

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

Fourth Sunday of



**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**  
**Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday**  
**Altar Colour – Purple**

**Readings:** 1 Sam 1:20-end, Psalm 127: 1-4, 2 Cor 1: 3-7, John 19: 25-27

**Collect:**

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
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**

**1 Samuel 1:20-28 (ESV)**

<sup>20</sup>And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the LORD."<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>21</sup>The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. <sup>22</sup>But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever." <sup>23</sup>Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup>And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull,<sup>[b]</sup> an ephah<sup>[c]</sup> of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. <sup>25</sup>Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. <sup>28</sup>Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.

## John 19:25-27 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Benefice Prayer List:**

Please pray for those in our benefice who have asked our intercession and are suffering in mind, body or spirit, for illness seen and unseen, who are in hospital or recovering from treatment including:

*Sara Milne, June Kellaway, Ann Lambert, Fay Lord, Richard Hanbury, Geoff Harris, Ruth Tutt, Roger Gray, Bernard, Martin DeWavrin, Stephanie Dibble, Marion Traynor.*

We pray at this time for our Doctors, Nurses and all hospital and GP surgery support staff, throughout the benefice and the wider community. We pray for all keyworkers, who are working tirelessly support us.

### **Requiescat in pace**

Mrs Betty Owen - Signature House, Dorchester.

*Please email the Rector if you have any additions or amendments to the prayer list.*

### **Foodbank**

This week (including today) I have collected donations from Hilton, Alton Pancras and Piddleshinton – Thank you. Please continue to leave donations in church, we will keep collecting!

**Please refer to benefice website and facebook page for upto date information regarding Covid-19 (the SARS-COV-2)**

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