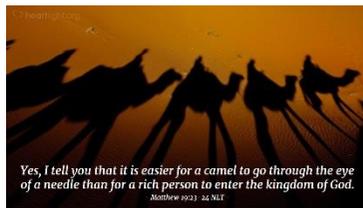


The Benefice of the Piddle Valley,
Hilton and Ansty,
Cheselbourne and Melcombe Horsey



Pew Sheets – Please take home

Sunday 14th October 2018
20th after Trinity / Proper 23

Altar Colour – Green

Collect: God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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**

Hebrews 4:12-16 (ESV)

The Word of God

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Jesus the Great High Priest

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Comment: Hebrews falls into two parts. Verses 12-13 in their context form a postscript to the argument of 3:7 - 4:11, providing extra motivation for the exhortation of 4:11. However, the two parts also make sense on their own, and verse 12 is widely quoted by itself. Verses 14-16 begin a section that spans all the way through chapter 10, focusing on Jesus as high priest. The verses here can well be termed a thesis for the larger section, presenting the key ideas about Jesus as high priest and stating the exhortation the author sees resulting from these ideas. The phrase "the word of God" in verse 12 is not a direct reference to written scripture but refers to God's active proclamation and revelation in the world. God's active speaking was an important part of the argument of Hebrews 3:7 - 4:11, and

that active sense carries through to here. Scripture is certainly included in the reference, as the quote of *Psalms 95* in chapter 3 indicates, but "the word of God" is not merely a designation for scripture.

Mark 10:17-31 (ESV)

The Rich Young Man

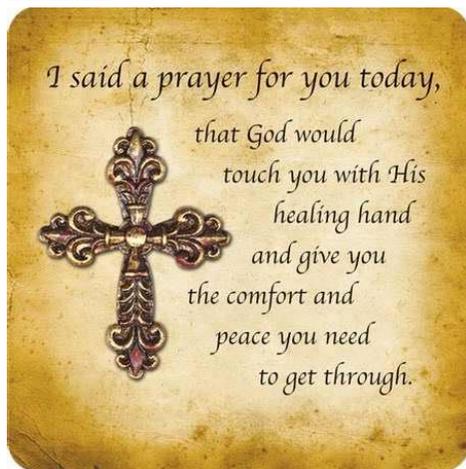
And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honour your father and mother.'" And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Comment: This passage may be difficult for us to hear in our consumer age where wealth and possessions matter so much. The questioner who accosted Jesus as he set out on a journey had led an exemplary moral life and had an earnest desire for a more meaningful spiritual life. But he lacked one thing: the inability to separate himself from his great wealth. Jesus used the opportunity to explain to his disciples why wealth was such a stumbling block and promised that those who were faithful would be rewarded for whatever sacrifice they made.

Post Communion: God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Blessing: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 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.

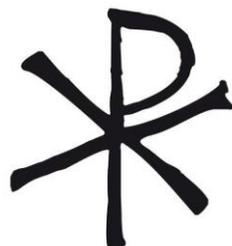
For your Rector Fr. Roger,
For Rev'd Helier, and our laity;
For those who are suffering who are lonely and the bereaved.
For the many care givers in our community.

Requiescant in pace

Rodney Parsons, formerly of Piddlehinton
Funeral 17th October 11.30am @ Dewlish

Rev'd Stanley Royle
Funeral 23rd October, 2.00pm @ Milton Abbey,

Graham Jackson, formerly of Piddletrenthide.



What's going on around the Benefice!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 16th October: 6.30pm

Benefice Meeting @ Cheselbourne Village Hall, 6.30pm.

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

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

Thursday 18th October: 9am Morning Prayer Coffee and a Chat with the Rector @ Melcombe Horsey.

Stepping Stones Home Group meets twice a month on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm, at Orchard Cottage, Melcombe Bingham. **All Welcome.** For next meeting date further details please telephone Richard and Julie Saunders on 01258 880585

Services for Next Sunday.

<u>21st October 2018</u> 21 st after Trinity <i>Altar Colour - Green</i> Psalm: 91: 9-end Isaiah 53: 4-end Heb. 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45 <i>Half term - Fr. Roger and Family away</i>	<u>8.30am Holy Communion</u> At Piddletrenthide (BCP) <u>11.00am Family Communion</u> At Piddlehinton	<u>9.30am Family Eucharist</u> At Cheselbourne (CW) <u>11.00am Sung Morning Prayer</u> At Hilton ((BCP) <u>11.00am Horsey Half Half Hour</u> At Melcombe Horsey
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