



Sunday 7th September

Trinity XII

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 30. 15–end See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Psalms 1 1 Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners * and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord * and in his law will he exercise himself day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side * that will bring forth his fruit in due season. 4 His leaf also shall not wither * and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper. 5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them * but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth. 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement * neither the

sinner in the congregation of the righteous. 7 But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous * and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Philemon 1–21 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14. 25–33 Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Post–Communion Collect God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Southleigh Fundraising Concert “Cello for Two” today (7th) at 3pm in St Lawrence’s Church. Cellists Annabel Rooney and Jane Greenwood will be performing a variety of music from Baroque right through to a debut performance of one of their own pieces. The concert will be followed by refreshments. Entrance is free with a retiring collection raising funds for the church roof repairs.

ColyTots restarts on Tuesday 9th September, 9am–10.15am in St Andrew’s Church, Colyton. A group for babies and toddlers and their parents and carers. Come along for coffee and croissants, chat, singing and stories.

Musbury Coffee & Chat, Wednesday 10th September, 10.30am in Musbury Village Hall (Committee Room). All welcome to come along.

Bible Study Group, restarting on Thursday 11th September, 2pm in the Sunday School Building, Colyton. Refreshments served beforehand, please contact Emma Laughton for further details: 01297 551400.

Simon Callaghan and the Sacconi Quartet, hosted by Seaton Music Group in St Andrew’s Church, Colyton on Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm. Music includes; Ravel: String Quartet in F, Bliss: Piano Quartet in A minor, Franck: Piano Quintet in F Minor. Tickets are £25. See their website for details and booking: <https://seatonmusic.org/event/piano-quintet/>

Your Prayers this week are asked:

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| Sunday | For Alice Taylor and Hennie Bazen-Mulholland on their baptism day |
| Monday | For those beginning new work |
| Tuesday | For the ColyTots group restarting today |
| Wednesday | For those who are terminally ill and the dying |
| Thursday | For all preparing for the Colyton Carnival |
| Friday | For the family and friends of the late John Marple |
| Saturday | For Jessica Kennedy and Harrison Reid on their wedding day |

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

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| Sunday 7th September <i>Trinity XII</i> | 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 & Baptism, St Giles's, Northleigh |
| | 11.15am | Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's, Southleigh |
| | 2.00pm | Alice Taylor's Baptism, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| | 3.00pm | Cello Concert, St Lawrence's, Southleigh |
| | 3.30pm | Village Praise, St Michael's, Colyford |
| Monday 8th September | 8.30am | Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| Tuesday 9th September | 8.30am | Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| | 9.00am | ColyTots, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| | 2.30pm | Bell-Ringing Peal, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| | 4.30pm | Beginner's Bell-handling, St Andrew's |
| Weds 10th September | 8.30am | Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| | 10.00am | Eucharist, St Andrew's Church, Colyton |
| | 10.30am | Musbury Coffee & Chat, Village Hall |
| | 4.15pm | Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| Thurs 11th September | 8.30am | Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| | 10.00am | Colyton Primary School Assembly, St Andrew's |
| | 1.00pm | Colyton Bell-Ringers, St Andrew's Church |
| | 2.00pm | Bible Study Group, SSB, Colyton |
| | 7.30pm | Seaton Music Concert, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| Friday 12th September | 8.30am | Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| | 10.00am | Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| | 6.15pm | Junior Choir Practice, followed by Colyton |
| | 6.45pm | Choir Practice, St Andrew's, Colyton |
| Sat 13th September | 3.00pm | Jessica & Harrison's wedding, St Lawrence's |
| Sunday 14th September <i>Holy Cross Day</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 (BCP), St Michael's, Musbury |
| | 11.15am | Harvest Service, St Giles's, Northleigh |
| | 11.15am | Eucharist, St Lawrence's, Southleigh |
| | 1.00pm | Frankie Salisbury-Rood's baptism, St Andrew |
| | 2.30pm | Colyton Carnival Service, St Andrew's church |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong, St Michael's, Colyford |