

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 7th August Trinity 8

8.00am Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
9.30am Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
10.00am 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
3.30pm Village Praise, St Michael's, Colyford

Monday 8th August Dominic, priest

8.30am Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton

Tuesday 9th August Mary Sumner, founder of Mothers' Union

8.30am Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton

Wednesday 10th August Laurence, deacon & martyr

8.30am Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
10.00am Eucharist St Andrew's, Colyton
2.00pm Southleigh Village Fayre
5.00pm Evening Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton

Thursday 11th August Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Poor Clares

8.30am Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton

Friday 12th August

8.30am Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
10.00am Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
12.00pm Abigail Bevan & Jason Mair Wedding, Musbury

Saturday 13th August Florence Nightingale Octavia Hill

2.00pm Musbury Village Show

Sunday 14th August Trinity 9

8.00am Eucharist, 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
6.00pm Evening Prayer, St Giles's, Northleigh
6.30pm Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Colyford



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Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Genesis 15. 1–6 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalms 33. 12–end 12 Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah * and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance. 13 The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men * from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth. 14 He fashioneth all the hearts of them * and understandeth all their works. 15 There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host * neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength. 16 A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man * neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength. 17 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him * and upon them that put their trust in his mercy; 18 To deliver their soul from death * and to feed them in the time of dearth. 19 Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord * for he is our help, and our shield. 20 For our heart shall rejoice in him * because we have hoped in his holy Name. 21 Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us * like as we do put our trust in thee.

Hebrews 11. 1–3, 8–16 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12. 32–40 ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

Post Communion Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

Notices

Eucharist for the Feast of the Assumption. St Andrew’s, Colyton, Monday 15th July at 7pm. All are welcome. We shall be welcoming Br Nelson at this service.

Big Church Picnic at Pecorama, Sunday 18th September, from 10.30am until 4pm. Come along with your picnic and bring your family and friends too. Please contact Rev’d Shuna to book a place: shuna.art@gmail.com or 07971 759997

Mission Community BBQ, Tuesday 30th August, 6-8pm in the Vicarage garden, bring and share salads/puddings/drinks. Burgers, sausages etc provided.

Southleigh Village Fayre, Wednesday 10th August, 2-5pm. Traditional country fayre with activities, competitions, demonstrations and refreshments. Adults £4, children under 16 free.

Musbury Village Show, Saturday 13th August, 2–4pm. Flowers, vegetables, crafts and home produce on show. Raffle and refreshments available.

Melanesian Quiet Day at St Lawrence’s Church, Southleigh. Tuesday 16th August, 9.30am to 4.30pm. Please contact Caz to book your place (01297 552307) office@holyford.org.

Branscombe Bell Ringing Day, Saturday 3rd September, 10am–4pm. If you are interested in learning about how ringing takes place or even learning to ring - come to St Winifred’s Church, Branscombe to find out more and maybe have a go at ringing a bell with ringing demonstrations through the day. Tea and cake available. Please contact John Bass for further details, 01297 680432.

Fr Steven will be on leave from Saturday 30th July until Sunday 14th August. Caz Jefferies (administrator) is on leave from August 6th to 15th. For pastoral emergencies please contact Hilary Smith (01297 551577) or Fr Colin Preece (01297 552154). For other issues please speak to a church warden.

There will be **no Evening Prayer** across the Mission Community (apart from St Andrew’s, Colyton) from the 1st to 12th August.

Your Prayers this week are asked for

Sunday:	For peace and reconciliation where there is violent conflict
Monday:	For those who preach and teach God’s word
Tuesday:	For the vision of Mary Sumner and the work of the Mothers’ Union
Wednesday:	For all deacons, and people living in Southleigh
Thursday:	For all sisters living the religious life
Friday:	For Abigail and Jason on their wedding day
Saturday:	For those in the nursing profession