



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

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**Trinity 9 / Proper 14 (Altar colour green)**

**Readings:** 1 Kings 19: 9-18, Psalm 85: 8-13, Rom 10: 5-15, Matt 14: 22-33

**Collect:** Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 Kings 19:9-18 (ESV) - The LORD Speaks to Elijah**

There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

**COMMENT:** Fleeing from the wrath of Queen Jezebel, Elijah the prophet trekked all the way to Horeb (Sinai), the mountain where the LORD and Israel, led by Moses, had made covenant. There Elijah is confronted by God as to why he has deserted his people. There he had an unusual revelation: he found that he was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Despite his plaintive, self-pitying prayers, the LORD would not let him cringe in fear for his life, but challenged him to undertake a new mission and assured him of assistance from Elisha, his

understudy, and others in what he was to do. Notes: (1) Horeb was simply an alternate name for Mount Sinai, used primarily in the Elohist document in the Pentateuch and Deuteronomy. The apocryphal book Sirach 48:7 (2nd Century BC) recognises the identity of the two. (2) Forty was a symbolic number in the Old Testament recalling the 40 years the children of Israel spent wandering in the wilderness, about the lifetime of one generation. (3) The still small voice represented a new revelation, unlike the previous covenantal revelations of Israel's earlier wilderness experience several hundred years earlier. (4) God doesn't always use the primary character in a biblical story to bring about his purpose in a specific incident.

### **Matthew 14:22-33 (ESV) - Jesus Walks on the Water**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**COMMENT:** Shorter versions of this incident appear in Mark 6:47-52 and John 6:16-21. They both also link it to the feeding of the five thousand. The unique aspect of Matthew's version is Peter's doubt and daring attempt to prove his faith. Mark's version places the emphasis on the disciples' lack of understanding. Like so many of us, they really had not got the message that faith can meet any need if correctly

**Post Communion:** Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Blessing:** The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Date for your diary**

**'Treasures on your Driveway'**

**15<sup>th</sup> August 2020 3-5pm Melcombe Bingham  
Driveway table top sale, helping to raise funds  
for St Andrew's Church Melcombe Horsey**

## Benefice Prayer list.



Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer

Please pray for those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit, through illness &/or hospital treatment, for the grieving, lonely, anxious and confused.

Please pray for those who have asked for our intercession: *Ken Lester, Ann Lambert, Geoff Harris, Robin Dibble, June Kellaway, Bernard, & David.*

For those in care homes including: *Roger Gray (Dorchester) and Jane Smith (Warminster).*



Please pray for our couples preparing for Holy Matrimony:

Thomas and Anita – 14<sup>th</sup> August at Piddlehinton,

Paul and Susan – 21<sup>st</sup> August at Piddlehinton,

Jake and Lucy – 4<sup>th</sup> September at Alton Pancras

*Any additions or amendments to the prayer list, please email the Rector.*

## Benefice Notices

**Returning to worship update: The Prime Minster has made the wearing of a facemask/covering in church by the congregation mandatory.**

THE  
**WEEK**  
AHEAD

If you wish to read the lesson during a service, this is permit-able from your pew. Please volunteer before the service starts.

At this time there is no participatory singing taking place during the service; the only singing will be by a cantor/s. We will continue to live stream Sunday services and therefore music choices are restricted to pieces that are 'free to use in the public domain' and free from copyright.

**Live Streaming:** Please visit our live streamed services throughout the week, orders of service are available on the website home page to download.

Sunday 9.30am Communion Service is uploaded to YouTube:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0ru\\_v3\\_1MZyZx72ka63g4A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0ru_v3_1MZyZx72ka63g4A)

Facebook to access livestream:

[https://www.facebook.com/piddlevalley/?eid=ARAxjQNj5mPHQUQD2hKEx\\_uzUyyf17basudX3D22bYJx4HsCh7ByYB8lItrMbHhsARvgwbTqvapn-Glq](https://www.facebook.com/piddlevalley/?eid=ARAxjQNj5mPHQUQD2hKEx_uzUyyf17basudX3D22bYJx4HsCh7ByYB8lItrMbHhsARvgwbTqvapn-Glq)

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August Services – Trinity 10**

Readings: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 Psalm 67, Rom 11: 1-2, 29-32 Matt 15: 21-28

9.30am Communion at Hilton with Rev'd Helier

11.00am Communion at Piddlehinton with Fr. Roger

11.00am Horsey Half Hour at Melcombe Horsey with Richard Saunders

6.00pm Evening Prayer at Piddletrenthide with Fr. Roger

*All services streamed live to Facebook. 9.30am Service will be uploaded to YouTube.*

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