



**THREE IN ONE**

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

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Trinity Sunday**

*Altar Colour – White/Gold*

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**Readings:** Prov. 8: 1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Rom. 5: 1-5, John 16: 12-15

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.**

### **Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (ESV) - *The Blessings of Wisdom***

Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: "To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.

"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

**COMMENT:** The Book of Proverbs comes from a type of creative writing called Jewish Wisdom literature. It gets this name from the way in which it presents religious teachings as ancient, inherited wisdom to guide the morally and spiritually inexperienced. The Books of Job, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes and some Psalms also belong to this class. Outside of

the standard canon of scripture, however, many other books of Wisdom literature were written to interpret the ancient tradition in different styles. Some are contained in the Old Testament Apocrypha. Two of these, Ecclesiasticus (also called the Wisdom of Jesus Ben Sirach, or just Sirach) and the Book of Wisdom, were part and parcel of the Old Testament before the Reformation and still are with the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches. One of the features of Wisdom literature is the personification of Wisdom. The recasting of this human characteristic as a person with a clearly defined role within the divinely mandated order of the universe is at once a theological and a literary tour de force. Wisdom is often equated with the Holy Spirit. In the latter segment of this reading, verses 22-31, Wisdom makes the claim of being God's first creation who subsequently shared in all other acts of creation. This characterisation may well owe something to Greek philosophy in which the material and the spiritual were so distinct as to isolate God from God's creation. On the other hand, it may be no more than a later development of the Hebrew concept of holiness which came to the fore in post-exilic Judaism and also resulted in the separation of God from the created world.

### **Romans 5: 1-5 (NRSV)**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

### **John 16:12-15 (ESV) - *The Work of the Holy Spirit***

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**COMMENT:** On this particular Sunday we usually concentrate on what traditional creeds call "the Holy Trinity" – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The authors of the New Testament, rooted primarily in the Hebrew thought and written in Greek, did not give us a clear definition of what the later doctrines and creeds stated in orderly propositions. Those were the product of long reflection by Greek and Latin scholars on what the New Testament had said about the earliest Christian experience. The Church thrashed out Trinitarian doctrine amid much controversy at the church councils of the 4th and 5th centuries. At the time of the Reformation in the 16th Century, the Protestant churches carried this over from the Catholic faith as the orthodox doctrine. Every time we repeat

one of the traditional creeds we give expression to this doctrine. However, the terms and definitions of the Trinity may no longer have much meaning to modern church members no matter how many times we may learn them by rote and to endlessly recite them. Perhaps, what will make more sense is to describe the Trinity as God in action. In Jesus' final discourse to his disciples, John defined for his own community the purpose of the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is the closest any New Testament author came to a statement of the doctrine of the Trinity, except perhaps for the Trinitarian baptismal formula of Matthew 28:19. Here John gave a much more functional definition of how the Trinity actually touched the life of the apostolic community. The Father had created us, the Son of God had redeemed us, and the role of the Spirit was to bring us into a relationship with God, and to guide the community into all truth –. John was writing of spiritual truth rather than the philosophical, historical or scientific truth which has so enthralled the modern world since the beginning of the Age of Enlightenment three centuries ago.

**Short Preface:** And now we give you thanks because you have revealed the glory of your eternal fellowship of love with your Son and with the Holy Spirit, three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

**Post Communion:** Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Blessing:** God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Stepping Stones Home Group** Meet twice a month on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm, at Orchard Cottage, Melcombe Bingham. (Richard and Julie Saunders on 01258 880585.) ***All Welcome***

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Fifth Sunday Joint Benefice Service:** Eucharist at Milton Abbey with cricket/rounders and BYO picnic afterwards.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Tiddlers: Piddle Valley Tiddlers:** at Piddle Valley School. Please spread the word! For information contact:  
Alicia Eysenck Tel: 01305 251841 or Mob: 07990 740339



**Benefice Prayer Requests:**

- Please continue pray for those who are sick: Including: Colin Webb, Anna Webb, June Kellaway, Ann Lambert, Fay Lord and Terry Jeanes, Marianne Trainer
- We pray for those who grieve.
- Please pray for our couples preparing for Holy Matrimony during June & August:
  - ❖ Quenton & Alice - 22<sup>nd</sup> June at Melcombe Horsey
  - ❖ James & Clare – 10<sup>th</sup> August at Alton Pancras
  - ❖ Carl & Katy – 10<sup>th</sup> August at Cheselbourne
  - ❖ Max & Tessa – 17<sup>th</sup> August at Hilton
  - ❖ Stuart & Judith of Ansty – 24<sup>th</sup> August at Hazelbury Bryan

**What’s going on around the Benefice!**



**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June: Corpus Christi:** Feast Day Eucharist, coffee and a chat with the Rector 9.00am, Melcombe Horsey.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June: Morning prayer** at Piddlehinton, with Alan Neades.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Piddletrenthide with Plush Fete:** Manor House 1pm

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Midsummer Music Festival:** Warren Farm Bulbarrow

**Food Bank:** As a benefice we will continue to collect a packet/tin a week to support those in the wider Dorchester community who are in need - Thank you.

<p><b><u>23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019</u></b></p> <p>Altar Colour – Green</p> <p>Isa. 65: 1-9</p> <p>Psalm 22: 19-28</p> <p>Gal. 3: 23-end</p> <p>Luke 8: 26-39</p>	<p><b><u>1st Sunday after Trinity</u></b></p> <p>8.30am Holy Communion</p> <p>9.30am Family Eucharist With Alton Pancras</p> <p>6.00pm Sung Evening Prayer</p> <p>6.00pm Sung Evening Prayer</p>	<p>Cheselbourne Piddletrenthide</p> <p>Piddlehinton Hilton</p>
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