

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

27th December 2020 – Christmas 1
(Altar Colour White/Gold)



Readings: Genesis 15: 1-6, 21:1-3, Psalm 105: 1-6, 8-9, Heb. 11:8-11-12, 17-19, Luke 2: 22-24, 39-40

Collect: Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 (ESV) - God's Covenant with Abram

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue^[a] childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

The Birth of Isaac

The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac.

Luke 2:22-24 (ESV) - Jesus Presented at the Temple

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

The Return to Nazareth

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

Short Preface: And now we give you thanks because, by the power of the Holy Spirit, he took our nature upon him and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother, that being himself without sin, he might make us clean from all sin.

Post Communion: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing: Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature; 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 list.

- ❖ Please pray for those who are suffering from poor health, those recovering from hospital treatment or surgery, for the grieving and lonely; including: Frances Mallett, Ann Lambert, Gill Howell, Tim Jeanes, Geoff Harris, Robin Dibble, Hannah Parsons, June Kellaway, Robin Saunders, Anna Thomas, Bernard & David. For all those in care homes, and the staff, including: Roger Gray (Dorchester) and June Smith (Warminster).
- ❖ Please pray for our friends, family and neighbours, as we prepare for the joy of Christmas, remembering those who find this season difficult.

Benefice Notices

Love God, Love thy neighbour and follow Covid safety protocols set out in church.

THE
WEEK
AHEAD

Sunday 3rd January 2021

Epiphany – Altar Colour White / Gold

9.30 Communion at Alton Pancras – Fr. Roger, 11am Communion Cheselbourne – Rev'd Helier
6.00pm Evening Prayer at Hilton – Fr. Roger

Live Streaming

The daily offices will continue to be streamed daily via Facebook

Monday @ 8am Morning Prayer

Tuesday @ 8am Morning Prayer & 8pm Compline

Wednesday @ 8am Morning Prayer & 6pm Evening Prayer

Thursday @ 9am Communion & 8pm Compline

Friday @ 6.00pm Compline

Saturday @ 6.00pm Devotions / Evening Prayer



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