



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

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Pentecost – Whit Sunday**

*Altar Colour – White/Gold*

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**Readings:** Acts 2: 1-21, Psalm 104 : 26-end, Rom. 8: 14-17, John 14: 8-17 [25-27]

**Collect:** God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **Acts 2:1-21 (ESV) - The Coming of the Holy Spirit**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians— we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

### ***Peter's Sermon at Pentecost***

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**COMMENT:** The Jews celebrated Pentecost long before the Christian Church adopted it as the anniversary of the gift the Holy Spirit. John’s Gospel refers to it by its Jewish name, “the Festival of Weeks.” Originally a harvest festival, it also had a connection with the covenant God made with Noah (Genesis 9:8-17). About AD 200 the Jewish rabbinical tradition linked with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. This passage tells how the Spirit came unexpectedly upon the apostles fifty days after the resurrection to give them the mandate for a new mission: to proclaim the sovereignty of God’s love through the resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah/Christ. The difference between the traditions is related to the results of the experience. Luke, the presumed author of Acts, makes it clear that on this occasion the disciples received the spiritual power to carry out their newly assigned mission.

**John 14:8-17, [25-27] (ESV)**

Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

***Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit***

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my

peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

**COMMENT:** John, or possibly disciples of the apostle John, will have written this discourse from the remembered words of Jesus. The words that John records addresses those who have a problem seeing Jesus as the full revelation of God. In response to Philip’s longing, “Show us the Father and we will be satisfied,” Jesus gave an indirect, somewhat rhetorical answer designed to elicit Philip’s (and our) faith. Then he unequivocally declared his total identity with God: “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” He follows this with a further declaration as to the validity of the words he has spoken and the deeds he has done. Then he makes an astonishing claim: “Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these because I am going to the Father.” This assertion can only be understood in the light of Pentecost. We must remember too that this passage was written some sixty or more years after that unique event. On that day, that powerless troop of Galileans could no more imagine than we can how God could redeem the world through their witness of words and deeds. With faith in Jesus, the Messiah/Christ, Son of God, comes the gift of the Spirit and moral responsibility. The Spirit blesses us with the spiritual grace to live in love for God and neighbour, as did Jesus himself.

**Short Preface:** And now we give you thanks that, after he had ascended far above all heavens, and was seated at the right hand of your majesty, he sent forth upon the universal Church your holy and life-giving Spirit; that through his glorious power the joy of the everlasting gospel might go forth into all the world.

**Post Communion:** Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Blessing:** The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; 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**

**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:** 0-3’s grp 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, recovering from surgery, illness or receiving hospital treatment, it is of great comfort to them. Including: Colin Webb, Anna Webb, June Kellaway, Ann Lambert, Fay Lord and Terry Jeanes.
- We Pray for those known to us personally who are having a difficult time, including those who grieve.
- We pray for those sitting exams for GCSE, A Level or further Education and for those completing coursework to finish their courses.
- Please pray for our couples preparing for Holy Matrimony during June & August:



### **What's going on around the Benefice!**

**Tuesday 4<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***



**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June: Morning Prayer**, coffee and a chat with the Rector 9.30am, Piddlehinton.

**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.

<b><u>16th June 2019</u></b>	<b><u>Trinity Sunday</u></b>	
Altar Colour – White	8.30am Holy Communion	Piddletrenthide
Prov. 8: 1-4, 22-31	9.30am Family Service	Cheselbourne
Psalms 8	11.00am Baptism – Ted Hobbs	Piddlehinton
Rom. 5: 1-5	11.00am Morning Prayer	Hilton
John 16: 12-15	11.00am Horsey Half Hour	Melcombe Horsey

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