



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

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
4th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)

*Altar Colour – Green*

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**Readings:** Deut. 30: 9-14, Psalm 25: 1-10, Col. 1: 1-14, Luke 10: 25-37

**Collect:** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **Colossians 1:1-14 (ESV) - Greeting**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

### ***Thanksgiving and Prayer***

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and

transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**COMMENT:** Many scholars judge that this letter was not by Paul, but by one of Paul's close followers. The vocabulary measured against Paul's other letters differs - even the meaning that the author gives to some word. In these opening words of greeting and thanksgiving, the author applauds the Colossians' faithfulness to the gospel as his colleague, Epaphras, had instructed them. The dominant feature of their faithfulness is love. Paul's prayer that they continue their spiritual growth in the face of a severe challenge from "the power of darkness" from which they have been rescued. These words point to a time of conflict scholars believe to have been caused by a serious heresy.

### **Luke 10:25-37 (ESV) - The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

**COMMENT:** The parable of neighbourliness, the Good Samaritan, came at a teaching moment when Jesus summarised the Torah in two linked quotations from Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. For one steeped in the Jewish law as this man apparently was, no story could have struck a more devastating blow to his pride as a rigidly orthodox Jew. The parable was told to illustrate the point it so manifestly makes. Much loved and as important as it is in understanding Jesus' inclusive attitude and his ethical mandate for all human relationships, it also exhibits some lively rhetoric and considerable unreality. No knowledgeable priest or Levite, fully aware the dangers, would likely have travelled the road alone. Jesus himself appears to have walked this route in the company of his disciples

on his way up from Jericho to Bethany and Jerusalem. There would have been room on the trail, but scarcely more, for a man to lead a donkey. If the Samaritan was on his way home, he was taking a very indirect route. His journey would more likely have taken him straight north from Jerusalem via Bethel, Shiloh and Sycar. He would have gone this way only if he had business in Jericho or east across the Jordan. Again one wonders if the rescuer, his route and his ministry to the wounded victim were so identified to emphasise Jesus' point about neighbourliness. No Jew would have allowed a Samaritan to assist or comfort him in this way unless he was in extremely helpless circumstances. According to Jewish tradition, the enmity of Jews and Samaritans dated from the 8th century BC. The Assyrian Shalmaneser and his invading army had taken the leading citizens of Israel into exile in 721 BC never to return. Subsequently the remaining Israelites of the Northern Kingdom had intermarried with immigrants transported from their homelands. The Samaritans rejected this view as a vile Jewish canard. They identified Eli, the priest of the sanctuary of Shiloh who mentored Samuel, as the person who had establishing a sanctuary at Shiloh to rival the one established by Moses on Mount Gerazim.

**Post Communion:** Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Blessing:** God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; 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 those who are suffering: Colin Webb, Anna Webb, June Kellaway, Ann Lambert, Fay Lord and Terry Jeanes, Marion Trainer...
- Please pray for those who grieve and miss the earthly presence of a loved one.
- Please pray for our Benefice Schools: Cheselbourne Community School and Piddle Valley 1<sup>st</sup> School; their teachers and support staff, governors, children and parents/carers.
- We pray for our couples preparing for Holy Matrimony during August.



**Requiescant in pace**

Zeddy Seymour – nephew of Tim and Judy

## What's going on around the Benefice!



**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. Food Bank is preparing for a busy summer holiday period, when the free school meals many families depend on are not available. *I have delivered donations from Alton Pancras, Piddletrenthide and Hilton this week – Thank you.*

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - 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 18<sup>th</sup> July 9.00am Morning Prayer:** Coffee and a Chat at Piddletrenthide

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July: 9.30am Morning Prayer:** at Piddlehinton, with Alan Neades

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Cheselbourne School Leavers:** school field 1pm

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Piddlehinton Fete at 2pm** at East Farm House plus evening BBQ & Music.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Piddle Valley School Leavers Service,** Piddletrenthide 10am.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July:** SSC Chapter meeting for midday communion service at Piddletrenthide.

<u>21<sup>st</sup> July 2019</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</u>	
Altar Colour - Green	8.30am Holy Communion	Piddletrenthide
Gen. 18: 1-10	9.30am Family Eucharist *	Cheselbourne
Psalms 15	11.00 Parish Communion	Piddlehinton
Col. 1: 15-28	11.00am Sung Morning Prayer	Hilton
Luke 10: 38-end	11.00am Horsey Half Hour	Melcombe Horsey

\* Refreshments and fellowship after the service

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