



# Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

# 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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## Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

**Collect** Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 23. 23–29** Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

**Psalms 82** 1 God standeth in the congregation of princes \* he is a Judge among gods. 2 How long will ye give wrong judgement \* and accept the persons of the ungodly? 3 Defend the poor and fatherless \* see that such as are in need and necessity have right. 4 Deliver the out-cast and poor \* save them from the hand of the ungodly. 5 They will not be learned nor understand, but walk on still in darkness \* all the foundations of the earth are out of course. 6 I have said, Ye are gods \* and ye are all the children of the most Highest. 7 But ye shall die like men \* and fall like one of the princes. 8 Arise, O God, and judge thou the earth \* for thou shalt take all heathen to thine inheritance.

**Hebrews 11. 29–12.2** By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the

prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Luke 12. 49–56** ‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’ He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

**Post–Communion Collect** Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Notices

**Branscombe Beach Songs of Praise with Honiton Band**, Today! (17<sup>th</sup>) at 6pm. All welcome to our service of praise by the sea. Free parking available.

**Spam Email**, there is a phishing email circulating pretending to be from Fr Steven, please ignore it or report it as spam to your internet provider.

**Café St Michael**, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 10am–12noon in Colyford Memorial Hall. All welcome to our friendly café – produce, card and book stalls too.

**Branscombe Coffee & Chat**, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2pm in Branoc Hall – all welcome.

**Intercessions Workshop**, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 9.30am–12.30pm in St Andrew's church, Colyton. Would you like to grow or deepen your skills and confidence in writing and leading intercessions in church? Are you not sure where to begin? Join us for a reflective and practical morning exploring the role of intercessions, how to thoughtfully craft prayers and have a go at reading them aloud. For more details please contact Fr Marc Kastner, email address: [curate@holyford.org](mailto:curate@holyford.org) All welcome–refreshments available throughout the morning.

**Mission Community BBQ**, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 6pm–8pm at Colyton Vicarage. Children and Families are welcome at 4pm for a pre-BBQ party and tea. Please bring salads, desserts or drinks to share. There is a suggested donation of £5 per head to cover the costs of hot food, which will be provided. RSVP to the church office: [office@holyford.org](mailto:office@holyford.org) or 01297 552307. Please let us know if you have specific dietary requirements.

**Alpha Course**, starts Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Sunday School Building, Colyton. Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith in an open and friendly environment. Please contact Caddie & Ian Doulton for more details on 01297 552558.

There is a planning meeting for those who are helping this Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August in the Sunday School Building at 7.30pm.

Please note that Fr Steven is on annual leave from **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August**. If you would like to speak to a priest during this time, please contact either Fr Marc Kastner (see contact details above) or Fr Colin Preece (01297 552154).

*Your Prayers this week are asked:*

<b>Sunday</b>	For Honiton band members and supporters
<b>Monday</b>	For those living in areas of conflict
<b>Tuesday</b>	For those persecuted for their faith
<b>Wednesday</b>	For military chaplains
<b>Thursday</b>	For those receiving GCSE exam results today
<b>Friday</b>	For the new Alpha course and the organising team
<b>Saturday</b>	For Megan and James to be married today

# Services and Events this week and next Sunday

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Trinity IX</i>	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.30am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Colyford
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Musbury
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	6.00pm	Branscombe Beach Songs of Praise
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	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
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>St Bernard</i> <i>Catherine &amp; William Booth</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's Church, Colyton
	2.00pm	Branscombe Coffee & Chat, Branoc Hall
	4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's, Colyton
	7.30pm	Planning meeting for Alpha Course, SSB
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	1.00pm	Bell-Ringing practice, St Andrew's, Colyton
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	12noon	Megan & James' Wedding, St Andrew's
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>St Bartholomew</i>	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Colyford
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Giles's, Northleigh
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	6.30pm	Evensong, St Michael's, Musbury