

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 21st May	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Sunday after</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Ascension Day</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Colyford
	11.15am	Eucharist, St 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
Monday 22nd May	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
Tuesday 23rd May	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.00am	Colytots, St Andrew's, Colyton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Colyford
Wednesday 24th May	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Aldhelm</i>	10.00am	Eucharist followed by Prayers for the sick, St Andrew's, Colyton
	2.00pm	Funeral of the late Christine Wilkinson, St Andrew's, Colyton
	4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's, Colyton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	7.00pm	Icon Writing Course, SSB, Colyton
Thursday 25th May	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>The Venerable Bede</i>	1.30pm	Colyton Primary School Maypole dancing, St Andrew's and SSB, Colyton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	7.00pm	Bible Study groups, SSB, Colyton
Friday 26th May	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Philip Neri</i>	10.00am	Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Giles's, Northleigh
Saturday 27th May	10.00am	Spring Coffee Morning, Northleigh Village Hall
<i>S Augustine</i>		
Sunday 28th May	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Pentecost</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Giles's, Northleigh
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Colyford
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Musbury



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Sunday after Ascension

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 1. 6–14 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm 68. 1–10 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered * let them also that hate him flee before him. 2 Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away * and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God. 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God * let them also be merry and joyful. 4 O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name * magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him. 5 He is a Father of the fatherless, and defendeth the

cause of the widows * even God in his holy habitation. 6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity * but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness. 7 O God, when thou wentest forth before the people * when thou wentest through the wilderness, 8 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God * even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel. 9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance * and refreshedst it when it was weary. 10 Thy congregation shall dwell therein * for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

1 Peter 4. 12–14, 5. 6–11 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

John 17. 1–11 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and

I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Post-Communion Collect Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Thank you to all those involved in the Walk of Faith on Friday and Saturday, especially those who assisted with refreshments and transport.

Bible study group, Thursday 25th May, 7.00pm in the Sunday School Building (next door to St Andrew's). All are welcome. For more information, please contact Emma Laughton, 01297 551400.

Thanksgiving Service for the life of Bill Llewellyn, Sunday 4th June, 3pm in St Andrew's, Colyton, all are welcome, there will be refreshments after the service.

Your Prayers this week are asked for:

Sunday:	For those who live with impairments of sight or hearing
Monday:	For all those taking exams
Tuesday:	For members of the Methodist church
Wednesday:	For the family and friends of the late Christine Wilkinson
Thursday:	For teachers in schools and universities
Friday:	For those who feel isolated and anxious
Saturday:	For those who are Sidespeople in our churches

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.

Prayer for the week

May the power of your love, O Lord, fiery and as sweet as honey, so absorb our hearts as to withdraw them from all that is under heaven. Grant that we may be ready to die for love of your love as you died for love of our love. Amen.
St Francis of Assisi (1226)