

**The Benefice of the Piddle Valley,  
Hilton and Ansty,  
Cheselbourne and Melcombe Horsey**



**Pew Sheets – Please take home**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018**

**5th after Trinity / Proper 8**

*Altar Colour – Green*

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**2 Corinthians 8:7-15 English Standard Version (ESV)**

**Encouragement to Give Generously**

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

**COMMENT:** Seeking reconciliation with the Corinthians, Paul delicately proposes that they complete their collection for the famine-stricken Christians in Jerusalem. This project had been very close to Paul’s heart. He sincerely believed the Gentile congregations had a duty to help the Mother of all Churches in its time of need. Titus had made this appeal first to the Corinthians. For some reason they had withheld their contribution, probably due to their disagreement with Paul which caused the earlier, painful correspondence. After first challenging the Corinthians

to follow the example of the Macedonian churches in Philippi, Thessalonica and Beroea, Paul sets before them the example of Jesus Christ himself. Paul regards that the sacrifice of Jesus did not begin on the cross, nor at this birth. It began when he set aside his godhead and became incarnate as a humble servant of God in the human context of a 1st century Jewish carpenter. Gracious giving to help those in need is based on Christ's own sacrifice for them – and for us. Paul has as much concern that the Corinthians learn how to be generous as he is, that they make a large contribution. Paul cites their previous eagerness to contribute and asks them to finish what they had begun. One's readiness to give has to be matched by one's ability to give. What one has, not what one lacks. The quotation in v15 emphasises Paul's vision of equality among Christians which requires those who have to share with those who have not. Such an economic policy is an anathema in our crazed profit-oriented society, yet it also motivates many to contribute generously to food banks and to send relief to famine- or flood-stricken countries.

### **Mark 5:21-43 English Standard Version (ESV)**

#### **Jesus Heals a Woman and Jairus's Daughter**

And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue,



“Do not fear, only believe.” And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

**COMMENT:** The daughter of Jairus, the head of a synagogue was dying. While on his way to heal her, Jesus was pressed by the crowd, but still felt another woman in need seek healing by touching the hem of his robe. Jairus was the lay president of the synagogue in his community. The man was desperate about his daughter and pleaded that Jesus come to his house and lay hands on her. In response to this plea Jesus went with him and the crowd followed, probably more curious to see another miracle than to hear what Jesus might say. In small communities, anything unusual draws a crowd. One of the people in the crowd was a woman who had suffered from a menstrual malady for twelve years. Every attempt she had made to get help from other healers had failed. Both desperate and destitute, she sought to get close to Jesus - enough to touch his garment hoping that it might have the magic that would heal her. When she did touch him, she was instantly healed. Looking Jesus asks the crowd, who had touched him, the woman identified herself, but did so in great fear. Jesus had only compassion for her and sent her on her way with the assurance that her faith had been rewarded. Meanwhile, Jairus' daughter had already died, or so her carers thought. Jesus had to reassure Jairus that this was not so and urge him to let faith deal with his fear. Arriving at the house, he rebuked the mourners who had already begun their funereal wailing. They derided him, so he sent them all out of the house, took the parents into the room where the girl lay, and raised her with a tender word. The two miracles provide a contrast between the healing of someone who exhibited faith and another who had a father exhibit faith on her behalf. The details of these two stories should not distract us from the essential point Mark is making: through Jesus, the shalom of God has arrived revitalizing the lives of old and young. Faith is important however imperfect – and however many negative voices surround us. Prayer is important. A father beseeched Jesus for his daughter and was heard. A woman with nowhere else to turn is heard. Let us pray!

**Post Communion:** Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Blessing:** Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Prayers



Please pray: For those receiving and recovering from, hospital treatment: including: - Jacob Jones, Rev'd Deb Smith, Colin Webb, Hannah Jackson.

For your Parish Priest Fr. Roger, Rev'd Helier and our laity; the churches and people of our benefice. and for those who are bereaved, or suffering.

**Requiescant in pace** – Peter Northey of Piddletrenthide

-- Susan Phillips of Hilton, funeral 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm @ Hilton

### What's going on around the Benefice!

**Brass Clean @ Piddletrenthide 4<sup>th</sup> July 10-12noon.**

Ginny will provide 'brasso' and refreshments.

**Morning Prayer Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 9am @ Alton Pancras.** Join Fr. Roger for Prayer, Coffee and a Chat.

THE  
**WEEK**  
AHEAD

**Stepping Stones home group** meets twice a month on a Tuesday evening at 7.30 at Orchard Cottage, Melcombe Bingham. All welcome. For further details telephone Richard and Julie Saunders on 01258 880585.

### Services

<b>8<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> after trinity  <i>Altar Colour - Green</i>  Ezek. 2: 1-5 Psalm 123 2 Cor. 12: 2-10 Mark 6: 1-13	<b><u>9.30am Family Eucharist</u></b> At Alton Pancras (CW)  <b><u>6.00pm Sung Evening Prayer</u></b> At Piddlehinton (BCP)  <b><u>6.00pm Pets of Praise *</u></b> At Piddletrenthide	<b><u>8.30am Holy Communion</u></b> At Hilton (BCP)  <b><u>11.00am Parish Communion</u></b> At Melcombe Horsey
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