

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 2nd May <i>Easter 5</i>	Online service available 8.00am Eucharist (BCP), St Andrew's, Colyton 9.30am Eucharist, St Andrew's Colyton 9.30am Village Praise, St Michael's Colyford 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 2.30pm Telephone Service
Monday 3rd May	8.30am Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
Tuesday 4th May <i>English Saints & Martyrs</i>	8.30am Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton 5.00pm Evensong at St Michael's, Colyford
Wednesday 5th May	8.30am Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton 10.00am Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton 11.30am Funeral of Joan Furzey, St Andrew's, Colyton 5.00pm Evensong at St Andrew's, Colyton
Thursday 6th May	8.30am Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton 5.00pm Evensong at St Winifred's, Branscombe
Friday 7th May	8.30am Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton 5.00pm Evensong at St Giles's, Northleigh
Saturday 8th May <i>Julian of Norwich</i>	
Sunday 9th May <i>Easter 6</i>	Online service available 8.00am Eucharist (BCP), St Andrew's, Colyton 9.30am Eucharist, St Andrew's Colyton 11.15am Eucharist, St Michael's Musbury 11.15am Morning Prayer, St Winifred's Branscombe 11.15am Eucharist, St Lawrence's Southleigh 2.30pm Telephone Service 4.00pm Messy Church, St Andrew's, Colyton 6.00pm Evening Prayer and APCM, St Giles, Northleigh 6.30pm Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Colyford



Holyford Mission Community

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 8.26–end Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was

passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 22.25–end From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live for ever! ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. ³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, ³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

1 John 4.7–end Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15.1–8 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much

fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Post Communion Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Notices

This Saturday and Sunday, 1st and 2nd May, the garden at Musbury Barton will be open 1.30pm to 5pm. Tea and cake will be available! All welcome

Holyford at Prayer. Tuesday 4th May at 4.30pm at St Michael's, Colyford, followed by Evening Prayer at 5pm.

Christian Aid Week is 10th to 16th May. The **service** with visiting speaker will be on **Sunday 16th May at 9.30 in St Andrew's.** Please see posters and the Holyford Herald on the website for details of fund-raising activities

The Electoral Roll for Colyton and Colyford is being revised. To be added, please collect an application form from Jane Preece, phone 552154.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings are taking place in the churches:
Northleigh, Sun 9th May after Evening Prayer at 6.00.
Colyton Tue 18th May, HC at 7.00, meeting at 7.30
Southleigh, Thu 20th May
Branscombe Tue 25th May at 7.00

Your Prayers this week are asked for

Sunday: For the people of India
Monday: For those burdened by responsibilities
Tuesday: For children at school
Wednesday: For farmers in our parishes
Thursday: For the local elections today
Friday: For those whose work is often unrecognised
Saturday: For those living the consecrated life