

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 11th October <i>Trinity XVIII</i>	N/A	Online Service
	8.00am	Eucharist BCP St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	11.15am	Eucharist BCP, St Michael's, Musbury
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	2.30pm	Telephone Service
	3.00pm	Messy Church, St Andrew's Colyton
	3.30pm	Harvest Evensong, St Michael's, Colyford
	6.00pm	Evensong, St Giles's, Northleigh
	7.00pm	Northleigh APCM
Monday 12th October <i>St Wilfrid</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
Tuesday 13th October <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Colyford
Wednesday 14th October	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Eucharist BCP St Andrew's, Colyton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer at St Michael's, Musbury
Thursday 15th October <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	7.30pm	Bible Study via Zoom
Friday 16th October <i>Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's Colyton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Giles's, Northleigh
Saturday 17th October <i>St Ignatius</i>	10.00am	Branscombe School Service, St Andrew's Colyton
Sunday 18th October <i>Trinity XIX</i>	N/A	Online Service
	8.00am	Eucharist BCP St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.30am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Colyford
	10.30am	Harvest Breakfast Service, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Musbury
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	2.30pm	Telephone Service
	6.30pm	Harvest Evensong, St Andrew's, Colyton



The Holyford Mission Community

Sunday 11th October 2020 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 25.1-9 O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalms 23 The Lord is my shepherd therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Philippians 4.1-9 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22.1-14 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Post Communion We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for this week

Heavenly Father, may your Holy Spirit lead the rich nations to support the poor, and the strong nations to protect the weak; so that every nation may develop in its own way, and work together with other nations in true partnership for the promotion of peace and the good of all mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs) within the Holyford Mission Community will take place in the following churches on the following dates:

- St Giles’s, Northleigh: Sunday 11th October at 7pm (following Evensong)
- St Winifred’s, Branscombe: Wednesday 21st October at 7.30pm.

Please contact the wardens or PCC secretary if you wish to stand for election as a PCC member of your parish church. These APCMs were due to take place in April, and deal solely with events etc. in 2019.

Harvest Festivals If you wish to donate food, please donate direct to a local Foodbank, as we will not be able to accept food in church. We shall be having a special Harvest Offering—a money collection to go to the Anglican Church in Melanesia, to help those islanders still suffering hardship as a result of Cyclone Harold in early April 2020. Over 30 people lost their lives in the Solomon Islands and in Vanuatu over 5,000 are homeless, without water, food and power. If you wish to contribute to this Harvest Offering to help those in Melanesia, please let your church treasurer have it (labelled) or put it into the collection at church at the Harvest services.

Our weekly Telephone Service, Holyford Calling, now takes place at 2.30pm. If you would like to join in (or know someone who would) dial 0333 011 0616 and then enter this code when asked to do so: 887 5540 # (don’t forget the hash key) then say your name when asked to do so, and then press the hash key # again. (The voice you hear will call it “the pound key” which means hash key.)

Your Prayers this week are asked for

Sunday:	For victims of Cyclone Harold in Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands
Monday:	For students and colleges affected by outbreaks of coronavirus
Tuesday:	For our government and Members of Parliament
Wednesday:	For seafarers stranded on ships due to coronavirus restrictions
Thursday:	For women writers and theologians
Friday:	For work to cut down plastic waste
Saturday:	For those living with dementia and their carers