



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

30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Trinity Sunday  
(Altar Colour White/Gold)

**Readings:** Isaiah 6: 1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8: 12-17, John 3: 1-17

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 6:1-8 (ESV) - Isaiah's Vision of the Lord**

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

### ***Isaiah's Commission from the Lord***

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

**COMMENT:** These few verses describe the call of Isaiah to his ministry of speaking for God to Israel during a critical period of its history in the late 8th Century BC. Amid the smoke from the sacrifice on the altar in the temple, Isaiah had a vision of God attended by heavenly creatures. One of the heavenly beings touched his lips with a live coal symbolising his freedom from sin and worthiness to proclaim God's message to Israel. Then Isaiah heard the voice of God calling for someone to speak for God to God's sinful people; and he responds.

### **John 3:1-17 (ESV) - You Must Be Born Again**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him”.

**COMMENT:** Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews, learns from Jesus how the Spirit makes us spiritual beings through faith in the crucified and risen Christ. This comes about because God loves the world so much that through his Son, He entered the world he made to bring salvation to us all with the pledge of glory. This majestic passage is one of many in the New Testament witnessing to what subsequently became the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. It describes the ministry Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit as God at work in the world. Some people look at verses 15 and 16 as the secret for obtaining eternal life beyond death. In this passage, however, John makes the point that God is as much concerned about how we live in this life now as with what happens to us afterward. As the subsequent verses 18 to 21 explain, God’s judgment occurs and eternal life begins when we believe who Jesus is and what his coming into the world really means

**Short Preface:** And now we give you thanks because you have revealed the glory of your eternal fellowship of love with your Son and with the Holy Spirit, three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

**Post Communion:** Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Blessing:** God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; 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 illness, recovering from surgery or hospital treatment, for those who are grieving, anxious or lonely.

For those who have asked our prayer including:, Margaret Morrissey, Pat Kenwick, Andy Brokenshaw, Richard Drake, Ann Lambert, Geoff Harris, Reg Hanbury, June Kellaway, Robin Saunders, Anna Thomas.

For all those in care homes, and the staff, including: Roger Gray (Dorchester) and June Smith (Warminster)



### **Requiescat in pace**

Patricia Mary Riggs (Formerly from Piddletrenthide)

Please pray for our couples who are preparing for marriage:



David & Victoria	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Piddlehinton
Nick & Ruth	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Piddlehinton
Jonathan & Susan	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Cheselbourne
Simon & Paula	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Piddletrenthide

**School Work continues online; this Week's Assembly presentation 'Pentecost'**



you can access it via YouTube: <https://youtu.be/drlgV4esYxU>

### **Live Streaming – in church**



*The daily offices will continue to be streamed daily via Facebook, you are invited to attend in person. **Amended for week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021***



Monday @ 8am Morning Prayer at Hilton  
Tuesday @ 8am Morning Prayer at Hilton  
Wednesday @ 8am Morning Prayer at Hilton  
Thursday @ 9am Communion at Hilton  
Friday @ 6.00pm Compline at Hilton  
Sunday All services streamed except at those Melcombe Horsey

## **Benefice Notices:**

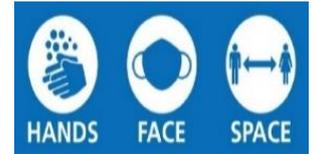
Fr. Roger, Ginny & Alice are taking a holiday 30<sup>th</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021. (Our first since Oct 2019!) Urgent messages can be left on the answer machine or emailed and will be dealt with on our return.

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Our grateful thanks to Rev'd Helier who will celebrate Communion on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Hilton – all are welcome to attend in person.

### **National restrictions are still in place for all church services.**

*When attending a service please arrive EARLY to ensure you can follow the Covid safety protocols set out in church.*



- *Wear a face-covering*
- *Sanitise Hands*
- *Sign in*
- *Find a seat allowing for 2m personal distancing from other households/Bubbles.*
- *Marriage: maximum of 30 in attendance by invitation only*
- *Funeral: attendance numbers according to Church Size allowing for personal distancing - at the Rector's Discretion.*

#### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 – Corpus Christi** (Altar Colour – White/Gold)

**Readings: Gen 14: 18-20, Psalm 116: 10-end, 1 Cor 11: 23-26, John 6: 51-58**

9.00am Communion Service at **HILTON** (Rev'd Helier)

***All Welcome to attend in person***

#### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Trinity 1** (Altar Colour – Green)

**Readings: Gen 3: 8-15, Psalm 130, 2 Cor 4: 13-5: 1, Mark 3: 20-end**

9.30am Communion Service at Alton Pancras (Fr. Roger)

11.00am Communion Service at Cheselbourne (Rev'd Helier)

**11.00am Outside Family Service at Piddlehinton Church yard (Vicky Steven)**

6.00pm Evening Prayer at Hilton (Fr. Roger)

***All Welcome to attend in person***

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