

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



Pew Sheets – Please take home

**Sunday 30th September 2018
18th after Trinity / Proper 21**

Altar Colour – Green

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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**

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (NIV)

Quail From the Lord

The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. 6 But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”

Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The Lord became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. He asked the Lord, “Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me—if I have found favour in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin.” The Lord said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting that they may stand there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!" But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!"

James 5:13-20 (ESV)

The Prayer of Faith

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

COMMENT: Pray when your suffering and praise (pray) when your cheerful is most likely a reference to Ephesians (6:18) 'to pray without ceasing'.

In an age when scientific medicine was still very primitive, healing the sick had spiritual as well as physical significance, as it still has for many and for the Church. Anointing the sick with oil and prayer were seen as valid treatment. Repentance, confession and seeking forgiveness were also a very important part of the healing process. Note that the treatment James prescribed was perceived as God's healing action, not the church elders.

Mark 9:38-50 (ESV)

Anyone Not Against Us Is for Us

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For the one who is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. (Continued.../)

Temptations to Sin

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

COMMENT: The issue in this passage still troubles many: Who really is a follower of Jesus? In response to this dilemma posed by John, the son of Zebedee, Jesus appears to broaden the scope of discipleship: “Whoever is not against us is for us.” At the same time, there is a severity in Jesus’ words spoken in crisp metaphors. Preventing others from following Jesus in even the simplest of ways, can be virtually an unpardonable sin.



Prayers

Please pray: For the sick, for those suffering from long term illness, for those receiving and recovering from hospital treatment including:

Colin Webb, Anna Webb, Meg Gray, Ted, Michelle Simpson, Ann Lambert, Rev'd Deb Smith, Rev'd Benny Hazlehurst.

For your Rector Fr. Roger,

For Rev'd Helier, and our laity;

For the 6 churches within our benefice and those serving on the PCC's.

For our congregations and those who live in the parishes.

For all those who are bereaved, or suffering and for the many care givers in our community.

Requiescant in pace - Rodney Parsons, Piddlehinton – funeral arrangements to be confirmed.

Thank you!

The Harvest Songs of Praise at Alton Pancras last Sunday gave a large box filled with tins and packets for Dorchester Food Bank. From the collection and Harvest Supper a donation was made to 'Royal Agriculture Benefit Institute'. Thank you.

What's going on around the Benefice!

Thursday 4th October: Morning Prayer @ Hilton, 9am. Join the Rector for Coffee, Prayer and a Chat!

Thursday 4th October: 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 on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm, next meeting 2nd October at Orchard Cottage, Melcombe Bingham. **All Welcome.** For further details please telephone Richard and Julie Saunders on 01258 880585

THE
WEEK
AHEAD

Date in your Diary reminder!

Benefice Meeting - Tuesday 16th October 2018

6.30pm @ Cheselbourne Village Hall

Please car share, and bring a plate of nibbles for after the meeting.

Fr. Roger and Ginny will provide Wine and Fruit Juice.

Services for Next Sunday.

5th October 2018 Friday	7pm Harvest Service followed by Harvest Supper at 8pm Auction of Produce Piddlehinton	
7th October 19 th after Trinity <i>Altar Colour – Green</i> Psalm: 8 Gen. 2: 18-24 Heb. 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12 Mark 10: 2-16	8.30am Holy Communion At Alton Pancras (BCP) 9.30am Valley Family Service At Piddlehinton 11.00am Baptism At Piddletrenthide (BCP)	10.30am Harvest & Pets Songs of Praise At Hilton <u>Bring a pet and enjoy a bacon roll</u> <u>after the service!</u> 11.00am Harvest Morning Prayer At Melcombe Horsey (BCP) 6.00pm Evening Prayer At Cheselbourne (BCP) Harvest Supper & Auction of Produce. Old Brewery Hall, Ansty

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