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Lent II

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Genesis 12. 1–4a The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalms 121 1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills * from whence cometh my help. 2 My help cometh even from the Lord * who hath made heaven and earth. 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved * and he that keepeth thee will not sleep. 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The Lord himself is thy keeper * the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand; 6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day * neither the moon by night. 7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil * yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. 8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in * from this time forth for evermore.

Romans 4. 1–5, 13–17 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where

there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3. 1–17 There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Post–Communion Collect Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notices

Hetty's Easter cards are now for sale at Friendly Friday for 50p each.

Colyton & Colyford Electoral Roll. It is time to revise the Electoral Roll, before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 25.3.26. If you have joined St. Andrew's or St. Michael's church since last year, and wish to be on the Roll please collect an application form from Jane Preece or Mary Gay Bremridge. Thank you.

Holyford Lent Course. Our annual lent course has begun and this Tuesday 3rd March we will be in St Michael's church, Musbury. This year's theme is **The People of Holy Week** and we will be looking at Judas Iscariot. The evening will begin at 7pm with refreshments, followed by a talk and discussion at 7.30pm. Please see flyers at the back of church for more information.

Knitted Easter Treats. A group of knitters will be selling knitted Easter chicks, rabbits and lambs filled with a Cadbury's crème egg. They are available for £2.50 from The Lantern shop and Anton's butchers in Colyton.

Holyford Mission Community Challenge – Tent for Lent – With disaster relief charity ShelterBox. Christine Sansom, Churchwarden at St Andrew's is spearheading the campaign for Holyford Mission Community to raise £402 by Good Friday (3rd April). Please think about making a donation via collections during services in Lent, or at The Lantern Shop in Colyton or online to CAF Bank, Colyton PCC, 40-52-40, 00011472 (please reference your payment "Tent"). See posters and the Holyford Herald for more details.

World Day of Prayer, Friday 6th March, 2.15pm service at St Andrew's church in Colyton followed by refreshments. A women-led global, ecumenical movement with this year's service prepared by Christian women from Nigeria.

Please note there will be no service in St Winifred's church (Branscombe) next **Sunday 8th March** due to The Grizzly running race.

Recommended Lent Book: The Practice of the Presence of God. Conversations and letters from Brother Lawrence, translated by E.M. Blaiklock foreword by J Larcombe.

Passion Sunday Taizé Service: On Sunday 22nd March at 7.30pm in St Andrew's church (Colyton) we will be holding a reflective evening which will take the form of a Taizé service: readings and prayers with simple chants. The service will be by candle-light with gentle incense. If you would like to join the group of singers and musicians for this service, we shall be rehearsing in St Andrew's church on Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm and at 5pm on the day of the service. If you would like to join us please contact Fr Steven (rector@holyford.org) or Ellen Anning (ellen.anning@outlook.com)

Your Prayers this week are asked:

Sunday	For the people of Wales
Monday	For Ellen Anning and all recently selected for ordination training
Tuesday	For those leading our Lent Course
Wednesday	For those suffering as a result of the war in Ukraine
Thursday	For staff and pupils at Colyton Primary School
Friday	For Christians in Nigeria
Saturday	For our preparations for Holy Week and Easter

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 1st March	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>The Second Sunday of Lent</i>	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, St Giles's, Northleigh
	11.15am	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	3.30pm	Village Praise, St Michael's, Colyford
Monday 2nd March	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>St Chad</i>		
Tuesday 3rd March	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	ColyTots, St Andrew's, Colyton
	7.00pm	Lent Course, St Michael's Church, Musbury
Wednesday 4th March	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's, Colyton
Thursday 5th March	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	1.00pm	Colyton Bell-Ringing Practise, followed by training at St Andrew's church, Colyton
	7.30pm	Mission Community Council, SSB, Colyton
Friday 6th March	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
	2.15pm	World Day of Prayer service, St Andrew's
	6.15pm	Junior Choir Practice, St Andrew's, Colyton
	6.45pm	Choir Practice, St Andrew's, Colyton
	8.30pm	Compline, St Andrew's, Colyton
Saturday 7th March		
<i>Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions</i>		
Sunday 8th March	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
<i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.15am	Eucharist (BCP), St Michael's, Musbury
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	3.30pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Colyford
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Giles's, Northleigh followed by the APCM
		No service in Branscombe today (8 th March).