 noon.

You can visit **Wimborne St Giles Church** for private prayer by arrangement with one of the Churchwardens - Caroline or Martyn - (see details below) or John Radford (01725 517650) Please phone to arrange a time.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE LATEST GUIDELINES ON SOCIAL DISTANCING

RECORDED SERVICES - Whenever possible Robert will post a recorded service on the Dorset Quintet website and facebook page available from 9.30 am onwards on Sunday mornings. Or you may like to look at the Church of England website: www.churchofengland.org for a weekly digital service which can be watched at any time.

For those without internet access the telephone link:

Daily Hope from the Church of England is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**

In the meantime, please remember you are not alone and if you have any spiritual or pastoral concerns for yourself or someone else please contact the Rector or any of the Churchwardens

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Woodlands contact:

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Or check the website: www.dorsetquintet.org.uk

Charity of the Month

October's collection for **TIYENI** raised **£35.04**. Thank you for your donations. The amount raised in December for **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** will be announced in due course.

The Charity for January is **GINGERBREAD** – the charity supporting single parent families to live secure, happy, fulfilling lives. You can donate in church in the usual way or for **ON-LINE GIVING**, the online address is bit.ly/DQchofm. Choose the amount you wish to donate and add a gift aid declaration if appropriate. Donations should be made before the end of the Month.

FOOD BANK BOX: Cranborne Stores

COVID has made this a trying time for everyone, but this year will be even more difficult for those facing unemployment, the end of furlough and the long days of winter, with few, if any, reserves. Please donate whatever you can to the Food Box in Cranborne Village Shop. **THANK YOU**

Good news:

Joyce Waker has a wide variety of marmalades & jams for sale. Please give her a ring on 01725 552772 to place your order. £1.50 per jar. Proceeds go to Wimborne St Giles Church Funds.



St James' Church, Alderholt is seeking to appoint a children and families' worker to integrate children and families fully within the life of the church.

The successful applicant will work with under 11s and their families who are currently connected with the church in order to help them grow in Christian faith and assist children in absorbing the teachings of Christ into their daily lives. They will also engage other children and families from the community into the life of the church.

For more details, please contact the office at stjameschurchalderholt@gmail.com. Please note this post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Closing date 31st Jan.

Woodlands Methodist Church

Minister The Rev'd Nigel Deller

12, Spring Close, Verwood BH31 6LB (01202 822212)

More information: phone 01202 822066

Or: www.candwmc.org.uk/churches/circuit-churches/woodlands.html

From Brian Shearing, Lead Steward at Woodlands:

Everyone at Woodlands Methodist Church wish all our friends in the Quintet group "a peaceful new year". Hopefully we will be able to open up in the near future, when the vaccine for Coronavirus is available.

For more Quintet news go to www.dorsetquintet.org.uk

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