



**Coming soon**

- Sun 17 Dec: 11.15 am Carol Service **BRANSCOMBE**
- Sun 17 Dec: 5.00 pm Carol Service **MUSBURY**
- Sun 17 Dec: 6.30 Carol Service **COLYTON**
- Sun 17 Dec: 6.45 Carol singing around village **BRANSCOMBE**
- Mon 18: 7.30 pm Advent Compline. **COLYTON**
- Wed 20 Dec: 10-12 Café St Michael, Coffee, cakes & chat, **COLYFORD**
- Wed 20 Dec: 7.00 pm Carol Service **COLYFORD**
- Fri 22 Dec: 6.45 Carol singing around village **BRANSCOMBE**

**Confirmation** groups will start in the New Year for a service on **Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 2018**. If you might be interested, please contact Hilary on 553180 or [hilary.dawson2@btinternet.com](mailto:hilary.dawson2@btinternet.com).

**Services this Sunday and next Sunday**

	<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
<b>Branscombe</b>	Morning Prayer	11.15 am	Carol Service	11.15 am
<b>Colyford</b>	Evening Prayer	3.30 pm	Holy Communion	9.30 am
<b>Colyton</b>	Holy Communion	9.30 am	Holy Communion	8.00 am
	Christingle	5.00 pm	Breakfast, then Breakfast Service	10.00 am 10.30 am
<b>Musbury</b>	Holy Communion	8.00 am	Carol Service	6.30 pm
	<b>Southleigh</b>	Holy Communion	11.15 am	Carol Service
			No service	---

**Readings for 17<sup>th</sup> December, Advent 3**

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24, John 1.6-8, 19-28, Psalm 126

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Welcome

to the

**Holyford Mission Community**

praying, growing, and serving  
God and one another  
in



***Branscombe, Colyford, Colyton, Musbury and  
Southleigh***

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

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## Prayers and Readings for today, Advent 2

### Collects

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

### 2 Peter 3.8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

### Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,  
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight" ',  
John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean

countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

### Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Coming this week

**TODAY:** Christmas Tree Festival, finishes at 4.00 **COLYTON**

**TODAY:** 4.00 Messy Christingle making, 5.00 Christingle Service, **COLYTON**

Mon-Fri: 8.30 am Morning Prayer at **COLYTON** (every week)

Mon 11 Dec: 8.00 Advent Compline. Also Mon 18 at 7.30pm **COLYTON**

Tuesday: 9.30-11.30 St Andrew's Café **COLYTON** SSB (every week)

Tue 12 Dec: 7.30 Bible Study, Knap Orchard, phone 553180 **MUSBURY**

Wednesday: 10.00 am Holy Communion at **COLYTON** (every week)

Wed 13 Dec: 10.30-12noon Coffee morning, Village Hall **MUSBURY**.

Wed 13 Dec: 10.45-12noon. Coffee/tea and chat. In church, **COLYTON**

Thu 14 Dec: 1.45-3.15 Noah's Ark for babies & toddlers, **COLYFORD** Hall

Thu 14 Dec: 2.15 MU Members Christmas afternoon SSB **COLYTON**

Fri 15 Dec: 6.00 Carol singing, meet at St Michael's **COLYFORD**

Sat 16 Dec: 4.00 Carols, Christingle and procession **SOUTHLEIGH**