

## Services and Events this week and next Sunday

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>The Baptism of Christ</i>	8.00am	Eucharist (BCP), St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, Winifred's Branscombe
	11.15am	Eucharist (BCP), St Michael's Musbury
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Lawrence's Southleigh
	3.00pm	Talk on Beethoven by Nick Brown, Colyton
	3.30pm	Village Praise, St Michael's Colyford
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Giles's Northleigh
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>William Laud</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Mary Slessor</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.00am	Colytots, St Andrew's Colyton
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Aelred</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Hilary</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	2.00pm	Questions of Life and Faith, Colyford hall
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's Colyton
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Epiphany 2</i>	8.00am	Eucharist (BCP), St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.30am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Colyford
	11.15am	Eucharist, Winifred's Branscombe
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Michael's Musbury
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's Southleigh
	6.30pm	Evensong, St Andrew's Colyton



## Holyford Mission Community

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 The Baptism of Christ

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## Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

**Collect:** Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 43.1-7** But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

**Psalms 29** 1 Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord \* ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength. 2 Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name \* worship the Lord with holy worship. 3 It is the Lord, that commandeth the waters \* it is the glorious God, that maketh the thunder. 4 It is the Lord, that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation \* the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. 5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees \* yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus. 6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf \* Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn. 7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness \* yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades. 8 The voice of the Lord maketh

the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes \* in his temple doth every man speak of his honour. 9 The Lord sitteth above the water-flood \* and the Lord remaineth a King for ever. 10 The Lord shall give strength unto his people \* the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**Acts 8.14-17** Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Luke 3.15-17, 21-22** As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

**Post Communion** Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***A Prayer for this week***

God uncreated, bless us who are made in your image. God untouchable, come to us in the Word made flesh. God unfathomable, reveal yourself in the wisdom of the Cross. God immortal, keep us in eternal life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
(Angela of Foligno)

### **Notices**

**Today at 3.00pm in St Andrew's: Beethoven's life and works, an illustrated talk by Nicholas Brown.** With tea and cakes. Entrance free; donations invited.

**Piano recital by Simon Watterton with works by Beethoven.** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 3.00pm at St Andrew's. With tea and cakes. Tickets £12, Fosta members £10.

The next session of **Questions of Life and Faith** is at **2pm in Colyford Memorial Hall on Thursday, 13th Jan.** All are welcome to come along with their questions and previous attendance is not required. It is an informal session for people to share and grow in understanding together. A £1 or £2 donation is requested to go towards the cost of hiring the hall and providing refreshments but this is not essential.

**Pastoral Care across the Mission Community** Alongside Fr Steven, Mrs Hilary Smith has taken on the role of being the central point of contact as our Pastoral Care Coordinator. If you know of someone who would benefit from contact or a visit from the Church, please contact Hilary: 01297 551577.

**Coly Tots** will resume on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 9am.

**Mission Community Administrator** We are advertising for someone to replace Emma in this important and exciting role. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let Fr Steven or any of the Churchwardens know. The role is 16 hours a week, £10 per hour. Further information available on the website [www.holyford.org](http://www.holyford.org).

### ***Your Prayers this week are asked for***

Sunday: For our PCCs and Churchwardens  
Monday: For farmers and all who work the land  
Tuesday: For those living alone  
Wednesday: For those working to distribute the covid vaccine  
Thursday: For bishops and teachers of the faith  
Friday: For refugees settled in Devon  
Saturday: For the recently bereaved

***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@hollyford.org or to Fr Steven.***