

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 3rd January <i>Epiphany</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
	10.00	Village Praise, St Michael's Musbury
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Winifred's Branscombe
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Giles's Northleigh
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's Southleigh
	2.30pm	Telephone service
Monday 4th January	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
Tuesday 5th January	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
Wednesday 6th January	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Eucharist BCP St Andrew's, Colyton
Thursday 7th January <i>St Raymond of Penyafort</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
Friday 8th January	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's Colyton
Saturday 9th January	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's Colyton
Sunday 10th January <i>Baptism of Christ</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
	3.30pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's Colyford
	4.00pm	Messy Church, St Andrew's Colyton
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Giles's Northleigh



The Holyford Mission Community

Sunday 3rd January 2021 The Epiphany of the Lord

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory 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. **Amen.**

Isaiah 60.1–6 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Psalms 72.10–15 The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts. All kings shall fall down before him all nations shall do him service. For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth the needy also, and him that hath no helper. He shall be favourable to the simple and needy and shall preserve the souls of the poor. He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong and dear shall their blood be in his sight. He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

Ephesians 3.1–12 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made

known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2.1–12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for this week

The Magi searched for an infant king: Christ, lead us into your presence. They offered incense as their prayer: Christ we bow in awe before you. Myrrh they gave to mourn your death: Christ to you we pour out our suffering love. (Ray Simpson)

Notices

Fr Steven will be taking his Christmas holiday from Monday 4th January to Saturday 9th January. (NB: his usual day of rest is usually Monday.)

Bible Study. Our sessions will resume via Zoom on Thursdays from 14th January.

Weekday Evening Prayer around the villages. Owing to the dark nights and colder churches at this time of year, it has been decided that we shall resume having Evening Prayer in Musbury, Branscombe and Northleigh when it warms up a bit in March. From next week (12th January) the pattern of Evening Prayer will be: 5pm on Tuesdays at St Michael's Colyford, then on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at St Andrew's, Colyton.

Many congratulations to Prebendary John Lees who has been appointed National Officer for Self-Supporting Ordained Ministry for the Church of England. John steps-down as Associate Priest with us on 10th January. Our thanks to **Jan Lees**, who is retiring from active reader ministry this week. Jan has made a fantastic and valued contribution to our life as a Mission Community during her time as Reader here. Our best wishes and prayers for John and Jan as they continue alongside us, albeit in different roles.

Your Prayers this week are asked for

Sunday:	For the Community of the Sisters of the Sacred Cross, Tymawr as they prepare to welcome The Rev. Victoria Chester into the Community.
Monday:	For those returning to schools
Tuesday:	For older and retired people
Wednesday:	For those who add beauty to the lives of others
Thursday:	For good relations with our former partners in the EU
Friday:	For the cold, hungry and homeless among us
Saturday:	For our local businesses