

# Welcome

To Our Benefice

12th May 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Easter



## Today's Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## Today's Readings

### Acts 9. 36 - end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### John 10. 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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.

*We remember in our prayers:*

- All those caught up in conflict around the world
- Local friends and neighbours recovering from operations or illness
- The government as they continue with Brexit negotiations

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

**19th May – 5th Sunday of Easter**

ST ANDREWS, MORETON  
9.30 am Service of the Word  
ST WINIFREDS, MANATON  
11.00am Communion

ST JOHNS, NORTH BOVEY  
9.30am Communion  
ST JOHN'S, LUSTLEIGH  
6.00pm Evensong



**A**ctivities around the churches – week commencing 12th May 2019  
*Do join us any day (except Wed & Sun) for Morning Prayer in Moreton 8.30 am, or on Thursday at North Bovey 9.15 am.*

Sun 12th 10.00am Farm Service, Great Houndtor Farm Manaton  
Sun 12th 7.00pm Your Choice Moreton Chapel

**Sun 12th - Sat 18th Collection week for Christian Aid**

Mon 13th 7.30pm Choir Practice Moreton Chapel  
Tues 14th 9.30am-1.30pm Benefice Office Open Moreton Library  
Thurs 16th 2.00pm Manaton Discussion Group Water Mill, Manaton  
Sat 18th 10.00am Action/Children Coffee Morning Community Club  
Sun 19th 3.00pm Rogation Sunday Evensong Lustleigh

**Benefice website: [moretonbenefice.uk](http://moretonbenefice.uk)**

Manaton Discussion Group  
Meet Thursday at 2pm  
at Water Mill  
You are welcome to join us, come and have your say as we look at the week's Readings

**Please remember the FOOD BOXES at the back of each church**  
This week they are short of Instant Mash, Pot Noodles, tinned meats & meat meals

**Collection Week for Christian Aid**  
House to House Collection  
Please give generously.  
Plant Sale on Saturday 18th May at Community Club, 10-12pm

**Correction to this month's IN TOUCH Magazine**  
Manaton Market takes place on Tuesday 21st May, and NOT on the 14th. Apologies for misleading information in IN TOUCH (on pages 5 & 13).

*If you need to contact someone about church matters, please get in touch with one of the Churchwardens or Readers, or our Administrator, Julia Vittle, on 07985 688023 or [moretonbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:moretonbenefice@gmail.com)*

**Please make sure information for this CONTACT sheet goes each week to Heather by Thursday morning at [beneficecontact@gmail.com](mailto:beneficecontact@gmail.com)**