

Welcome
To Our Benefice

31st March – Fourth Sunday of Lent



Today's Collect

Merciful Lord - Absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Today's Readings

Exodus 2:1-10—Birth and Youth of Moses

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-end

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to

him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

We remember in our prayers:

- The Government, that they find wisdom to complete Brexit
- All those affected by cyclone Idai
- For Messy Church on Tuesday, they are looking for volunteers

If you have a prayer concern, please let a churchwarden know.

7th April 2019 : Passiontide

ST ANDREW'S, MORETON
9.30 am Service of the Word
ST JOHN'S, NORTH BOVEY
10.00 am Informal Service

ST WINIFRED'S, MANATON
9.30 am Holy Communion
ST JOHN'S, LUSTLEIGH
11.00 am Matins



Activities around the churches : week commencing 31st March 2019

Do join us any day (except Wed & Sun) for Morning Prayer in St Andrew's Moreton 8.30 am, on Thursday at North Bovey Church at 9.15 am, or at Manaton on Saturday at 9.00 am

Mon 1st Apr 7.30	Choir Practice	Moreton Chapel
Tue 2nd 9.30 -1.30	Benefice Office Open	Moreton Library
Tue 2nd 3.30	Messy Church	Parish Hall, Moreton.
Tue 2nd 7.30	Lent Group	2 Forder Meadow, Moreton
Tue 2nd 7.00	Licencing of Rev. Preb M. Ryland	Ashburton Church
Wed 3rd 12-2	Lent Lunch	Community Club
Thu 4th 9.15	Village Prayer	North Bovey Church
Thu 4th 2.15	Julian Meeting	16 Glebelands
Thu 4th 2.00	Lent Group	Water Mill, Manaton
Thu 4th 7.30	Lent Group	26 Cross St, Moreton
Sat 6th 9.00	Prayer Meeting	Manaton Church
Sat 6th 9.30	Mission Shed	Cullompton

MISSION SHED CENTRAL

on Saturday 6th April
from 9.30 am-3.00 pm

Exploring everyday faith for the real world
More details from John Randall

Lent Groups in the Benefice

Tuesday, 2 Forder Meadow, Moreton, 7.30
Thursday, Water Mill, Manaton, 2.00
Thursday, 26 Cross St, Moreton 7.30



Messy Church, THIS TUESDAY in Moreton Parish Hall from 3.30 with a story, a song, a messy craft & food for everyone. Come and have fun. (Children to be accompanied by an adult.)

Please remember the FOOD BOXES
They are at the back of each church

Licensing of The Revd. Prebendary Mandy Rylands as Rural Dean on the 2nd April at Ashburton Church at 7.00pm

Benefice website: moretonbenefice.uk

If you need to contact someone about church matters, please contact one of the Churchwardens or Readers, or our Administrator, Julia Vittle, on 07985 688023 or moretonbenefice@gmail.com

Please make sure information for the Contact sheet goes each week to Heather by Thursday morning at beneficecontact@gmail.com