Coming this week

TODAY: 4-6 Messy Christingle, St Andrew’s COLYTON
TODAY: 4.00 Children’s Christmas Party NORTHELF
Mon-Fri: 8.30 am Morning Prayer at COLYTON (every week)
Mon 09 Dec: 8.00 pm Compline (also 16th) COLYTON
Tuesday: 9.30-11.30 St Andrew’s Café, SSB COLYTON (every week)
Wednesday: 10.00 Holy Communion at COLYTON (every week)
Wed 11 Dec: 10.30-12noon Coffee morning, Village Hall MUSBURY
Wed 11 Dec: 10.45-12noon. Coffee/tea and chat. In church, COLYTON
Thu 12 Dec 9.30-2: MC Advent Retreat St Andrew’s COLYTON
Thu 12 Dec: 1.15-2.45 Noah’s Ark for babies & toddlers, COLYFORD Hall
Thu 12 Dec: 2.15 MU Christmas Meeting, SSB COLYTON
Fri 13 Dec: 10.00 Healing prayers & coffee, Methodist Church COLYTON
Fri 13 Dec: 12.30 Christmas lunch, NORTHELF
Sat 14 Dec: 6.45 Carol singing start at The Old Bakery BRANSCOMBE

Quiet Morning for Advent
On Thursday 12th December there will be a morning of guided reflection for Advent. It is intended as a bit of ‘time out’ of the business in the lead up to Christmas. Fr Steven will be giving the addresses. It starts at 9.30am Tea/Coﬀee leading into a short act of worship and the first Address. This will end at 10.30am and be followed by some time for silence and reﬂection (personal prayer) during which you can return home or stay in church, or have a walk—the point of the morning is to provide space and time to think and pray in preparation for Christmas. In this way the morning is meant as a mini-retreat. The second Address and Eucharist is at 12 noon, followed by a soup lunch in the Sunday School Building. The theme of the morning is ‘The Word Made Flesh’ and will focus on the Prologue to St John’s Gospel. Please sign up in church or let Emma know if you intend to come, and if you would like lunch. All are welcome.

St Michael’s Musbury has been running a small, informal prayer meeting at the church recently. We would love anyone to join us if they are free on Tuesdays at 10am. Prayer requests also welcome.

Welcome to the Holyford Mission Community praying, growing, and serving God and one another in

Branscombe, Colyford, Colyton, Musbury, Northleigh and Southleigh

Sunday 8th December 2019

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This sheet is available on the website: www.holyford.org
Prayers and Readings for today, Advent 2

Collect
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.

Isaiah 11.1-10
A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Rightshees shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Matthew 3.1-12
In these days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ This is the one whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” ’ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers!

Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

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 soon
Sun 15 Dec: 4.00 Carol service MUSBURY
Tue 17 Dec: 7.30-9 Bible Study, Knap Orchard MUSBURY
Wed 18 Dec: 10-12 Café St Michael, coffee, cakes & chat, COLYFORD
Fri 20 Dec: 6.00 Carol singing start at St Michael’s COLYFORD
Sat 21 Dec: 4.00 Christingle SOUTHLEIGH

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Readings for 15th December, Advent 3
Isaiah 35.1-10, Psalm 146.4-10, James 5.7-10, Matthew 11.2-11