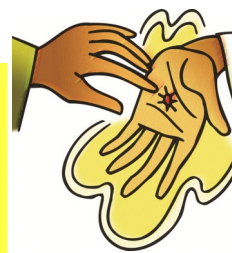


Welcome

To Our Benefice

28th April – Second Sunday of Easter



Today's Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son 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

Today's readings

Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

John 20:19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

We remember in our prayers:

- That the Easter message will be truly understood by all
- The people and visitors in Sri Lanka who got caught up in the recent atrocity - and all those recently bereaved
- Simon & Anne Franklin, as they settle into their new home.

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

5th May – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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 Communion
ST JOHN'S, LUSTLEIGH
11.00 am Mattins



Activities around the churches – week commencing 28th April 2019
*Do join us any day (except Wed & Sun) for Morning Prayer in Moreton 8.30 am,
on Thursday at North Bovey 9.15 am and on Saturday at Manaton 9.00 am*

Sun 28th	2.15 pm	St George's Day Parade	Sentry/Moreton Church
Mon 29th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Moreton Chapel
Tues 30th	7.30 pm	Joint Benefice PCC meeting	Manaton Parish Hall
Tue 30th	9.30-1.30	Benefice Office open	Moreton Library
Thu 2nd	2.00 pm	Funeral of Robin Peardon	St Andrew's Church
Thu 2nd	2.15 pm	Julian Meeting	16 Glebelands

If you don't usually receive Communion, you are nevertheless most welcome to come up to the communion rail to receive a prayer of blessing.

Benefice website: moretonbenefice.uk

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

This week I have been contacted to say they are very short of following:

Long-life milk, fruit juice, tins of meat, meat meals, potatoes, custard, rice, packet mash, cereal, sugar, pot noodles

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

**Joint Benefice PCC Vacancy Meeting
at Manaton Parish Hall
on Tuesday 30th April from 7.30 pm**

Scouts St Georges Day Parade
In the Sentry from 2.15pm and then in the Church at 2.30pm
Please join them

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