

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 12th January <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.30am	Eucharist, 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
	3.00pm	FoStA talk by Nick Brown, St Andrew's
	3.30pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Colyford
Monday 13th January <i>St Hilary of Poitiers</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	7.30pm	Visiting Bell-Ringers, St Andrew's, Colyton
Tuesday 14th January	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.00am	ColyTots, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.30am	Doreen Sullivan's Funeral, St Winifred's
	3.30pm	Chorister Club, St Andrew's, Colyton
Wednesday 15th January	4.30pm	Beginner's Bell-Handling, St Andrew's
	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Eucharist (BCP), St Andrew's, Colyton
	2.00pm	Branscombe Coffee & Chat, Branoc Hall
Thursday 16th January	4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Andrew's Church
	7.30pm	Southleigh PCC meeting
	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
Friday 17th January <i>St Anthony of Egypt</i>	1.00pm	Colyton Bell-Ringers, St Andrew's Church
	2.00pm	Musbury PCC meeting
	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
Saturday 18th January <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	1.00pm	Eunice Apsey's Funeral, St Andrew's, Colyton
	7.00pm	ABC 800 Evensong, St Michael's, Colyford
	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
Sunday 19th January <i>Epiphany II</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	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



Sunday 12th January 2025 The Baptism of Christ

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 43. 1-7 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Psalm 29 1 Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord * ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength. 2 Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name * worship the Lord with holy worship. 3 It is the Lord, that commandeth the waters * it is the glorious God, that maketh the thunder. 4 It is the Lord, that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation * the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. 5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees * yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus. 6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf * Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn. 7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness * yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades. 8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes * in his temple doth every man speak of his honour. 9 The Lord sitteth above the water-flood * and the Lord remaineth a

King for ever. 10 The Lord shall give strength unto his people * the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Acts 8. 14–17 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3. 15–17, 21–22 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Post-Communion Collect Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

New Curate! We announced last Sunday, 5th January that, '...subject to the completion of the usual pre-requisites and formalities, Marc Kastner will be made Deacon at the hands of the Bishop of Exeter on the 28th June and serve his title post as Assistant Curate within the Holyford Mission Community, which is the United Benefice of Colyton with Colyford, Branscombe, Musbury, Northleigh and Southleigh. We very much look forward to welcoming him here, and wish him every happiness and blessing as he prepares for ordination and to serve his Title post with us. Please keep Marc, Carol, Jamie and Josh in your prayers as they move towards this new season of their lives together.'

FoStA presents George Frederic Handel – His Life and Works. An illustrated talk by Nick Brown with musical performances, on Sunday 12th January, 3pm in St Andrew's Church, Colyton. Entrance is free, donations are invited.

ColyTots restarts this week on Tuesday 14th January at 9am in St Andrew's Church, Colyton. Coffee and croissants, stories, music and chat. Parents, Carers and tots all welcome.

Chorister Club restarts this week on Tuesday 14th January, come along after school for singing and snacks!

ABC 800 Service, Friday 17th January at 7pm. The year of events celebrating the 800th anniversary of the Ancient Borough of Colyford will begin with a special Choral Evensong at St Michael's, Colyford on Friday 17th January—the same day the first service was held there in 1889. Our new Bishop of Exeter will be preaching. Due to the seating capacity in the chapel, please contact Fr Steven (rector@hollyford.org) if you would like to attend but have not yet responded to an invitation. There are currently 30 spare places and anyone can attend if they wish. Those attending are asked to be seated by 6.45pm.

Do you, or someone you know, wish to be baptised and/or confirmed? Please contact Fr Steven.

Your Prayers this week are asked:

Sunday:	For those considering baptism and confirmation
Monday:	For those affected by the fire in Los Angeles
Tuesday:	For the success of Chorister Club
Wednesday:	For a new youth and families worker
Thursday:	For those suffering with depression
Friday:	For the village of Colyford
Saturday:	For greater unity and understanding between denominations

Prayer for this week

For all the possibilities ahead in this new year make us thankful, O Lord. Give us wisdom, courage and discernment in the face of so much chaos, despair and fear. Help us to see how, in our circumstances, we can contribute towards peace, faith and love. And give us the will to translate our desires into actions. Amen.

(Brother John Charles Vockler)