



Sunday 26th October 2025

Trinity XIX

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.**

Joel 2. 23–32 O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army that I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Psalms 65 Thou, O God, art praised in Sion : and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. 2 Thou that hearest the prayer : unto thee shall all flesh come. 3 My misdeeds prevail against me : O be thou merciful unto our sins. 4 Blessed is the man, whom thou chooseth, and receivest unto thee : he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple. 5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation : thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea. 6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains : and is girded about with power. 7 Who stilleth the

raging of the sea : and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people. 8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens : thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee. 9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : thou makest it very plenteous. 10 The river of God is full of water : thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth. 11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof : thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it. 12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness : and thy clouds drop fatness. 13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness : and the little hills shall rejoice on every side. 14 The folds shall be full of sheep : the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

2 Timothy 4: 6–8, 16–18 I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18. 9–14 Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Post-Communion Collect Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Centenary of the Melanesian Brotherhood

Gracious God, we give thanks for the Melanesian Brotherhood, for 100 years of faithful witness, prayer, and service. Bless all who gather in Tabalia, and all Companions around the world who join in spirit. May this centenary renew their strength, deepen their faith, and inspire their mission. Guide the Brotherhood into the next century with courage, humility, and joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

Fr Steven is away in Melanesia until 2nd November. For urgent and pastoral matters, please contact Fr Marc Kastner (01297 642061) or Fr Colin Preece (01297 552141). For any other matters, please contact your Churchwarden, whose details are on the contact page of the website (holyford.org/contact) and in the parish magazines. If you haven't seen it already, take a look at the **Holyford Herald weekly email for an update from the Rector** (contact office@holyford.org if you would like to receive this regularly).

All Souls Memorial Service Next weekend, on Sunday 2nd November, we will be holding the annual Memorial Service at St Andrew's, Colyton at 6.30pm. There will also be a requiem Eucharist on Wednesday 5th November at 10am. At both services the names of the departed will be read. If you would like someone remembered at these services, please send their names to office@holyford.org by the end of this week (31st October).

Mission Community Choir

Taizé: rehearsal on the day, Sunday 16th November 4.30pm (Colyton)

Advent Carol Service: rehearsals 15/22/29th November 9–10.30am (Colyton) and on the day, 30th November 4.30pm (Branscombe). Please let Ellen know so we can produce enough music copies. (ellen.anning@outlook.com)

Alpha Course. The Alpha Course continues and it is not too late to join us. We meet on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Sunday School Building in Colyton. After a meal, we watch a short video presentation then gather in groups to discuss over a hot drink and piece of cake. If you are interested in trying a session, do come along. You can see last week's video if you follow the link in this week's Holyford Herald. Please let us know if you wish to come by dropping a line to Frances holyford.alpha@gmail.com.

No ColyTots this week as it is half term. We will return next Tuesday, 4th November.

Your Prayers this week are asked:

Sunday	For Age Concern and all those who support older people
Monday	For all those who work in local government
Tuesday	For the family and friends of the late John Vieth
Wednesday	For those who work in the Emergency Services
Thursday	For the family and friends of the late Dr Nigel Starey
Friday	For students, teachers, school staff and parents as they prepare for half term
Saturday	For Fr Steven as he travels home from Melanesia

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 26th October

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8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
11.15am	Eucharist, St Giles', Northleigh
11.15am	Eucharist, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
11.15am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Colyford
11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Winifred's, Branscombe
6.30pm	Evensong, St Michael's, Musbury

Monday 27th October

8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
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Tuesday 28th October

SS. Simon & Jude

8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
11.00am	John Vieth Funeral, St Michael's, Colyford

Wednesday 29th October

James Hannington

8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
10.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's Church, Colyton
4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's, Colyton
7.00pm	Alpha Course, SSB, Colyton

Thursday 30th October

8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
11.30am	Dr Nigel Starey Funeral, St Michael's, Musbury
1.00pm	Colyton Bell-Ringers, St Andrew's Church

Friday 31st October

Martin Luther

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

Saturday 1st November

Sunday 2nd November

All Saints'

8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
11.15am	Eucharist, St Giles', Northleigh
11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Michael's, Musbury
11.15am	Eucharist, St Winifred's, Branscombe
3.30pm	Village Praise, St Michael's, Colyford
6.30pm	All Souls' Service, St Andrew's, Colyton