



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

Sunday 24th February 2019

2nd Sunday before Lent

Altar Colour – Green

Gen. 2: 4b– 9, 15-end
Psalm 65

Collect: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

Revelation 4 (NIV) - *The Throne in Heaven*

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the centre, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.”

Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down

before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

Luke 8:22-25 (ESV) - *Jesus Calms a Storm*

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they set out, and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. And they went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marvelled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”

Comment: This miracle story is one in the Gospels which is referred to as a ‘nature story’. It reveals the scriptural view that creation is not just an act in the past but a continuing involvement of God in the World. The main thrust of the story is that of faith – even though things may get rough – we need to exercise faith in the goodness of God – that he will see us through in the end.

Post Communion: God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing: Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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



Requiescant in pace

*Gary Saunders, – Funeral 12noon, 27th February at St Mary's Piddlehinton
Meg Gray, from Cheselbourne – 2pm, 8th March at St Martin's Cheselbourne*

Please pray for those who grieve.

Please pray for the many care givers in our community who quietly go providing care for their loved ones, who are suffering.

*Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery, treatment or illness:
Chrissie Combs, June Kellaway, Ann Lambert, Betty – Hillary and Jane, Rev'd Deb
Smith, For Mel, Isaac and Iona, For Janet and family. For Fay Lord and Terry Jeanes,
Ted and his daughter Sue, Michelle Simpson.*



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What's going on around the Benefice!

THE
WEEK
AHEAD

Thursday 28th February: Morning Prayer 9.30am St Mary's 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.) Next meeting 26th February, **All Welcome.**

Food bank: Thank you for your food bank donations, I will be delivering donations from Alton Pancras, Hilton and Piddletrenthide.



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/.

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

Next Sunday's Services

<u>3rd March 2019</u>	<u>Last Sunday before Lent</u>	
Altar Colour - Green	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at Alton Pancras	
Exod. 34: 29-end	9.30am Valley Family Service * at Piddlehinton	
Psalm 99	11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) at Piddletrenthide	
2 Cor. 3: 12 - 4:2	10.30am Songs of Praise with Baptism * at Hilton	
Luke 9: 28-36 [37-43a]	11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) at Melcombe Horsey	
	6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at Cheselbourne	

**Refreshments and fellowship after the service.*