

CONTACT

**BENEFICE OF MORETONHAMPSTEAD WITH DOCCOMBE,
LUSTLEIGH, MANATON & NORTH BOVEY**



Welcome To Our Benefice
18th October 2020—19th Sunday of Trinity

Today's Collect - O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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
19th
Sunday of
Trinity

**Old Testament
Reading**

**New Testament
Reading**

Acts 16: 6 - 12a

Luke 10: 1 - 9

Church Services for Next Sunday, 25th October 2020

St Andrews, Moretonhampstead
9.30am Holy Communion

St Johns, Lustleigh
11.00am Morning Worship

Doccombe Chapel
3.00pm **Harvest Service (see note)**

St Winifreds, Manaton
6.00pm Evensong (BCP)



Doccombe Harvest Service. - Will be a bit different this year! Subject to the weather, those wishing to take part will gather (socially distanced of course) in the garden of Springwood, Richard Knights house, at 3pm followed by a BYO refreshments.

Churches are open at following times, for private prayer:-
St Andrews is open on Sundays through to Wednesdays from 10am to 3.30pm
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 **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
Any information for this CONTACT sheet goes each week to Heather by Thursday morning at beneficecontact@gmail.com

Mahatma Gandhi on Western Civilization—When asked, 'What do you think of Western civilization?' Gandhi replied, 'I think it would be a good idea.'

www.moretonbenefice.uk—A fabulous place to find out all the up to date Church Information

Please remember the **FOOD BANK.**

Prayer by Brian Woodcock— God in the midst, come close to us, and help us to come close to you, as for a fraction of time, we step back from the activities of the day. May we treasure such moments with you, moments when we can bring to you the things we are doing, find new meaning for them, and new strength for doing them. And moments for recalling how we are meeting you already, in the stuff of daily living and engagement, when faith is tested and compassion is translated into action. So, if as the day goes on, we forget you, do not forget us, O God. Amen.

Staying Connected 30 for 14th October, 2020

Autumn sun over Stepper



Falling

In the garden there has been falling for weeks
on end,
Pears in their hundreds that we share with the
wasps.

Apples tumble too, those with names and
those without.

What is not cooked is steamed and squirrelled
away

For juicy consumption. Mixed with ginger, they
make a fine drink.

The sticks that supported the sweet peas and
climbing beans

Now stagger drunken, battered by wind and
rain,

But the raspberries survive, showing their resili-
ence,

Producing still in the face of the weather,
The fruit sometimes shyly hidden within the
green.

On Wooston the paths are strewn with acorns
and sweet chestnuts.

The bracken has lost its vigour, settling into its
annual die back.

Ponies have been brought in to graze this spe-
cial place,

Ditches and ramparts dug many centuries ago
Are covered in palsied flags of yellow and
brown.

What workers they must have been to leave
such marks

With just basic tools on this landscape.

The track plunges down through a gate to the
river

And Uppaton Weir below. The air is still,
The light is on mute this morning. Leaves fall
like stars.

Independent Inquiry into Church Sexual Abuse

Last week's Church news was dominated by
the publication of its report into historical child
abuse within the church going back to the
1940s. Exeter Diocese's response is available
at:

<https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Diocese-of-Exeter-Statement-on-the-IICSA-Final-Report-CA.pdf>

The Church Times leader for 9th October says
this: 'It is too easy to blame the Church's fail-
ings on either errant individuals or some dis-
embodied structure. To its shame, the church
as a whole has much to learn from secular
organisations that have grasped that the Chris-
tian duty to care for everyone needs to be
manifested in a culture of professional behav-
iour which is understood and followed by all.
And, although most of IICSA's recommenda-
tions concern national and diocesan officers,
the place where abuse happens and can be
prevented is almost invariably the parish. It is
here that safeguarding needs to be seen as
part of the Church's DNA.'

The Church in the IICSA report was described
as 'a hiding place for abusers'. Each of us has
a responsibility to ensure that our churches are
safe places for everyone with nowhere for
abusers to hide.

Church and the Workplace

'The faithful go to church far more often than
the Church goes to the workplace.' Hugh Val-
entine argues in the same issue of the Church
Times that 'the Church is often poorly informed
about "the world of work" as experienced by its
members who are of working age.' I would
certainly have agreed with that during my forty
plus years in social care. One of our local di-
lemmas is that those of us who are 'retired'
may increasingly lose touch with the world of
work. So those of you who are employed,
please tell us more about what is pressing your
buttons to ensure that we understand much
better what you are going through.

Festival of Preaching

Some of you may be interested in the link to
this annual festival with videos of speakers
from 2019. This year's event was cancelled
because of Covid-19.

<https://festivalofpreaching.hymnsam.co.uk/video/>