



# Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

# Lent I

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## Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

**Collect** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.**

**Deuteronomy 26. 1–11** When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

**Psalms 91. 1–2, 9–end** 1 Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High \* shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold \* my God, in him will I trust. 9 For thou, Lord, art my

hope \* thou hast set thine house of defence very high. 10 There shall no evil happen unto thee \* neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee \* to keep thee in all thy ways. 12 They shall bear thee in their hands \* that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone. 13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder \* the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet. 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him \* I will set him up, because he hath known my Name. 15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him \* yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour. 16 With long life will I satisfy him \* and shew him my salvation.

**Romans 10. 8b–13** ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

**Luke 4. 1–13** Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.”’ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**Post-Communion Collect** Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Notices

**Thank You** to all who helped with our Pancake Messy Church at Colyton and our Mission Community Pancake Party at Southleigh. Thank you also to everyone who assisted with the Ash Wednesday services, especially with music and serving. Much appreciated. An excellent start to Lent.

**Hetty's Easter Cards**, Hetty Kothari has designed an Easter card this year (with a choice of background colour). 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 where you can place an order. Closing date for orders is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**Colyford & Colyton Electoral Roll.** The Electoral Roll is on display in St Andrew's and St Michael's porches. Please can you check that your details are listed correctly. Please inform Jane Preece of any amendments (01297 552154).

**Musbury Coffee & Chat**, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am in the committee room in Musbury Village Hall. All welcome.

**Colyton Mothers' Union**, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2.15pm in the Sunday School Building, Colyton. Join us to meet and talk with Heather Sayle the recently retired Exeter Mothers' Union Diocesan President. For further details, contact Christine Sansom on 01297 552065.

**Lent Course**, Tuesday evenings in Lent, beginning Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St Michael's, Colyford. There will be a service of Compline, short talk and refreshments. Please see our Lenten leaflet for more details: [www.holyford.org](http://www.holyford.org)

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

The funeral for the late Margaret Barker will be on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am in St Andrew's Church, Colyton.

*Your Prayers this week are asked:*

<b>Sunday</b>	For Rafi Bradford on his baptism day and all those who love him.
<b>Monday</b>	For the Reverend Graham Conlon, and the Parish of Oroua, NZ
<b>Tuesday</b>	For Bishop Mike and his family
<b>Wednesday</b>	For our church musicians
<b>Thursday</b>	For all who are working to bring peace to troubled lives
<b>Friday</b>	For spiritual directors
<b>Saturday</b>	For those preparing for marriage

# Services and Events this week and next Sunday

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Lent I</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.15am	Eucharist (BCP), St Michael's, Musbury
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	2.00pm	Rafi Bradford baptism, St Andrew's, Colyton
	3.30pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Colyford
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer followed by APCM, St Giles
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.00am	ColyTots, St Andrew's, Colyton
	3.30pm	Chorister Club, St Andrew's, Colyton
	4.30pm	Beginner's Bell-Handling, St Andrew's
	7.30pm	Lent Course, St Michael's Chapel, Colyford
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Ember Day</i>	10.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's Church
	10.30am	Musbury Coffee & Chat, Village Hall
	4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Andrew's Church
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	1.00pm	Colyton Bell-Ringers, St Andrew's Church
	2.15pm	Mothers' Union, SSB, Colyton
	7.30pm	Colyton PCC meeting, SSB, Colyton
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Ember Day</i>	9.30am	School Worship, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	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
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
<i>Ember Day</i>		
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Lent 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