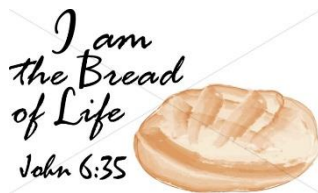


The Benefice of the Piddle Valley,
Hilton and Ansty,
Cheselbourne and Melcombe Horsey



Pew Sheets – Please take home

Sunday 19th August 2018
12th after Trinity / Proper 15

Altar Colour – Green

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Proverbs 9:1-6 (NRSV)

Wisdom's Feast

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.

She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,

“You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says,

“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NRSV)

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel - John 6:51-58 (ESV)

The Bread of Life

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

Comment: The controversy with the Jews continued as they protested Jesus’ claim that they eat his flesh and drink his blood to gain eternal life. John told the story as an eyewitness. From his narrative, one can see the Jews arguing among themselves (verse 52). Jesus stood aside from the fray letting them have their dispute. By saying that Jesus’ flesh and blood are true food and drink, John echoed the frequent and by then formalised sacramental remembrance of the death and resurrection of Christ and his continuing presence in the church. This long discourse not only revealed how opposition to Jesus developed during his ministry in Galilee, but also showed that he challenged their traditional ways of thinking about how God is revealed. When John composed his gospel, the church had recognised both its continuity and discontinuity with the Jewish tradition. However, strange that may seem to us, John was telling his audience that Jesus had given himself as a sacrifice for all. His body broken and his blood shed on the cross were now represented in the bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper. He was not only with them, he was in them. Because they had shared in this feast of his body and blood at which he was the host, they would be with him, they in him and he in them eternally.

Post Communion: God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing: The Blessing God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Benefice Service.

***The next Benefice Service is on Sunday 30th September at 10.30am,
a Eucharist Service, held jointly with our benefice and the
Winterbourne Valley & Milton Abbas Benefice.
All Welcome***



Prayers



Please pray: For the sick, for those suffering from long term illness, and those recovering from hospital treatment including: - Jacob Jones, Colin Webb, Anna Webb, Hannah Jackson, Ann Lambert, Rev'd Deb Smith. Rev'd Benny Hazlehurst.

For your Parish Priest Fr. Roger, and for Rev'd Helier;
For our laity and visiting clergy who take services within the benefice.

For the churches and people of our benefice;
For Sam and Katrina who are to be married next week;
For the many families on holiday;
For those receiving A Level and GCSE exam results,
and for those who are bereaved, or suffering.

Requiescant in pace – **Pat (Thelma) Buchan** of Dorchester and former post mistress at Piddlehinton.

Memorial Service at St Mary's Piddlehinton to be arranged.

Norman White of White Lackington and former Landlord of the Thimble,

Funeral Service at St Mary's Piddlehinton 30th August @ 11am

What's going on around the Benefice!

Saturday 25th August, Marriage of Sam and Katrina at St Mary's Piddlehinton – Officiated by Rev'd Bruce Dixon

THE
WEEK
AHEAD

23rd to 27th August - Fr. Roger and family are running the Church Tent alongside Fr. Roger's chaplain duties at the Great Dorset Steam Fare. Gratitude to Rev'd Helier, Rev'd Bruce Dixon & Jestyn Coke (LLM) for covering next Sunday's Services

Services

<u>25th August 2018</u> Saturday	<u>Wedding @ Piddlehinton</u>	
<u>26th August 2018</u> 13 th after Trinity <i>Altar Colour - Green</i> Josh.24: 1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34: 15-end Eph. 6: 10-20 John 6:56-69	<u>9.30am Family Eucharist with Alton Pancras at Piddletrenthide (CW)</u> <i>Refreshments after service</i> <u>6.00pm Sung Evening Prayer</u> at Piddlehinton (BCP)	<u>8.30am Holy Communion</u> At Cheselbourne (BCP) <u>6.00pm Sung Evening Prayer</u> At Hilton (BCP)



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