

# Thought for the Week



Not to love is not to live, or it is to live a living death. The love that goes out in love to all is the life that is full, and rich, and continually expanding in beauty and in power. This is the life that becomes

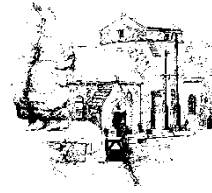
ever more inclusive, and hence larger in its scope and influence. The larger the man or the woman, the more inclusive they are in their love and their friendships.

The smaller the man or the woman, the more dwarfed and dwindling their natures, the more they pride themselves upon their 'exclusiveness'.

Anyone can be exclusive. It comes easy. It takes and it signifies a large nature to be universal, to be inclusive. Only the man or the woman of a small, personal, self-centred, self-seeking nature is exclusive. The man or the woman of a large, royal, unself-centred nature never is. The small nature is one that continually strives for effect. The large nature never does.

One goes here and there in order to gain recognition, in order to attach himself to the world. The other stays at home and draws the world to him. The one loves merely himself. The other loves all the world: but in his larger love for all the world he finds himself included. The more one loves the nearer he approaches to God, for God is the spirit of infinite love.

RALPH WALDO TRINE.  
*'In Tune with the Infinite'*.



## St Nicholas' Church, Studland

Welcome to St Nicholas this morning!  
Thank you for joining us.

We hope you will enjoy our worship together.  
You are also very welcome to join our live "Zoom"  
services held on first and third Sunday of the month  
at 6.30pm.

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Readings for this Sunday are:

10.00am Hebrews 10:5-10 and Luke 1:39-55  
Cant. the Magnificat

SUNDAY  
19<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am  
3.00pm

Morning Prayer  
Christingle Service

**Collect:** God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever.

**Post Communion:** Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.