

## Services and Events this week and next Sunday

<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Colyford
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Giles's, Northleigh
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	6.30pm	Evensong, St Michael's, Musbury
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Catherine of Siena</i>		
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Pandita Mary Ramabai</i>	9.00am	ColyTots, St Andrew's, Colyton
	2.00pm	Bible Study Group, SSB, Colyton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Colyford
	7.30pm	Branscombe PCC Meeting
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Ss Philip &amp; James</i>	10.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Athanasius</i>	1.00pm	Bell-Ringing, St Andrew's, Colyton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	7.30pm	Colyton PCC Meeting, SSB
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
	3.00pm	The Way of Faith Service, St Andrew's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Giles's, Northleigh
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30am	Mission Community Choir Practise, Colyton
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Rogation</i>	10.00am	Rogation Praise, St Michael's, Musbury
	2.30pm	Rogation Service (Northleigh to Southleigh)
	3.00pm	Rogation Service, Branoc Hall, Branscombe
	3.30pm	Village Praise, St Michael's, Colyford



**Sunday 28th April 2024**

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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** 25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation \* my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him. 26 The poor shall eat, and be satisfied \* they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever. 27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord \* and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him. 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's \* and he is the Governor among the people. 29 All such as be fat upon earth \* have eaten, and worshipped. 30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him \* and no man hath quickened his own soul. 31 My seed shall serve him \* they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation. 32 They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness \* unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

**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 Collect** 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

**The Ven Hilary Dawson**, Michael and Eleanor send their love and thanks for all the kind wishes and messages they have received following Richard's death. Please continue to hold them in your prayers.

**Bible Study Group**, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm in the Sunday School Building (Colyton). All are welcome to join us, for details please contact Emma Laughton on 01297 551400.

To mark the second anniversary of her Life Vow into the Single consecrated Life, Hetty Kothari has arranged a contemplative hour of music and words from five different faith traditions. **'The Way of Faith' will be at St Andrew's Church, on Friday 3rd May from 3–4pm.** All are welcome, and there will be refreshments afterwards. Please let Caz in the office know if you are coming.

**Rogation Sunday** this year will be on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May. There will be **three services** within the Mission Community. All are welcome to attend. There will be one based around **Northleigh, Southleigh and Farway** which will involve *driving* to each parish (starting at Suddons Farm, Northleigh at 2.30pm—contact John Platt for details 552416). There will be a walking service at **Branscombe** (starting at Branoc Hall at 3pm, parking available at the hall). Both include delicious cream teas at the end! To book a cream tea (£5pp) for Branscombe please email Ross at [mrw@symondsandsampson.co.uk](mailto:mrw@symondsandsampson.co.uk) There will be a **Musbury Rogation Praise** service, beginning at St Michael's church at 10am and walking/stopping around some of Musbury village. Please join us if you can.

**Ascension Day, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May.** Our Mission Community will be coming together to celebrate Ascension Day with a special Eucharist at St Michael's, Musbury at 7pm. The service will be followed afterwards by a meal in the Hind. Please contact Sue Irving (552440) to book a place for the meal. If you wish to join the Mission Community Choir for this service, please let Fr Steven know. There

will be a choir rehearsal on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am to 11am at St Andrew's, Colyton.**

**Christian Aid Week:** Coffee Morning on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May from 9.45am–11.45am** in Colyton Town Hall, all are welcome with free entry. There will be lots of different stalls; including tombola, raffle, cakes, plants , books and crafts. Christian Aid Service on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30am** in St Andrew's Church, with guest speaker Dr Frances Clemson from Christian Aid.

**Christine Wallach and family** would like to invite any of the congregation who remember her husband Andrew, to a brief dedication of a bench to be unveiled at Seaton Cricket Ground at 12 noon on Sunday 5th May. All who wish to come are invited to stay for a traditional cricket lunch. Please email Christine on [christine.wallach@btinternet.com](mailto:christine.wallach@btinternet.com) if you would like to come along so we can manage the catering. Cricket was Andrew's main hobby and he committed much time to the club.

**Stewardship Sundays.** We are having a **10.30am** service in St Andrew's, Colyton followed by a Bring-and-Share lunch on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** to celebrate our Season of Stewardship and Generosity. There will also be a celebration the following week at St Michael's, Colyford on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** at the 11.15am service, followed by a Bring-and-Share lunch. Please sign up at the back of church if you are planning to come.