

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 12th May	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Sunday after Ascension Day</i>	9.30am	Christian Aid Service, 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
Monday 13th May	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.30am	Live-streaming Dr Green's funeral, Colyton
Tuesday 14th May	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Matthias</i>	9.00am	ColyTots, St Andrew's, Colyton
	4.30pm	Beginners Bell-Handling Practice, Colyton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Colyford
Wednesday 15th May	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Edmund Prys</i>	10.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>John Davies</i>	2.00pm	Branscombe Coffee & Chat, Branoc Hall
	4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
Thursday 16th May	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Caroline Chisholm</i>	10.00am	Colyton Primary School, St Andrew's
<i>Mary Seacole</i>	1.00pm	Bell-Ringing, St Andrew's, Colyton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Winifred's, Branscombe
Friday 17th May	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Giles's, Northleigh
Saturday 18th May	2.00pm	FoSM Garden Party, St Michael's, Colyford
Sunday 19th May	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Colyford
	10.30am	Pledge Service, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Musbury
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	3.00pm	Quinn Macfarlane baptism, St Andrew's
	6.30pm	Evensong, St Andrew's, Colyton



Sunday 12th May 2024

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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. 15–17, 21–end In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1 Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners * and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord * and in his law will he exercise himself day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side * that will bring forth his fruit in due season. 4 His leaf also shall not wither * and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper. 5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them * but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth. 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement * neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 7 But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous * and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

1 John 5. 9–13 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

John 17. 6–19 ‘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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

Christian Aid Service on **Sunday 12th May, 9.30am** in St Andrew’s Church, with guest speaker Dr Frances Clemson from Christian Aid.

Stewardship Sundays. We are having a **10.30am** service in St Andrew’s, Colyton followed by a Bring-and-Share lunch on **Sunday 19th 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 26th May** at the 11.15am service. Both services will be followed by a Bring-and-Share lunch. Please sign up at the back of the churches if you are planning to come with an indication of the dish you will be bringing. Thank you.

Dr Philip Green. For those of you who wish to pay their respects in Devon, Philip’s funeral will be live-streamed from Milton Chapel, Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on Monday 13th May at 11.30am in St Andrew’s Church, Colyton. For further details, please speak to Simon Ford.

Branscombe Coffee & Chat, Wednesday 15th May, 2pm in the Branoc Hall. All are welcome.

Friends of St Michael’s Spring Garden Party, Saturday 18th May, 2–4.30pm on the lawn at St Michael’s Chapel-of-Ease. Join us for tea, cakes, cheese scones and a raffle.

D-Day service Thursday 6th June. There will be a Mission Community D-Day Anniversary service at St Andrew’s, Colyton, on Thursday 6th June at 2pm. We shall be joined by pupils from Colyton Primary School and Colyton Grammar School. If anyone would like to assist with the service, or has D-Day material, please let Fr Steven know.

Thank you to all those who helped with our Rogation services last Sunday and in particular, to the hosts for their wonderful hospitality.

Your Prayers this week are asked:

Sunday:	For the work of Christian Aid
Monday:	For the family and friends of the late Dr Philip Green
Tuesday:	For peace in Rafah
Wednesday:	For journalists and translators
Thursday:	For doctors and nurses
Friday:	For those who feel isolated and anxious
Saturday:	For open hearts to embrace the generous love of God

Please continue to pray for all those ill at home or in hospital. Prayer requests can be sent to us via the office@holyford.org or to Fr Steven.