



The Parishes of Colyford with Colyton, Branscombe,
Musbury, Northleigh and Southleigh.

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Dear Hosts and Ukrainian guests,

I am writing as Rector of the Holyford Mission Community, a group of six Church of England Churches in East Devon: Colyton, Colyford, Branscombe, Northleigh, Southleigh and Musbury. Since the invasion of Ukraine in 2022 we have been praying each day for those caught up in the conflict.

On Sunday 26th February at 11am we shall begin a 24-hour Prayer Vigil for Peace. This is to mark the first anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine. During the 24-hour Vigil we shall be praying for peace and reconciliation in Ukraine and all places in the world currently suffering as the result of war and conflict. There will be various services (please see the poster and schedule attached), in between which the church will be kept quiet and individuals will have the opportunity to come in to pray and reflect. We aim to make the 24-hour Vigil both a reflective and positive experience for all who take part.

Following the 11am service on Sunday 26th February, we plan to have an informal lunch in the church. We would like to invite any Ukrainian guests to join us for the service and/or lunch, which will be served at about 12.30pm. The service will be our usual Sunday Eucharist and we shall provide appropriate translations. Our aim is to be relaxed and simply offer solidarity and hospitality. There will be children's activities during lunch, and parishioners from across our Mission Community will be providing the food.

If you, or any Ukrainian individuals or families would like to join us, you would be very welcome. If you could let us know if you would like to attend, we would be very grateful. Also, if you have any dietary requirements, please inform us. If there is a particular Ukrainian dish we can provide, please let us have the recipe and we will try our best!

To book places, please contact our Administrator, Mrs Caz Jefferies, office@holyford.org or telephone 01297 552307. If you would like to discuss anything further, do please contact me direct—my details are above.

With every good wish and blessing,

Fr Steven Martin