

MARK 3:35

Anyone who
does God's
will is my



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

6th June 2021 – Trinity 1
(Altar Colour - Green)

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

Collect: O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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**

Genesis 3:8-15 (ESV)

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (ESV)

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Our Heavenly Dwelling

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

COMMENT: If nothing else, Paul was outspoken, even to the point of boldness. That very character trait may well have forced the high priest to send him on his fateful errand to Damascus. It was on the road there that he encountered his life-changing experience of the risen Christ. In that same spirit he proclaimed the risen Christ to the Gentile world out of which he himself had come and he knew so well. Always forceful in his correspondence, his authentic letters and other written in his name form the greater part of our New Testament. This same forcefulness pushes through this excerpt from his Second Letter to the Corinthians. Again it is the resurrection of Jesus and what this means for the Corinthians and for us that is the centre of Paul's mind.

Mark 3:20-35 (ESV)

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

COMMENT: How did Jesus deal with conflicting priorities? That is the focus of this brief passage from Mark's Gospel recording Jesus having to decide where his ultimate commitment lay. Was he to listen to the appeals of his family who felt that he may have become deranged? Or was he to carry on his commitment to his ministry of proclaiming God's redeeming love? And how was he to confront the opposition he faced from the scandalous rumour-mongers trying their best to turn the crowds away from hearing his message? Distraction from doing God's will is a reality still for ministry, for any Christian pastor or layperson. Jesus brought the whole complex of issues into the sharpest focus by raising a very different question: What is the sin against the Holy Spirit? It is the clear rejection of God. The Holy Spirit was witnessing to the critics of Jesus, but they placed their own pride before submission to God, and a recognition of the one he sent. How can God forgive those who firmly reject him!

Post Communion: Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 rd July 2021	Piddlehinton
Nick & Ruth	31 st July 2021	Piddlehinton
Jonathan & Susan	14 th August 2021	Cheselbourne
Simon & Paula	28 th August 2021	Piddletrenthide

Live Streaming

*The daily offices will continue to be streamed daily via Facebook;
you are invited to attend in person.*



Monday - 8am Morning Prayer at Hilton

Tuesday - 8am Morning Prayer at Hilton & 8pm Compline at Piddletrenthide

Wednesday - 8am Morning Prayer Hilton & 6pm Evening Prayer

Thursday - 9am Communion at Piddletrenthide & 8pm Compline at Piddletrenthide

Friday - 6.00pm Compline at Hilton

Saturday - 6.00pm Devotions / Evening Prayer

Sunday All services streamed except at those Melcombe Horsey

Benefice Notices:



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 10th June 2021 (Altar Colour – Green)

Readings: 2 Cor 3: 15-4: 1, 3-6 Matthew 5: 20-26

9.00am Communion Service at **PIDDLETRENTHIDE** (Fr. Roger)

All Welcome to attend in person

Sunday 6th June 2021 – Trinity 1 (Altar Colour – Green)

Readings: Ezek 17: 22-end, Psalm 92: 1-8, 2 Cor 5: 6-10, 14-17 Mark 4: 26-34

9.30am Communion Service at Piddletrenthide (Fr. Roger)

11.00am Communion Service at Melcombe Horsey (Fr. Roger)

6.00pm Evening Prayer at Piddlehinton (Fr. Roger)

Please do attend person

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