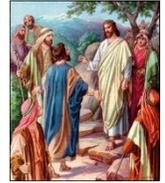


**The Benefice of the Piddle Valley,  
Hilton and Ansty,  
Cheselbourne and Melcombe Horsey**



**Pew Sheets – Please take home**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
16<sup>th</sup> after Trinity / Proper 19**

*Altar Colour – Green*

**Collect:** O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through 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**

**James 3:1-12 (ESV)**

***Taming the Tongue***

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life,[a] and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

**COMMENT:** The passage consists of a series of lively metaphors for a careless tongue and how it may be controlled to everyone's benefit. The metaphors are quite obvious and still familiar to modern readers: a bit in a horse's mouth, a ship's rudder, a forest fire, the taming of wild animals and birds, a spring of water, olive

trees and grapevines. There can be no doubt about what James meant in castigating those to whom he spoke directly or indirectly. His purpose was to create disciples who lived what they professed to believe.

### **Mark 8:27-38 (ESV)**

#### ***Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ***

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

#### ***Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection***

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**COMMENT:** Jesus revealed his Messiahship to his disciples on foreign territory. Caesarea Philippi, at one of three sources of the Jordan River, was a vacation spa built by Philip the Tetrarch, son of Herod the Great, and dedicated to Tiberius Caesar and himself. It was situated on a beautiful terrace about 1150 feet above sea level on the southwest slope of Mount Hermon overlooking the Jordan valley. In Jesus' time oppressive summer heat drove any Galilean who could afford it to such retreats as this royal spa. It must have been of considerable significance to the early Church that this should be the place where Jesus revealed his full identity to the disciples. The fundamental apostolic creed proclaimed, “Jesus is Lord,” not Caesar or his puppet king, Philip, the remaining inheritor of the Herod dynasty. This was the fundamental issue for the Christians in Rome in the years following Nero's burning of the city, his persecution of the Christians as the perpetrator of the crime, and the triumphal return of Titus from the sacking of Jerusalem bearing the golden candelabra and other booty from the ruined Second Temple. The idea

of a crucified Messiah is central to this passage. Jesus rebuked Peter when he tried to dissuade him from such a course. For Jesus, this was yet another temptation in the guise of a close friend's counsel. It tested his commitment to the mission he had chosen as a result of his earlier temptations, which began his ministry. To impress the seriousness of his mission, Jesus turned to the wider audience of the crowd gathered with his disciples, and invited all to deny themselves and take up the cross - which may be a very real cross involving suffering - not a life of comfort to which it is so easily to aspire!

### **Prayers**



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

For your Rector Fr. Roger, and for Rev'd Helier, and our laity;  
For the churches and people of our benefice;  
For James and Eleanor's marriage on Saturday;  
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 3.30pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018.***



### **Thank you!**

The Harvest Songs of Praise at Piddletrenthide last Sunday raised £96.00 and four bags filled with tins and packets for Dorchester Food Bank.  
Thank you.

## What's going on around the Benefice!

# THE WEEK AHEAD

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Morning Prayer @ Piddletrenthide at 9am. All welcome to join Fr. Roger for Prayer, Coffee and a chat.

**Stepping Stones Home Group** meets twice a month in a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm, starting on 11<sup>th</sup> September at Orchard Cottage, Melcombe Bingham. **All Welcome.** For further details please telephone Richard and Julie Saunders on 01258 880585

## Services Next Sunday

<b><u>22nd September</u></b> <b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Wedding</u></b> <b><u>James &amp; Eleanor</u></b> <b><u>Piddlehinton</u></b>  <b><u>3.30pm Memorial Service for</u></b> <b><u>Pat Buchan</u></b> <b><u>Piddlehinton</u></b>	
<b><u>23<sup>rd</sup> September</u></b> 17 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity <i>Altar Colour - Green</i>  Psalm: 54 Jer. 11: 18-20 James 3: 13-4:3,7-8a Mark 9: 30-37	<b><u>6.00pm Sung Evening Prayer</u></b> at Piddlehinton (BCP)  <b><u>6.00pm Harvest Songs of</u></b> <b><u>Praise</u></b> at Alton Pancras Communion by extension available after the service  <b>IRONMAN PIDDLE VALLEY ROAD CLOSED</b>	<b><u>8.30am Holy Communion</u></b> At Cheselbourne (BCP)  <b><u>6.00pm Sung Evening Prayer</u></b> At Hilton (BCP)

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## *Date for your Diary*

**Combined Benefice Service at Milton Abbey, 10.30am  
on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September. All are welcome!**