



Sunday 4th May

Easter III

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.**

Acts 9. 1–6 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Psalms 30 1 I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up * and not made my foes to triumph over me. 2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee * and thou hast healed me. 3 Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell * thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit. 4 Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his * and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness. 5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life * heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. 6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed * thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong. 7 Thou didst turn thy face from me * and I was troubled. 8 Then cried I unto thee, O Lord * and gat me to my Lord right humbly. 9 What profit is there in my blood * when I go down to the pit? 10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee * or shall it declare thy truth? 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me * Lord, be thou my helper. 12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy * thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness. 13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing * O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Revelation 5. 11–14 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and

glory and blessing!’ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, ‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!’ And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ And the elders fell down and worshipped.

John 21. 1–19 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, ‘Children, you have no fish, have you?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ He said to them, ‘Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.’ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

Post–Communion Collect Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Notices

Piano Recital by Simon Watterton, Sunday 4th May at 3pm in St Andrew's Church, Colyton. Featuring the "Appassionata" Sonata by Beethoven. In honour of Nick Brown's 70th Birthday, all are welcome. Free entry with retiring collection. Tea and very nice cake in the interval.

Good Grief Tea & Chat, Tuesday 6th May, 2.30pm–4pm in the Sunday School Building, Colyton. A friendly and welcoming group for those experiencing grief. Please contact Wendy Brooks for more details: 01297 552842.

Christian Aid Week, 11th to 17th May, with a Christian Aid brunch in Colyton Town Hall on **Saturday 17th May from 12 noon to 2pm**. Donations of cakes and plants are most welcome, please deliver to Jane Dauncey after Sunday 11th May or to Colyton Town Hall on the 17th May before 10am.

On **Sunday 11th May**, there will be a presentation from Christian Aid representative John Wilmut at 11am in St Andrew's Church, Colyton following on from the service. John will be leading an informal illustrated talk and discussion about the history of Christian Aid and its world wide work. All donations will be for Christian Aid.

VE Day '80' Service, Thursday 8th May at 1.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Colyton. Fr Steven will be leading a shared service with Colyton Primary School followed by a bring your own picnic on the church green. The dress code theme is red, white and blue! There will be a collection for the Royal British Legion and refreshments after the service from the Friends of Colyton Primary School. Do come and join us.

Mothers' Union meeting, Thursday 8th May at 2.15pm in the SSB.

Northleigh Spring Fayre, Saturday 10th May, 10am–12 noon in the village hall. Adult entry £2.50 includes coffee & homemade biscuit. Lots of stalls on offer.

Please note that the service in St Michael's chapel (Colyford) on **Sunday 25th May** is the regular 11.15am Holy Communion service and not Evening Prayer as previously advertised.

Your Prayers this week are asked:

Sunday	For Aliza Perham on her baptism and her parents and godparents
Monday	For communities everywhere and the strengthening of the bonds of peace
Tuesday	For the family and friends of the late Dulcie Lockyer
Wednesday	For the family and friends of the late Elsie Baily
Thursday	For all those who have given their lives to protect others
Friday	For all who care for and nurture the land
Saturday	For a successful Christian Aid week

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 4th May

Easter III

8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
11.15am	Eucharist, St Winifred's, Branscombe
11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Michael's, Musbury
11.15am	Eucharist, St Giles's, Northleigh
11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
1.00pm	Aliza Perham Baptism, St Andrew's, Colyton
3.00pm	Simon Watterton Piano Recital, St Andrew's
3.30pm	Village Praise, St Michael's, Colyford

Monday 5th May

Tuesday 6th May

8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
9.00am	ColyTots, St Andrew's, Colyton
1.30pm	Dulcie Lockyer Funeral, St Andrew's, Colyton
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

Wednesday 7th May

8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
10.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's Church
12.30pm	Elsie Baily Funeral, St Giles's, Northleigh
4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's Church
5.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Andrew's Church

Thursday 8th May

St Julian of Norwich

VE Day 80 years

8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
11.00am	VE Day service, War memorial, Branscombe
1.30pm	VE Day service, St Andrew's, Colyton
2.15pm	Mothers' Union, SSB, Colyton

Friday 9th May

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

Saturday 10th May

10.00am	Northleigh Spring Fayre, Village Hall
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Sunday 11th May

Easter IV

Christian Aid Week

8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
11.00am	Christian Aid talk, St Andrew's, Colyton
11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Winifred's, Branscombe
11.15am	Eucharist (BCP), St Michael's, Musbury
11.15am	Eucharist, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
6.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Giles's, Northleigh
6.30pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Colyford