

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

QUINTET NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2018

The Rector writes:

"What is truth?", the Roman governor Pontius Pilate is famously recorded as asking at the trial of Jesus. Politicians trying to muddy the waters around truth are nothing new. What is perhaps new in recent times is the way media and electorates seem to be happy to collude with that rather than call it out and hold politicians to account.

"What did the President know and when did he know it?" was asked of Richard Nixon during the Watergate Crisis. When it was proved he had lied then Congress was clear, he had to go. The long investigation by Kenneth Starr into President Clinton finally managed to uncover the fact that he had lied about his involvement with Monica Lewinsky. Republicans - many of them the same people who now happily excuse lying from their current Republican President - were adamant that being caught in a lie made Bill Clinton unfit for office.

One of Jesus' famous 'I am' sayings is this: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". To be honest I had always treated the truth part as the least inspiring part of that. Surely everyone values the truth, Christians have no monopoly on it. I would still say that Christians have no monopoly on truth but it is perhaps the legacy of our long Christian past that we expect and have demanded truth and integrity in our leaders as the bedrock of a decent society. Now that we are loosening our grip on our Christian inheritance is it a coincidence that we are also loosening our grip on the foundations which Christianity laid for our society?

It is said that we only really value something when we lose it. I know - because I am increasingly reading it in opinion columns - that I am not alone in valuing (and missing) the assumption that we should expect truth and integrity as a minimum from our leaders. Does it matter? Pilate seemed to think not. However just as the dislodging of a few pebbles can be enough to trigger a landslide, so losing sight of truth as a given in our public life can have massive repercussions. The last major Western democracy to play fast and loose with truth was 1930s Germany.

I believe that Christians, along with all people of goodwill, should be at the forefront of demanding that Truth return to its rightful place in our public life. After all we follow the One who declared "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life".

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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 people into the congregation of Christ's flock"

29 July at Wimborne St Giles Henry Andrew Armstrong

5 August at Woodlands: Jade Bastable

and re-affirmation of baptismal vows. Aidan Selby

12 August at Edmondsham Alice Louise Peskett

Weddings

"Those whom God has joined together"

28 July at Cranborne

Neil Andrew Phillimore and Katy Emma Bright

11th August at Cranborne

Thomas Abbott and Claire Murphy

Funerals

"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord"

30 July at Woodlands – burial of ashes

Joyce Riggs

Charity of the Month

The amount collected in July for **The Mission for Seafarers** was £256.46 - thanks to everyone for their generous donations.

The Charity for August and September is Dorset Mind.

From their website: *"Dorset Mind is a mental health charity that has been supporting local people with mental health difficulties since 1946. We educate, challenge stigma and provide support towards peoples' wellbeing and recovery towards positive mental health in Dorset. Although an affiliate of national Mind we generate all our funding and do not receive income from Mind or the high street shops."*

Church Services in SEPTEMBER

Sunday 2nd September

8.00 Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

11.00 High Mass

6.00 Evensong

Sunday 9th

8.00 Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

6.00 Bible Study Group

Sunday 16th

Trinity 14

Edmondsham

Woodlands

Wimborne St Giles

Cranborne

Trinity 15

Wimborne St Giles

Cranborne

To be arranged

Trinity 16

8.00 Holy Communion Woodlands
9.30 Parish Communion Edmondsham
11.00 Matins Cranborne
6.00 Evensong Wimborne St Giles

Sunday 23rd Trinity 17

8.00 Holy Communion Cranborne
9.30 Parish Communion Wimborne St Giles
11.00 Informal Family Service Edmondsham

Sunday September 30th Trinity 18

8.00 Holy Communion Cranborne
9.30 **Quintet Harvest Festival:** Parish Communion Edmondsham
6.00 United Service (Harvest)

Woodlands Methodist Church

Sunday October 7th Trinity 19

8.00 Holy Communion Edmondsham
9.00am **Breakfast Church** followed by
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

Mon 3rd 10am Prayer Group
25 Salisbury Street Cranborne

Mon 10th 12 00 noon Quintet Lunch Club
Cranborne Garden Centre

Wed 12th 10.30am Coffee morning and cake sale
Woodlands Village Hall

Wed 12th The Fireside Theatre
A reading of **"Crown Matrimonial"** by Royce Ryton
More information contact: Glen Carlyon – 01202 813517

Mon 24th 10 – 12 noon Quintet Coffee Club
Cranborne Sports Club

Saturday 29th: HARVEST SUPPER – Wimborne St Giles
Village Hall. 7pm. Tickets £6.50 in advance from
Churchwardens.



**FLOWER FESTIVAL
WOODLANDS PARISH CHURCH**

**Sat 8th and Sunday 9th September
11.00am to 5.00pm**
Refreshments in the Village Hall
Tombola and Books



**2019 Church Diaries are now available in all of
our four churches. All proceeds go to Church
funds.**

For your diary:

Sat 13th October: Wimborne St Giles Village Hall –7.30pm
"MAGELLAN CIRCUMNAVIGATION" - a musical story of
love and exploration. Composed and performed by Bob
Whitley, accompanied by cellist Lee Cuff. More info and
tickets from Lissie Ashton: lissie.ashton@BTinternet.com

Wednesday 14th November – Woodlands Village Hall:
The Fireside Theatre presents **"PEACE IN OUR TIME"** to
commemorate the end of the First World War.

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 2nd

10.45 Morning Service *Mr Brian Sturtridge*
3pm Messy Church – always great fun – do come along
6pm Evening Service *At Holtwood*

Sunday 9th

10.45 Morning Service *Rev David Le Poidevin*
6pm Worship for you *Mr Chris Antell*
Title: Challenges of Life

Sunday 16th

10.45 Holy Communion *Rev Nigel Deller*
6pm Evening Service *Rev Gwyneth Owen*

Sunday 23rd

10.45 *Rev Eric Parker*
6pm Evening Service *Mr Brian Skelley*

Sunday 30th

10.45 Harvest Festival *Rev Barbara Jeffries*
6pm United Service *Rev Andy Warren*

COFFEE MORNINGS:

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

HARVEST SUPPER

**Wednesday September 26th
Home Grown Entertainment – tickets now on sale**

HARVEST SALE

**Monday October 1st at 7.30pm
Bethel Music Group followed by auction of produce**

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the 15th of the month