



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

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

*Altar Colour – White/Gold*

Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19

**Collect:** God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face 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

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (ESV) - *One Body with Many Members***

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honourable we bestow the greater honour, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honour to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then

gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

**Comment:** Paul's image of the disciple community as the body of the risen Christ has stood the test of time. It still speaks with power to our generation. Of less significance for us is the list of offices and functions which he enumerates. His purpose in doing so is to illustrate how the various gifts he had found among the Corinthian disciples could work together harmoniously when each person fulfilled his or her function for the good of the whole community. He moved from this powerful metaphor to show how this could be done through the best gift of all - love.

### **Luke 4:14-21 (ESV) - *Jesus Begins His Ministry***

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

#### ***Jesus Rejected at Nazareth.***

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

**Comment:** It was the custom in the Jewish synagogues of the 1st century to ask a visiting rabbi to teach from the scriptures. After making an initial tour of Galilee, Jesus went to worship on the sabbath. He was asked to read and interpret a passage of scripture. Jesus chose a passage from Isaiah 61:1-2 – or it was the assigned reading for the day – which was to become the model for his ministry. Then he declared to the congregation that this prophecy was being fulfilled in their hearing. From this dominical mission, the present day Church Communities have discerned God's "preferential option for the poor" and the cause of social justice for the most vulnerable in our society. Yet to interpret the message of Isaiah 61 as that of Social justice will be to misread Isaiah – the concern reveal is about Righteousness – being right before God

**Short Preface:** And now we give you thanks because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world, that all the nations may be brought out of darkness to see the radiance of your glory.

**Post Communion:** Generous Lord, in word and Eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

**Blessing:** Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Benefice Prayer Requests.



*Please continue to pray for:*

Colin Webb and for his family, Ruth, Anna, & Sarah, Meg & Roger Gray.

Please pray for June Kellaway, Robin & Victoria Maslin and their two children.

For Fay Lord and for her twin brother Terry Jeanes, Ted in hospital and for his daughter Sue, Michelle Simpson, Ann Lambert, Chrissie Combes, Susan Belgrave, For Betty – Hillary and Jane, Rev'd Deb Smith, For Mel, Isaac and Iona Hazlehurst, For Janet Keen and family. For the Children, Parents and Staff at Piddle Valley School and Cheselbourne School.

**Piddle Valley School:** The School urgently require foundation governors. Fr. Roger and Ginny are both Foundation Governors, alongside a parent governor, a retired teacher (living in the valley) and two current members of school staff and of course the head teacher Mrs Jayne Brown. Some information about the role of a governor can be found on the Diocese Website:

[www.salisbury.anglican.org/resources-library/schools1/governors/](http://www.salisbury.anglican.org/resources-library/schools1/governors/).

**If you are interested in this role, please speak to the Rector as soon as possible – thank you.**



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## What's going on around the Benefice!

**Correct dates for Morning Prayer, Coffee and a Chat with the Rector as follows:**

7th February 9am Hilton  
21th February 9am Melcombe Horsey

**Midweek Eucharist, Coffee and a Chat with the Rector.**

14th February 9.30am Piddlehinton Eucharist

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January: 9.30am**

Morning Prayer @ Piddlehinton with Alan Neades. This is a weekly service.

**Stepping Stones Home Group:** meets twice a month on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm, at Orchard Cottage, Melcombe Bingham. (Richard and Julie Saunders on 01258 880585.) **All Welcome.**

**Foodbank:** *Please remember to bring a tin/packet a week* over the winter months to support those who are in need. Ginny will bring a fresh supply of posters/leaflets for each church and can deliver donations to Dorchester as required. *This week I have delivered food from Alton Pancras, Hilton and Cheselbourne – Thank you.*



## Next Sunday's Services

***Please note the correct readings for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February are below; they are incorrect in the PVN&V and Village news magazine.***

***I apologise for the confusion – Ginny.***

<u>3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019</u>	<u>Candlemas/Presentation of Christ</u>
Altar Colour – White	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at Alton Pancras
Malachi 3: 1-5,;	9.30am Valley Family Service * at Piddlehinton (Snowdrop Sunday)
Psalms 24: (1-6) 7-10;	10.30am Songs of Praise at Hilton *
Hebrews 2: 14-18	11.00am Baptism at Piddletrenthide *
Luke 2: 22-40	11.00am Morning Prayer at Melcombe Horsey
	6.00pm Evening Prayer at Cheselbourne
	<i>* Refreshments and fellowship after the service</i>