



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

Sunday 7th July 2019
3rd Sunday after Trinity

Altar Colour – Green

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Readings: Isaiah 66: 10-14, Psalm 66: 1-8, Gal. 6: 7-16, Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Collect: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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**

Isaiah 66:10-14 (ESV) - Rejoice with Jerusalem

“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.” For thus says the LORD: “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.

COMMENT: The winsome poetry of this oracle bids the exiles in Babylon rejoice with Jerusalem. The prophet pictured that holy city, to which the exiles would soon return, as an infant seeking comfort by nursing at its mother’s breast (v. 11). The prophet also casts the LORD as the mother who nurses her beloved child back to flourishing health (verses 12-13). Not only that, but Israel’s prosperity would return so that other people would see that the LORD was with his servant, Israel. The great insight of Deuterocanonical Isaiah and his school of prophets was to see his people as the servants of the LORD. It might be well to recall that much of our power, prosperity and international reputation depend on the ways in which our country can be a servant to other nations rather than lording it over other people in arrogant superiority.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (ESV) - Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the labourer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ “The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

The Return of the Seventy-Two

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

COMMENT: Note that this is a second “missionary journey” on which Jesus sends some of his followers. In Luke 9:1-6, he sent out “the twelve;” here it is “seventy others,” implying that “the twelve” stayed with him this time at some central base. There is a clear distinction between the apostolic character of “the twelve” and the role of “the seventy” as agents or messengers. The difference lies in the “power and authority” given to “the twelve” (9:1) and the message given to “the seventy.” The theme of the message is “the harvest”. The woeful rebuke of Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum (vs. 13-15) has a parallel in Matthew 11:20-23. There is a significant difference in Luke’s version, where the “deeds of power” are not repeated three times as in Matthew. In Luke 24:49 the apostolic community is not to be “clothed with power” until Pentecost. This appears to counter the observation above, however, that for their first mission, the apostles were given “power and authority.” The intent of the curse on the three towns, nonetheless, was to urge their repentance (vs.13). These towns were at the north end of the Sea of Galilee not far from Tiberias on the west coast. Herod Antipas had built Tiberias ca. AD 25 to serve as the capital of his tetrarchy of Galilee and Perea. Though it had been chiefly a Gentile city, it became a place of refuge for Jews from Jerusalem after the destruction of the temple in AD 70 and

was named as one of the four sacred cities in Palestine. Circa AD 150, the Sanhedrin was moved to Tiberias from Sepphoris, another Graeco-Roman city about 15 miles up in the western hills of Galilee north of Nazareth. Subsequently influential schools of rabbinic studies were established in Tiberias. In Luke's time (circa AD 80-85), however, the rivalry between Jews and Gentiles, and between Jews and Christians, in this area may have been very intense. It would appear that the real intent of this passage was to urge the Christian mission everywhere to continue unabated in the face of mounting opposition because it had been instituted by Jesus himself during the latter stages of his Galilean ministry. This remains the dominical mandate for evangelism.

Post Communion: O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Blessing: Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day; 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 Rosie and Oliver Scott baptised at Piddletrenthide
- Please pray for our Benefice Schools: Cheselbourne Community School and Piddle Valley 1st School; their teachers and support Staff, governors, children and parents/carers.



- We pray for our couples preparing for Holy Matrimony during August:



- ❖ James & Clare – 10th August at Alton Pancras
- ❖ Carl & Katy – 10th August at Cheselbourne
- ❖ Max & Tessa – 17th August at Hilton
- ❖ Stuart & Judith of Ansty – 24th August at Hazelbury Bryan



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.

Thursday 11th July 9.00am Morning Prayer: Coffee and a Chat at Cheselbourne

Thursday 11th July: 9.30am Morning Prayer: at Piddlehinton, with Alan Neades

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 16th 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**

Tuesday 10th September: Piddle Valley Tiddlers: at Piddle Valley School. Please spread the word! For information contact: Alicia Eysenck Tel: 01305 251841 or Mob: 07990 740339

14th July 2019	4th Sunday after Trinity	
Altar Colour - Green	8.30am Holy Communion	Hilton
Deut. 30: 9-14	9.30am Family Eucharist	Alton Pancras
Psalms 25: 1-10	11.00 Parish Communion	Melcombe Horsey
Col. 1: 1-14	6.00pm Evening Prayer	Piddlehinton
Luke 10: 25-37		

* Refreshments and fellowship after the service

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