



Sunday 5th April 2026

Easter Sunday

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Prayers and Readings for this Sunday

Collect Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

Acts 10. 34–43 Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

Psalms 118. 1–2, 14–24 1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious * because his mercy endureth for ever. 2 Let Israel now confess, that he is gracious * and that his mercy endureth for ever. 14 The Lord is my strength, and my song * and is become my salvation. 15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous * the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. 16 The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence * the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. 17 I shall not die, but live * and declare the works of the Lord. 18 The Lord hath chastened and corrected me * but he hath not given me over unto death. 19 Open me the gates of righteousness * that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord. 20 This is the

gate of the Lord * the righteous shall enter into it. 21 I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me * and art become my salvation. 22 The same stone which the builders refused * is become the head-stone in the corner. 23 This is the Lord's doing * and it is marvellous in our eyes. 24 This is the day which the Lord hath made * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Colossians 3. 1–4 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

John 20. 1–18 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post-Communion Collect God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notices

A huge thank you to all who have decorated and prepared the churches across the Mission Community for the Easter celebrations. Your work and skill is very much appreciated. Thank you also to The Reverend Tim Hunt for leading us through Holy Week and all the musicians and servers and our wonderful wardens and ministry team during this busy period.

Please note Fr Steven will be on annual leave from Wednesday 8th to Thursday 16th April. In his absence, please contact Fr Marc (details below) or another member of the Ministry Team (details can be found in parish magazines or on the contact page of the website).

Confirmation Classes If you are interested in being confirmed, please speak to Fr Marc Kastner: email curate@holyford.org or call 01297 642061

Please note that ColyTots is on it's holiday break and will resume on **Tuesday 21st April** not Tuesday 14th April as previously noted. We look forward to seeing you then.

Good Grief Tea & Chat Wednesday 8th April, 11am in the SSB (Colyton). A reflective café-style gathering for those living with loss—all are welcome.

Mothers' Union Thursday 9th April, 2.15pm in the SSB (Colyton). Please speak to Christine Sansom for further details: 01297 552065

LOOKING AHEAD

Musbury Table Top Sale Saturday 18th April, 10am–1pm in Musbury Village Hall. All are welcome, refreshments and bacon butties on sale. Stall enquiries: Sue Irving, 01297 552440

FoStA Presents: A Talk by Samantha Knights KC “Rights of Nature” Saturday 18th April, 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Colyton. This illustrated talk will explore the origins of the concept of nature rights and the growing movement to recognise them in law, the connection to religions, and the various routes through which nature is protected already in environmental and other laws. Entrance is free but donations welcome, there will be a licensed bar.

An Evening with Bishop Mike On Sunday 26th April at 6pm, the Bishop of Exeter, Mike Harrison, will join us at St Michael's Church in Musbury for Evensong followed by a talk exploring Brother Lawrence and *The Practice of the Presence of God* (this year's Lent book). All are welcome—the evening will conclude with refreshments.

Your Prayers this week are asked:

Sunday	For open hearts to welcome in God's all-consuming love
Monday	For an end to violence and a recognition that peace must be Just
Tuesday	For the family and friends of Eunice (Griff) Griffin
Wednesday	For all who are recently bereaved
Thursday	For all those who are considering confirmation
Friday	For all who are in need of food and shelter
Saturday	For volunteers at food banks and the Citizens Advice Bureau

Services and Events this week and next Sunday

Sunday 5th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	6.00am	Dawn Service, Hillhead Picnic Site, Colyton
	8.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.30am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	9.30am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Colyford
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Michael's, Musbury
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Winifred's, Branscombe
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Giles's, Northleigh
	11.15am	Eucharist, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong, St Andrew's, Colyton
Monday 6th April <i>Monday of Easter Week</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
Tuesday 7th April <i>Tuesday of Easter Week</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	1.00pm	Eunice (Griff) Griffin's funeral, St Andrew's church
Wednesday 8th April <i>Wednesday of Easter Week</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Eucharist, St Andrew's, Colyton
	11.00am	Good Grief Tea & Chat, SSB, Colyton
	4.15pm	Silent Prayer for Peace, St Andrew's, Colyton
Thursday 9th April <i>Thursday of Easter Week</i>	8.30am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	1.00pm	Colyton Bell-ringers followed by bell-ringer training, St Andrew's, Colyton
	2.15pm	Mothers' Union, SSB, Colyton
	7.30pm	Confirmation Class, SSB, Colyton
Friday 10th April <i>Friday of Easter Week</i>	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Colyton
	10.00am	Friendly Friday, St Andrew's, Colyton
Saturday 11th April <i>Saturday of Easter Week</i>		
Sunday 12th April <i>Easter II</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	Eucharist, St Lawrence's, Southleigh
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer, St Giles's, Northleigh
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer, St Michael's, Colyford