

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 26th January	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Epiphany III</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
	3.30pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Musbury
Monday 27th January	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	2.30pm	Ken Long's Funeral, St Andrew's, Colyton
Tuesday 28th January	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.00am	ColyTots, St Andrew's, Colyton
	12 noon	Shirley Priest's Funeral, St Michael's, Colyford
	3.30pm	Chorister Club, St Andrew's, Colyton
	4.30pm	Beginner's Bell-Handling, St Andrew's
Weds 29th January	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Eucharist (BCP), St Andrew's, Colyton
	12 noon	Arthur Parson's Funeral, St Andrew's
	4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Andrew's Church
Thursday 30th January	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Charles, King and martyr</i>	10.00am	Colyton School Assembly, St Andrew's
	11.30am	Clifford Drake's Funeral, St Andrew's
	1.00pm	Colyton Bell-Ringers, St Andrew's Church
Friday 31st January	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>John Bosco</i>	10.00am	Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
	12.15pm	John Norcott's Funeral, East Devon Crem.
	2.30pm	Catharina Rotting's Funeral, St Andrew's
	6.45pm	Colyton Choir Practice, St Andrew's Church
Saturday 1st February	9.00am	Northleigh PCC meeting
<i>St Brigid</i>	10.00am	Coffee & Cake, Colyford Memorial Hall
Sunday 2nd February	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Candlemas</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	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
	3.30pm	Village Praise, St Michael's, Colyford



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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.**

Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Psalms 19 1 The heavens declare the glory of God * and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 One day telleth another * and one night certifieth another. 3 There is neither speech nor language * but their voices are heard among them. 4 Their sound is gone out into all lands * and their words into the ends of the world. 5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun * which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course. 6 It goeth forth from

the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again * and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof. 7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul * the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple. 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart * the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes. 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever * the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold * sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb. 11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught * and in keeping of them there is great reward. 12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth * O cleanse thou me from my secret faults. 13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me * so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence. 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart * be alway acceptable in thy sight, 15 O Lord * my strength, and my redeemer.

1 Corinthians 12. 12–31 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess

gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Luke 4 . 14–21 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

Post–Communion Collect Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Notices

Electoral Roll. This year is the start of a new Electoral Roll. This means that everyone will need to fill in our Electoral Roll form and submit it to their Electoral Roll officer or Church Warden. There are forms at the back of the church to be collected. Alternatively, you can download the form online see our website: <https://holyford.org/churches/> (scroll to the bottom of the page).

Coffee and Cake, Saturday 1st February, 10am–12noon in Colyford Memorial Hall. Organised by Friends of St Michaels to raise funds for the Seaton & District League of Friends Hospice at Home service. Refreshments, raffle and produce stall. All welcome.

Your Prayers this week are asked:

Sunday:	For courage to embrace the stranger and the oppressed
Monday:	For the family and friends of the late Ken Long
Tuesday:	For the family and friends of the late Shirley Priest
Wednesday:	For the family and friends of the late Arthur Parsons
Thursday:	For the family and friends of the late Clifford Drake
Friday:	For the family and friends of the late Catharina Rotting
Saturday:	For the family and friends of the late John Norcott