

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



**Pew Sheets – Please take home**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018  
17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity / Proper 20**

*Altar Colour – Green*

**Collect:** Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 3:13-4:3, 7-8 (NIV)**

***Two Kinds of Wisdom***

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

***Submit Yourselves to God***

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

**COMMENT:** The important Christian Concept of meekness includes: gentleness, moderation, courtesy and humility. From the Old Testament and in Paul's writings to the early church the Christian 'wise man' overcomes worldly wisdom for true wisdom is from above. False wisdom leads to strife in the community. James considers the faults of such wisdom questioning the very motives of the believers,

he adds, even their prayer is self-serving. This wisdom is folly to God as the Christian receives wisdom from being open to the truth outside of oneself and seeks with meekness of heart.

**Mark 9:30-37 (ESV)**

***Jesus Again Foretells Death, Resurrection***

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, or he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

***Who Is the Greatest?***

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

**COMMENT:** Bound for Jerusalem, Jesus continued teaching his disciples that the cross would be his inevitable end. Now that they knew he was the Messiah, however, they had another agenda. Which of them were to have prominence in the Messiah's kingdom? It took a child set in their midst to show them what serving with really meant. To be with him in his divinely appointed glory involved humiliation like his. Naturally they failed to understand it. Do we even now? If that is what is involved, who really wants the cross of discipleship? The principle of it all seems so out of touch with our age with its motifs of selfishness and success

**Ironman**

*Due to Ironman Event the services in the Piddle Valley moved to the evening. Grateful thanks to Rev'd Helier and Rev'd Hugh Willis for covering services at Cheselbourne and Hilton to facilitate this rearrangement of services*

## Prayers



Please pray: For the sick, for those suffering from long term illness, and those receiving and 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, For Rev'd Helier, Rev'd Hugh Willis, and our laity;  
For the churches and people of our benefice;  
For those who are bereaved, or suffering.

## Thank you!

The Harvest Family Eucharist at Cheselbourne last Sunday gave a cash donation and a large bag filled with tins and packets for Dorchester Food Bank. Thank you.

## What's going on around the Benefice!

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept: Alton Pancras Harvest Supper. All Welcome – Sally Dangerfield or Tim Carron Brown for details.

THE  
**WEEK**  
AHEAD

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept: Morning Prayer @ Piddlehinton at 9.30am. All welcome to join Alan Neades for the morning office. This is a weekly event.

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 for Next 2 Sunday's

<p><b><u>30<sup>th</sup> September</u></b>          18<sup>th</sup> after Trinity  <i>Altar Colour - Green</i></p>	<p><b><u>8.30am Communion</u></b>          At Piddletrenthide</p> <p><b><u>10.30am Benefice Eucharist Service</u></b>  <b><u>At Milton Abbey</u></b></p>
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<p><b><u>5<sup>th</sup> October 2018</u></b>  <b>Friday</b></p>	<p><b><u>7pm Harvest Service</u></b>          followed by Harvest Supper at          8pm Auction of Produce          Piddlehinton</p>	
<p><b><u>7<sup>th</sup> October</u></b>          19<sup>th</sup> after Trinity  <i>Altar Colour – Green</i></p> <p>Psalm: 8          Gen. 2: 18-24          Heb. 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12          Mark 10: 2-16</p>	<p><b><u>8.30am Holy Communion</u></b>          At Alton Pancras (BCP)</p> <p><b><u>9.30am Valley Family Service</u></b>          At Piddlehinton</p> <p><b><u>11.00am Baptism</u></b>          At Piddletrenthide (BCP)</p>	<p><b><u>10.30am Harvest &amp; Pets</u></b>  <b><u>Songs of Praise</u></b>          At Hilton</p> <p><b><u>11.00am Harvest Morning Prayer</u></b>          At Melcombe Horsey (BCP)</p> <p><b><u>6.00pm Evening Prayer</u></b>          At Cheselbourne (BCP)</p> <p><b><u>Harvest Supper &amp;</u></b>  <b><u>Auction of Produce.</u></b>          Old Brewery Hall, Ansty</p>

# Combined Benefice Eucharist Service at Milton Abbey



**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
**10.30am**  
**All Welcome**