



Sunday 30th March 2025 Mothering Sunday

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.**

1 Samuel 1. 20–end In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I have asked him of the Lord.’ The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, ‘As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.’ Her husband Elkanah said to her, ‘Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.’ So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, ‘Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.’ She left him there for the Lord.

Psalm 34. 11–20 11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me * I will teach you the fear of the Lord. 12 What man is he that lusteth to live * and would fain see good days? 13 Keep thy tongue from evil * and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

14 Eschew evil, and do good * seek peace, and ensue it. 15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous * and his ears are open unto their prayers. 16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them * and delivereth them out of all their troubles. 18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite

heart * and will save such as be of an humble spirit. 19 Great are the troubles of the righteous * but the Lord delivereth him out of all. 20 He keepeth all his bones * so that not one of them is broken.

2 Corinthians 1. 3–7 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Luke 2. 33–35 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Post–Communion Collect Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

South Wessex Organ Society Presents: The Passion of St John in a setting attributed to Handel. Come along today (30th) and hear this amazing piece of work, featuring a choir of invited singers and a professional orchestra under the direction of Peter Lea-Cox and Peter Parshall. Concert starts at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Colyton. Tickets £15 per adult, available on the door.

Hetty's Easter Cards, Hetty Kothari has designed an Easter card this year. They are for sale at Friendly Fridays at 40p each or you can find them on display at the back of St Andrew's Church. Closing date for orders Friday 11th April.

Lent Course: The Parables of Jesus. Tuesday 1st April, 7.30pm in Northleigh Village Hall. The Reverend Canon Karen Curnock will be discussing The Great Banquet. All are welcome to attend.

Easter Lillies, there is a sheet at the back of St Andrew's church for anyone who would like to record the name of a loved one(s) to be remembered over Easter. Donations to the lilies can be made in the box next to the sheet (only available during services). A similar list is also out at St Michael's, Colyford, for the Easter flowers there.

Good Grief Tea & Chat, Tuesday 1st April, 2.30pm in the Sunday School Building, Colyton. A friendly and welcoming group for those who are bereaved. Please contact Wendy Brooks for more information: 01297 552842.

APCM: Branscombe APCM is on Wednesday 2nd April, 7.30pm in St Winifred's

Lenten Compline, Every Friday from 8.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Colyton during Lent. Please contact Ellen for more information: treasurer@holyford.org

Holy Week & Easter. Preparations for Holy Week are coming together and there are flyers at the back of church with full details of the services and events. This year we have a visiting preacher, the Reverend Lucy Gardner, from the University of Oxford. Please set aside time to give yourself the opportunity to attend the various services on offer as we journey together during this Holy time.

On **Maundy Thursday** we have our Mission Community service at St Andrew's at 7.30pm followed by the all-night vigil. This year there will be a fish and chip supper before the service at 6pm in the SSB. Please contact Fr Steven to book a place (Rector@holyford.org).

Come & Sing: Crucifixion by John Stainer, directed by Leslie Baker, Wednesday 16th April, choir rehearsal at 3pm, service at 4.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Colyton. There will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid. For further information please speak to Nick Brown, email: nickpiano64@gmail.com

Please note that Fr Steven will be on annual leave from Saturday 5th April until Wednesday 9th April.

Your Prayers this week are asked:

Sunday	For all those who are called to mother and nurture others
Monday	For poets and the publishers who support their work
Tuesday	For the family and friends of the late Michael Ayres
Wednesday	For the work of Branscombe PCC
Thursday	For the children and families in Musbury Primary School
Friday	For the Reverend Lucy Gardner as she prepares for Holy Week
Saturday	For our Ministry Team

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 30th March	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Laetare Sunday</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>(Mothering Sunday)</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Colyford
	10.00am	Morning Prayer, 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
	7.30pm	The Passion of St John Concert, St Andrew's
Monday 31st March	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>John Donne</i>		
Tuesday 1st April	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Frederick Maurice</i>	9.00am	ColyTots, St Andrew's, Colyton
	12noon	Funeral for Michael Ayres, St Andrew's
	2.30pm	Good Grief Tea & Chat, SSB, Colyton
	3.30pm	Chorister Club, St Andrew's, Colyton
	4.30pm	Beginner's Bell-Handling, St Andrew's
	7.30pm	Lent Course, Northleigh Village Hall
Wednesday 2nd April	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's Church
	4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Andrew's Church
	7.30pm	Branscombe APCM, St Winifred's Church
Thursday 3rd April	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.30am	Musbury School Service, St Michael's
	1.00pm	Colyton Bell-Ringers, St Andrew's Church
Friday 4th April	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
	6.45pm	Colyton Choir Practice, St Andrew's Church
	8.30pm	Compline, St Andrew's Church, Colyton
Saturday 5th April		
Sunday 6th April	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Passion Sunday</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, 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