

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

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| Sunday 4th October <i>Trinity XVII</i> | N/A | Online Service |
| | 8.00am | Eucharist BCP St Andrew's, Colyton |
| | 9.30am | Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| | 9.30am | Village Praise, St Michael's, Colyford |
| | 10.00am | Harvest Village Praise, St Michael's, Musbury |
| | 11.15am | Harvest Service, St Winifred's, Branscombe |
| | 11.15am | Eucharist, St Giles's, Northleigh |
| | 11.15am | Harvest, St Lawrence's, Southleigh |
| | 2.30pm | Telephone Service |
| Monday 5th October | 8.30am | Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| Tuesday 6th October <i>St Bruno</i> | 8.30am | Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| | 3.00pm | Funeral of Roy Williams at St Andrew's, Colyton |
| | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Colyford |
| | 8.00pm | Southleigh APCM |
| Wednesday 7th 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 |
| | 7.00pm | Branscombe PCC Meeting |
| Thursday 8th October | 8.30am | Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| | 2.15pm | MU Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer, St Winifred's, Branscombe |
| | 7.30pm | Bible Study via Zoom |
| Friday 9th October <i>St Denys & companions</i> | 8.30am | Morning Prayer, St Andrew's Colyton |
| | 9.30am | Garden Tidy at St Michael's, Colyford |
| | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer, St Giles's, Northleigh |
| Saturday 10th October <i>St Paulinus</i> | 10.00am | Branscombe School Service, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| 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 CW |
| | 11.15am | Eucharist BCP St Michael's, Musbury |
| | 11.15am | Eucharist, St Lawrence's, Southleigh |
| | 2.30pm | Telephone Service |
| | 3.00pm | Messy Church |
| | 3.30pm | Harvest Evensong, St Michael's, Colyford |
| | 6.00pm | Evensong, St Giles's, Northleigh |



The Holyford Mission Community

Sunday 4th October 2020 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

Isaiah 5.1-7 Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Psalms 80.9-17 Thou madest room for it: and when it had taken root it filled the land. The hills were covered with the shadow of it: and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees. She stretched out her branches unto the sea: and her boughs unto the river. Why hast thou then broken down her hedge: that all they that go by pluck off her grapes? The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up: and the wild beasts of the field devour it. Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven: behold, and visit this vine; And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted: and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself. It is burnt with fire, and cut down: and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance. Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand: and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

Philippians 3.4b-14 If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21.33-end ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Post Communion Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Prayer for this week

Let us make our way together, Lord; wherever you go I must go: and through whatever you pass, there too I will pass. St Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

Notices

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

- St Lawrence’s, Southleigh: Tuesday 6th October at 8pm
- 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 will be a little different this year. Sadly, we cannot have harvest suppers and the great social events that we are used to, but we will be having harvest services in church. 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 at each of the churches (excluding Southleigh) and the proceeds will go to the Anglican Church in Melanesia and their work to help those islanders still suffering hardship as a result of Cyclone Harold. Cyclone Harold caused widespread destruction 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. The Anglican Church of Melanesia is working with these communities to rebuild. 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, will take place at the new time of 2.30pm from this Sunday onwards. 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

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| Sunday | For all working towards environmentally aware and active churches |
| Monday | For students facing uncertain situations at college |
| Tuesday | For those who persist in the face of threats |
| Wednesday | For all suffering long-term harm from the coronavirus |
| Thursday | For those working in manufacturing industry |
| Friday | For those whose loving impulses are frozen or unreciprocated |
| Saturday | For those working for global food security and relief of hunger |