



THE HOLYFORD HERALD

News from the Holyford Mission Community

Serving the Parishes of St Lawrence, Southleigh, St Winifred, Branscombe, St Giles, Northleigh, St Michael, Musbury and St Andrew, Colyton with St Michael, Colyford.

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The Rector's Ramblings...

Last weekend was wonderful: a lovely harvest services at Musbury and Colyford, and the Dedication Festival at Colyton. My thanks to all those who decorated the churches, organised refreshments, provided music and helped lead the services.

Lots going on this week. Today there is a coffee morning for Christian Aid in Colyton and tomorrow afternoon there is an opportunity to hear some young musicians at St Michael's, Lyme Regis. Among them is Oriel Chapman, who is one of our choristers at St Andrew's.

On Thursday afternoon Canon Karen Curnock will be holding a 'Questions of Life and Faith' session in Colyford Memorial Hall. All are welcome, and you do not need to have been to previous sessions to take part. If you are unable to attend, perhaps you could suggest it to someone you know who doesn't come to church, or who is on the fringes of the church?

Details of various meetings, events, groups and 'situations vacant' can be found below. I would encourage you to attend the Mission Action Plan meeting on Wednesday 20th October. The Plan draws together discussions and ideas that have been gathered since the Lent course earlier this year. Lots of exciting ideas and plans have been suggested and it would be good to present these to as wide an audience as possible before the plan is finalized and launched at the beginning of the Church's year on Advent Sunday.

I shall keep my 'ramblings' short this time, as there is plenty to read, think and pray about, below.

With every good wish and blessing, Fr Steven.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Today! 9.45am to 11.45am. Refreshments, stalls and tombola in the Feofees Town Hall, Colyton.

Recital at St Michael's, Lyme Regis this Sunday at 3pm

Oriel Chapman, from the front row of St Andrew's Choir is playing organ and piano in a concert in Lyme Regis Parish Church on Sunday 10th October at 3pm. This is the showcase for the PipeUp! organ training scheme which runs in the area and we are guaranteed some excellent performances.

Questions of Life and Faith

The next session of Questions of Life and Faith will be held **THIS THURSDAY** 14th Oct in the Colyford Memorial Hall from 1.45 for a 2 pm start to 3.30pm approx, ending with a cuppa. Anyone is welcome to come along and explore with others the questions that really matter to them. A small voluntary donation of £1 or £2 is requested to cover the cost of booking the hall and refreshments but don't let that put anyone off.

Weekday Evening Prayer in the Villages

As the weather becomes more autumnal and the evenings draw in, we shall be taking our annual break from the weekday Evening Prayer services at Colyford, Branscombe and Northleigh. The last weekday Evening Prayer will be at Northleigh on Friday 22nd October. They will resume on Tuesday 1st March 2022 at St Michael's, Colyford.

Mission Action Plan

What are we planning to do as six churches and as one Mission Community over the next five years? Come and discuss proposals and share ideas on Wednesday 20th October at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Colyton. Refreshments will be served. It is really important that we get a representation from each of the six churches, so do come along if you can.

Holyford Mission Community Choir

We shall be forming a special choir to sing at the Mission Community Advent Carol Service on Sunday 28th November at St Winifred's, Branscombe at 6pm. There will be rehearsals on Saturday mornings, 13th and 20th November, plus a rehearsal during the week before and on the day itself. Please let Fr Steven know if you are interested. Anyone who wishes to join, from across the six churches (and beyond) is more than welcome. The idea is that we will be leading the congregational singing and singing a few choir items during the service. Whether you are an experienced singer or novice, you are very welcome. The music will be interesting and demanding, but not impossible!

Harvest Celebrations at Southleigh and Colyton

Next Sunday at Southleigh, the service will be at 11.15am followed by a bring and share lunch in the hall. All welcome—children are encouraged to bring teddies to parachute from the top of the tower! In the evening there will be Choral Evensong at St Andrew's followed by a bring and share supper.

All Souls Services

The Mission Community All Souls services will take place on Sunday 31st October at 6.30pm and Tuesday 2nd November at 7.30pm. The Sunday service will be a Eucharist and a choir will be singing Fauré's *Requiem*. On Tuesday there will be a simpler service. Names of the departed will be read at both services, and people will have an opportunity to light a candle to remember loved ones.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a vital part of our work as a church community. Organizing DBS checks and awareness and training sessions for church officers (volunteer and paid) is hugely important and, as a Mission Community, we need more people on the team to spread the workload and make sure we are compliant with current regulations. We need two people to help spread the administrative load. If you are able to help, please speak to Fr Steven.

Treasurer to the PCC and Mission Community Treasurer

Angela Sansom is stepping down from these roles at the end of December. Angela has worked extremely hard over the years, doing three jobs: managing the accounts at St Andrew's, St Michael's Colyford and the Mission Community finances. We now need a new person—or a team, ideally—to take on these key roles. This is a particularly crucial time at Colyton/Colyford as we work to tackle the significant deficit. Ideally, we need a team working together to share the administration and book-keeping, plus others who can help plan and put together proposals on the best way the PCC can tackle the deficit. Please speak to David Fouracre, Christine Sansom, Angela or me if you are interested.

Pastoral Care Team

There will be a meeting for all who are already part of, or who have expressed an interest in joining, the Pastoral Care Team. This will take place on Thursday 4th November at 2pm at St Andrew's Church, Colyton.

If you have yet to express interest in joining this team, please email (rector@hollyford.org) or phone or leave a message with your name and contact details on 01297 553180.

Friendly Fridays, St Andrew's Church Colyton 10am

The Friendly Friday coffee mornings are proving very popular. All are welcome. Many thanks to the team that makes this happen. If you would like to get involved, please contact Christine Sansom.

Coly Tots, St Andrew's Church, Colyton, Tuesdays at 9am

Play, refreshments, live music, toys... for children and their parents/carers to come and relax. Again, thank you to those who come and support this group by helping set up and run it. Please contact Linda Joy if you would like to get involved.

St Michael's Café

The next St Michael's Café will take place on Tuesday 19th October 10am to 12noon in Colyton Memorial Hall.

Prayers

Please continue to pray for all those who are struggling at this time, especially those ill at home or in hospital. Prayer requests can be sent to us via the office@holyford.org or to Fr Steven. We remember those who have died recently, among them:

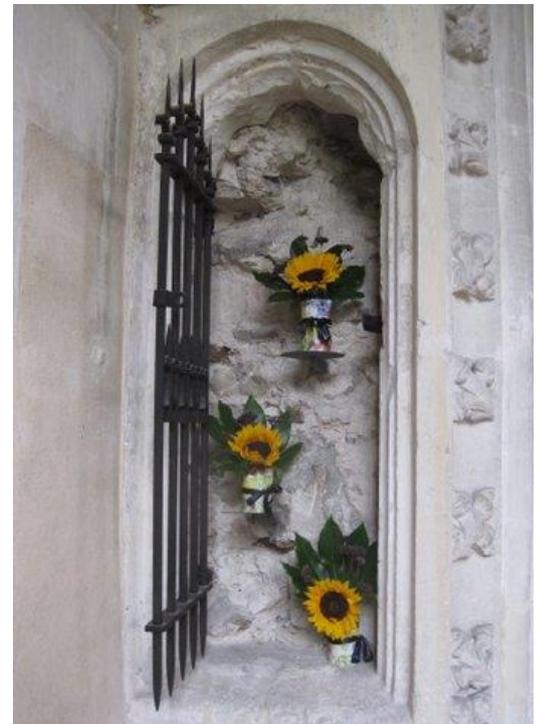
Fiona Joyce, Jean Cotching, Edward Gay, Barbara Land

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Some pictures from Colyton last weekend... if you have any of the Harvest celebrations at Colyford and Musbury, please send them in for the next edition...



The team from A.J. Smith (the electricians who completed the new lighting) alongside Christine Sansom, Alex McNeice (awarded his RSCM Gold Award), Bishop Robert and David Fouracre.



Many thanks to Sue Pither for photos of the flowers.