

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

QUINTET
NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2020



The Rector writes:

My apologies, first of all, for the late issue of this Newsletter. Averil, in fact, had the Newsletter all ready to roll last week but then on Saturday we got the news that we are about to enter another lockdown. This of course means that all the information Averil had collated for services and events in November now no longer applies, sadly this includes Remembrance Sunday.

We cannot organise any kind of service or gathering for Remembrance but that doesn't mean it will pass unobserved. We have wreaths to lay on behalf of the churches and will be doing so in a private way. I encourage others of you with a wreath or a poppy to lay them on your local war memorial in the period between Remembrance Sunday (8th November) and Remembrance Day on the 11th. We will be posting a Remembrance themed service on our Facebook page (Quintet Group of Parishes) and on our website www.dorsetquintet.org.uk (follow the link to *latest online service* which takes you to the Facebook page - you don't need your own Facebook account). There will also be Remembrance prayers and acts of worship on the Church of England page: www.churchofengland.org.

I have been looking back through my monthly letters and, somewhat unsurprisingly, they have been dominated by COVID-19 and its restrictions ever since April. It may not feel like it at the moment but I think we need to remind ourselves regularly that our lives are considerably more than working our way through this pandemic. I do very much hope and pray, nonetheless, that we do all manage to work our way through. Lockdown feels to me a bit more daunting this time, with the daylight hours reducing and winter around the corner.

I want to take you back to some words from a pre-COVID letter, my offering in February, which I hope serve as

inspiration and direction for the weeks ahead. In February I noted the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Nazi death camp and I quoted the words of Sir Nicholas Winton, who rescued 669 children from Nazi-occupied Europe. The quote is *"Don't be content in your life just to do no wrong, be prepared every day to try and do some good."* Every day try and do some good. That is going to be my guiding light for November and I hope it inspires you too.

Robert Simpson November 2020

From the Parish Registers

Weddings

"Those whom God has joined together"

10th October at Wimborne St Giles:

Thomas Betts and Minerva Amador-Christie

Funerals

"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord"

6th October at Cranborne:

Burial of Ashes for the late Betty Smith

10th October at Cranborne:

Burial of Ashes for the late Rodney Thomas

22nd October at Cranborne

Funeral and Burial of the late Brenda Bell

RECORDED SERVICES

Robert will continue to post a recorded service on the Dorset Quintet website and facebook page from 9.30 am on Sunday mornings – you can watch it straight away but it will remain on the website if you want to catch it later. Or you may like to look at the Church of England website: www.churchofengland.org where you can find a weekly digital service which can be watched at any time.

For those without internet access the telephone link:

Daily Hope offers music prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England and is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**

As long as is permitted, Cranborne church will continue to be open for private prayer as follows: Wednesday afternoons: 2pm to 4pm and Sundays : 10 am to 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. They will be pleased to help you with this.

Care has been taken to prepare the churches and to ensure that they are ready for visitors. At all times visitors will be asked to comply with the social distancing rules that are in place at the time of their visit, and may find that some areas are closed off to help to reduce the cleaning needed.

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

Charity of the Month

September's collection for **ENCIRCLES** raised **£139.22.** and the amount raised in October for **MOSAIC** was **£225.00.**

Thank you for your donations.

We will resume collections for our Charity of the Month as soon as we are able to do so.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

£165 was collected at the Harvest Festival and donated to Ringwood Foodbank Trussell Trust together with all Harvest goods received. Thank you.

FOOD BANK BOX: **Cranborne Stores**

Food Bank and Covid. These are desperate times for so many, facing unemployment, the end of furlough and the onset of winter, with few, if any, reserves. Please donate whatever you can to the Food Box in Cranborne Village Shop. **THANK YOU !**

Woodlands Methodist Church

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More information: phone 01202 822066

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

All activities are being reviewed on a monthly basis, but unless there is a significant decline in the Covid-19 threat it has been decided not to open until January 2021 at the earliest.

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