



Sunday 5th October

Trinity XVI

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have the grace and power to faithfully fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lamentations 1. 1–6 How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting-place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

Psalms 137 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept : when we remembered thee, O Sion. 2 As for our harps, we hanged them up : upon the trees that are therein. 3 For they that led us away captive required of us then a song, and melody in our heaviness : Sing us one of the songs of Sion. 4 How shall we sing the Lord's song : in a strange land? 5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem : let my right hand forget her cunning. 6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth : yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem in my mirth. 7 Remember the children of Edom, O Lord, in the day of Jerusalem : how they said, Down with it, down with it, even to the ground. 8 O daughter of Babylon, wasted with misery : yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth thee, as thou hast served us. 9 Blessed shall he be that taketh thy children : and throweth them against the stones.

2 Timothy 1. 1–14 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Luke 17. 5–10 The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you. ‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!”’

Post–Communion Collect Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Our Lord is the ground from whom our prayer grows
and in his love and grace, he himself gives us our prayers.**

Julian of Norwich

Notices

Fr Steven would like to thank all those who supported his fundraising organ recital and for the generous donations received, which will go towards the Melanesian Mission UK's Learning for Life campaign and Fr Steven's travelling expenses. If you have yet to make a donation, there is still time visit: <https://givealittle.co/c/melanesia>

Harvest Festival at St Andrew's, Colyton, Sunday 12th October will be a special Eucharist service followed by lunch. Please book your lunch by signing the sheets at the back of church, or by contacting Christine Sansom (01297 552065). The donation for lunch is £5 a head.

Caz is currently away and the Mission Community Office is unmanned. Please direct enquiries to the Churchwardens or clergy. Please do not leave messages on the office telephone. Emails sent to Office@holyford.org will be received and responded to accordingly.

Good Grief Tea & Chat will be returning on Wednesday 8th October at 11am in the Sunday School Building. A supportive and welcoming group for all those who are experiencing grief. Please contact Wendy Brooks for more information on 01297 552842. Please note the new time and day.

Assembly Anthems, Saturday 11th October, 7pm for a 7.30pm start in St Andrew's church, Colyton. An evening of singing all the assembly classics you know and love! Join us for a fun night with a dance floor, bar and nibbles. Adults only. Tickets are £6 each or £10 for two. All proceeds will support the church and Musbury and Colyton primary schools.

Alpha Course. The Alpha Course has started, but 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.

Your Prayers this week are asked:

Sunday	For William, Hannah and Emily, to be baptised today
Monday	For farmers and all who work in agriculture and farming
Tuesday	For the staff and pupils of Branscombe CofE Primary School
Wednesday	For the Good Grief café restarting today
Thursday	For the work of the Mothers' Union
Friday	For all on pilgrimage at this time
Saturday	For all attending the Assembly Anthems evening

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 5th October <i>Trinity XVI</i>	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.15am	Harvest Festival and Baptism, Musbury
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Giles's, Northleigh
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	3.30pm	Harvest Festival, Colyford
Monday 6th October <i>St Bruno</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
Tuesday 7th October	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.00am	ColyTots, St Andrew's, Colyton
Wednesday 8th October	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 9th October <i>St Denys</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	1.00pm	Colyton Bell-Ringers, St Andrew's Church
Friday 10th October <i>St Paulinus</i>	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 11th October <i>St Ethelburga</i>	7.30pm	Assembly Anthems, St Andrew's Church, Colyton
Sunday 12th October <i>Trinity XVII</i>	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.00am	Harvest Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	11.15am	Eucharist (BCP), St Michael's, Musbury
	11.15am	Harvest Festival, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	6.00pm	Evensong, St Giles's, Northleigh
	6.30pm	Evensong, St Michael's, Colyford