



# Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

# Epiphany II

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## Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

**Collect** Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.**

**Isaiah 49. 1–7** Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

**Psalms 40. 1–12** 1 I waited patiently for the Lord \* and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling. 2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay \* and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings. 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth \* even a thanksgiving unto our God. 4 Many shall see it, and fear \* and shall put their trust in the Lord. 5 Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord \* and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies. 6 O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-ward \* and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee. 7 If I should declare

them, and speak of them \* they should be more than I am able to express. 8 Sacrifice, and meat-offering, thou wouldest not \* but mine ears hast thou opened. 9 Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin, hast thou not required \* then said I, Lo, I come, 10 In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God \* I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart. 11 I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation \* lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest. 12 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart \* my talk hath been of thy truth, and of thy salvation.

**1 Corinthians 1. 1–9** From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**John 1. 29–42** John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

**Post-Communion Collect** God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Notices

**An introduction to a life of more...** Start your year with something that matters. Join us for three relaxed Saturday mornings as we explore the Beatitudes—Jesus' surprising, upside-down vision for a life of meaning, courage and blessing. Saturdays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January at the Sunday School Building in Colyton 10am to 12 noon. Warm, welcoming, and designed especially for adults who are curious, re-exploring faith, or simply wanting a fresh start after Christmas. Leaflets will be available in the churches. Each session is £5 to cover costs.

**Café St Michael**, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 10am in Colyford Memorial hall, all are welcome to this friendly café.

**Looking ahead...** on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 4.15pm in St Andrew's church, Hetty Kothari will be giving a contemplative reflection on **Psalms 51 and the Mercy of God**, with words, music and silence.

**Coffee and Chat** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at the Branoc Hall in Branscombe from 2pm onwards. All welcome.

Not only is God always in the place where you are,  
but God is in a very special manner  
in the depths of your spirit.  
*St Francis de Sales*

*Your Prayers this week are asked:*

<b>Sunday</b>	For those leading events for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
<b>Monday</b>	For the work of bell-ringers and cathedral choirs
<b>Tuesday</b>	For vegetable farmers
<b>Wednesday</b>	For all those who work alongside victims of sexual abuse
<b>Thursday</b>	For the church in Portugal and Spain
<b>Friday</b>	For all who are feeling afraid because of their race or creed
<b>Saturday</b>	For journalists, writers and authors

# Services and Events this week and next Sunday

<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Epiphany II</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Colyford
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Musbury
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	6.30pm	Evensong, St Andrew's, Colyton
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	7.30pm	Monday Night Bell-Ringers, St Andrew's church
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Wulfstan</i>	9.00am	ColyTots, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Café St Michael, Colyford memorial hall
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Agnes</i>	10.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	1.30pm	Tony Lear's Thanksgiving service, St Giles's
	2.00pm	Branscombe Coffee & Chat, Branoc hall
	4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's, Colyton
	7.30pm	Musbury PCC meeting (Caddie & Ian's house)
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Vincent of Saragossa</i>	1.00pm	Colyton Bell Ringers, St Andrew's church
	7.30pm	Colyton and Colyford PCC meeting, SSB
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
	6.15pm	Junior Choir Practice, St Andrew's, Colyton
	6.45pm	Choir Practice, St Andrew's, Colyton
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.00am	The Beatitudes course, SSB, Colyton
<i>St Francis de Sales</i>		
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>Conversion of Paul</i>	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
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