



*Welcome To Our Benefice*  
11th October 2020—18th Sunday of Trinity

**Today's Collect** - Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for 18th Sunday of Trinity	<b>Old Testament Reading</b>	<b>New Testament Reading</b>
	Either Isaiah 25: 1 - 9 Or Philipians 4: 1- 9	Matthew 22: 1 - 14

<b>Church Services for Sunday 18th October 2020</b>			
<b>St Andrews, Moretonhampstead</b>	9.30am	Morning Worship	
<b>St Winifreds, Manaton</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Holy Communion	
<b>St Johns, North Bovey</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	
<b>St Johns, Lustleigh</b>	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	

**Sue Sheppard's Licensing Service**

Because of government guidelines the service on 8th October was very different to the one we would have liked. The numbers attending were limited to thirty so although all the parishes will be represented, many were missing. The Bishop of Plymouth, Nick McKinnell, was in charge. We offer a very warm welcome to Sue and Guy as they settle in to the rectory and our community.

Churches are open at following times, for private prayer:-

**St Andrews** is open on Sundays through to Wednesdays from 10am to 4pm

**North Bovey, Lustleigh and Manaton** will be open daily from 10.00 am-4.00 pm.

Please follow any directions that are given on notices, with reference to COVID 19 instructions. For anyone still isolating or still concerned about joining us in church, Worship Online is still available. Chagford Church Online is continuing and Exeter Cathedral has a number of service options – see the relevant websites or try our own web page at [moretonbenefice.uk](http://moretonbenefice.uk) **DON'T FORGET YOUR MASK IN CHURCH PLEASE.**

*If you need to contact someone about church matters, please contact one of the Churchwardens, Readers, or Administrator, Julia Vittle, on 07985 688023 or [moretonbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:moretonbenefice@gmail.com)*  
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Please remember the **FOOD BANK.**

**Prayers for the Community—**

- Pray for Sue and Guy as they settle in to the community. Give thanks for Sue's appointment to the benefice.
- Give thanks for Hilda as she retires from her role in the ministry to the benefice and pray for her well being in retirement.

**Staying Connected 29**  
**7<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**

**Amos Trust & Street Children**

Amos Trust for a number of years now has been championing the rights of street children across the world and, among other things, has sponsored a Football and Cricket World Cup for these children.

11th October is the International Day of the Girl and here is a prayer for those whose needs are so often forgotten.

Today on the International Day of the Girl:

We pray for young women and girls all around the world

We pray that the hard-fought progress on ensuring their rights will not be jeopardised by the impact of coronavirus.

We pray that one day all girls will take it for granted that they can complete primary and secondary education

We pray for an end to FGM, and that no parents will believe that the best option for their daughter is to become a child bride

We pray for all those experiencing abuse: may it end, may they feel safe, may they know justice and may they receive care and support as they try to recover from the devastating impact.

We pray for the countless girls whose lives revolve around the street

Those who have fled abuse, poverty and neglect

Those whose only home has been on the street

Those who are called names and are blamed for being there

Those who are bringing up their own children on the streets

Those who are struggling with addictions and ill health

Those who are seen as worthless and are used and abused by others.

May we recognise that each and every one of these girls is of immeasurable worth

May we recognise the incredible potential in each

May we recognise the trauma so many carry

May we listen to their stories and their dreams, and

May they be given the opportunity to grow, to move forward, to make mistakes, to rediscover their value and their worth

We pray for all those journeying with these young women

Hugely dedicated workers who receive so little reward, so little praise and no thanks

Projects that seek to provide opportunities, to meet their needs, and yet struggle to survive and to develop the work they are called to do

Activists and campaigners committed to realising change,

And all those young women who are leading the call and transforming their futures. In the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



**from Stuart Townend's 'Vagabonds')**

Come to the feast,  
there is room at the table.  
Come let us meet in this place  
with the King of all kindness  
who welcomes us in  
with the wonder of love,  
and the power of grace.

**Elly Moseley**

Elly was licensed as a lay minister/reader in the cathedral on 3rd October. She had planned to come to St. Andrew's on 4th but was unable to in the end. She sends her thanks to all who provided encouragement and support throughout her training. She joins the University Chaplaincy team in Exeter but hopes to see us from time to time.

**'Do not repeat public-worship ban, says clergy' – extract from the Church Times of 2nd October**

'We are troubled by policies which prioritise bare existence at the expense of those things that give quality, meaning and purpose to life...Increasingly severe restrictions are having a powerful dehumanising effect on people's lives, resulting in a growing wave of loneliness, anxiety, and damaged mental health. This particularly affects the disadvantaged and vulnerable in our society, even as it erodes precious freedoms for all.'