



# Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June    Sunday After Ascension Day

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## Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

**Collect** O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Acts 16. 16–34** One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

**Psalm 97** 1 The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof \* yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him \* righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat. 3 There shall go a fire before him \* and burn up his enemies on every side. 4 His lightnings gave shine unto the world \* the earth saw it, and was afraid. 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord \* at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. 6 The heavens have declared his righteousness \* and all the people have seen his glory. 7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods \* worship him, all ye gods. 8 Sion heard of it, and rejoiced \* and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord. 9 For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth \* thou art exalted far above all gods. 10 O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil \* the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly. 11 There is sprung up a light for the righteous \* and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted. 12 Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous \* and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

**Revelation 22. 12–14, 16–17, 20–end** ‘See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ‘It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’ The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

**John 17. 20–end** ‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

**Post–Communion Collect** Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Notices

**Good Grief Tea & Chat**, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2.30pm in the Sunday School Building, Colyton. A welcoming and informal group for those experiencing grief. These sessions will break after the July 1<sup>st</sup> session with a theme “Summer Memories with your loved ones”. Good Grief Tea & Chat will resume again on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at the usual time of 2.30pm.

**Alpha course**, we are planning to run an Alpha course after the summer holidays in Musbury. For those who are interested in helping out, please contact Fr Steven or Caddie Doulton who is coordinating the group (01297 552558).

**St Andrew’s Junior Choir** are now meeting regularly on Friday evenings from 6.15pm–7.15pm in St Andrew’s Church. Please invite your young family members to come along. No previous experience necessary just enthusiasm. Please contact Fr Steven (553180) or Ellen Anning for more information: [youth@holyford.org](mailto:youth@holyford.org)

**Southleigh Church Spring Clean**, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30am, please join us to help get the church ready for the wedding season. Refreshments supplied!

**St Giles’ Summer Fair and Family Fun Dog Show**, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm–5pm in Northleigh Village Hall and the field next door! Stalls, bars, teas, tug of war, side shows, bouncy castle, children’s races and face paints. Admission £2.50, under 16s are free. This is a cash only event.

**Advance notice for Vestment Exhibition – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**  
Vestments will be on display from Colyton, the Mission Community churches and Exeter Cathedral. On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm there will be an illustrated talk on ‘Vestments: Secrets Behind the Stiches’.

Please have a look at the various requests at the back of St Andrew’s church for help. These include flower arranging (no large arrangements), serving refreshments (to be supplied) and stewards. For more information, please speak to Christine Sansom 01297 552065.

*Your Prayers this week are asked:*

<b>Sunday</b>	For our bell ringers
<b>Monday</b>	For the family and friends of the late Clitos Kridiotis
<b>Tuesday</b>	For the people of Uganda
<b>Wednesday</b>	For the work of St Petrock’s homeless charity in Exeter
<b>Thursday</b>	For those receiving St Boniface awards
<b>Friday</b>	For the Melanesian Brotherhood
<b>Saturday</b>	For all those in rural parish ministry

# Services and Events this week and next Sunday

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Sunday after Ascension</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Michaels, Musbury
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Giles', Northleigh
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	3.30pm	Village Praise, St Michael's, Colyford
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	1.00pm	Clitos Kridiotis's Funeral, St Andrew's church
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>The Martyrs of Uganda</i>	9.00am	ColyTots, St Andrew's, Colyton
	2.30pm	Good Grief Tea & Chat, SSB, Colyton
	4.30pm	Beginner's Bell-Handling, St Andrew's
	7.30pm	Branscombe PCC meeting
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Petroc</i>	10.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's Church, Colyton
	4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's, Colyton
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Boniface</i>	1.00pm	Bell-Ringing practice, St Andrew's, Colyton
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Ini Kopuria, founder of The Melanesian Brotherhood</i>	10.00am	Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
	6.15pm	Junior Choir Practice, followed by Colyton Choir Practice, St Andrew's Church
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.30am	Southleigh Church Spring Clean
	2.00pm	St Giles' Summer Fair, Northleigh Village Hall
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Pentecost</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	11.15am	Eucharist (BCP), St Michaels, Musbury
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Giles', Northleigh
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Colyford