



Sunday 16th February 2025

Septuagesima

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.**

Jeremiah 17. 5–10 Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Psalms 1 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 Corinthians 15. 12–20 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection

of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Luke 6. 17–26 He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. ‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ‘Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. ‘Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Post–Communion Collect Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Notices

Come & Sing Evensong. Today (16th) in St Andrew’s Church, Colyton. Open to anyone who would like to sing with us, rehearsal at 4pm, service at 6.30pm. Please contact Nicholas Brown if you would like to participate: nickpiano64@gmail.com

Café St Michael, Tuesday 18th February, 10.00am–12noon in Colyford Memorial Hall. All are welcome to our friendly community café.

Bible Study Group, Thursday 20th February, 2pm in the Sunday School Building, Colyton. Refreshments served beforehand. Contact Emma Laughton for more information: 01297 551400.

Chocolate Heaven, Saturday 22nd February in St Andrew's Church, Colyton from 10am–12noon. Come along and indulge in a chocolate extravaganza! If anyone is able to make a chocolate cake for this event, please contact Jane Preece: 552154.

Pastoral Care Committee meeting, Thursday 27th February, 2pm in the Sunday School Building, Colyton. Please contact Hilary Smith for more details. 01297 551577.

FoStA Spring Concert, national talent Marika Hackman is coming to St Andrew's Church on Saturday 1st March, 7pm. Tickets are £20 and are selling fast! See our website for more details: <https://holyford.org/activities-events/>

Please note that Fr Steven will be away from **Sunday 16th February to Thursday 20th February.**

The Mission Community office will be closed from **Tuesday 18th February to Monday 24th February.**

Your Prayers this week are asked:

Sunday	For all who live on the margins of our society
Monday	For aid workers in the Democratic Republic of Congo
Tuesday	For the negotiators working in the Middle East conflict
Wednesday	For our food banks and the people who need them
Thursday	For courage to follow our calling
Friday	For the family and friends of the late Sir John Waters
Saturday	For all who come into our churches

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

“We do not create prayer, but merely prepare the ground and clear away obstacles. Prayer is always a gift, a grace, the flame which ignites the wood; the Holy Spirit gives prayer.”

Ken Leech

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 16th February	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Septuagesima</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.30am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Colyford
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Musbury
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	4.00pm	Come & Sing Evensong Rehearsal, Colyton
	6.30pm	Evensong, St Andrew's, Colyton
Monday 17th February	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Janani Luwum</i>		
Tuesday 18th February	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Café St Michael, Colyford Memorial Hall
	4.30pm	Beginner's Bell-Handling, St Andrew's
Weds 19th February	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Eucharist (BCP), St Andrew's, Colyton
	2.00pm	Branscombe Coffee & Chat, Branoc Hall
	4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Andrew's Church
Thursday 20th February	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	1.00pm	Colyton Bell-Ringers, St Andrew's Church
	2.00pm	Bible Study Group, SSB, Colyton
Friday 21st February	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Peter Damian</i>	10.00am	Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
	2.00pm	Sir John Waters' Funeral, St Andrew's Church
	6.45pm	Colyton Choir Practice, St Andrew's Church
Saturday 22nd February	10.00am	Chocolate Heaven, St Andrew's, Colyton
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	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	Evensong, St Michael's, Musbury
	6.30pm	Evensong, St Andrew's, Colyton