

Welcome To Our Benefice

Sunday 10th January 2021 - Baptism of Christ



Today's Collect - Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 Epiphany

**Old Testament
Reading**

Genesis 1: 1-5

**New Testament
Reading**

Acts 19: 1-7
Mark 1: 4-11

Church Services for Sunday 17th January 2021**St Andrews, Moreton**

No Service

St. Johns, North Bovey

9.30am Holy Communion

St Winifreds, Manaton

11.00am Holy communion

St. Johns, Lustleigh

6.00pm Evensong (BCP)

Lockdown rules for Places of worship

You can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. You should follow the *national guidance on the safe use of places of worship*. (from gov.uk website)

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

St Andrews will NOT be open this week. Sunday services will also be limited to a fortnightly communion service. This decision will be reviewed during the week.

North Bovey, Lustleigh and **Manaton** will be open daily from 10am to 4.00 pm.

Please follow any directions that are given on notices, with reference to COVID 19 instructions.

Anyone still isolating or still concerned about joining us in church, can still get online services from Chagford Church Online and Exeter Cathedral, or try our own web page at moretonbenefice.uk. **And please don't forget your mask.**

www.moretonbenefice.uk - A fabulous place to find out all the up to date Church Info.

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A Prayer from Iona

Come Holy Spirit, you have placed yearning in our hearts.

Now bring healing to body, mind and spirit.

Bless the heads that bow, the hands that touch, the hearts that hope.

Bring healing, bring peace.

Spirit of the living God, present with us now, enfold us,

body, mind and spirit, and heal us of all that harms us,

in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Staying Connected for 6th January, 2021



Picture is of Warren House Inn this week.

Pope Francis quoted by the Archbishop of Dublin

'Our sin lies in failing to recognise value, in wanting to possess and exploit that which we do not value as a gift. Sin always has this same root of possessiveness, of enrichment at the expense of other people and Creation itself.'

What Covid has revealed – Professor Devi Sridhar, Chair of Global Health at the University of Edinburgh

'The pandemic has been a test of our self-interest, both as individuals and as nations. One of the key questions has been what responsibility richer countries owe towards poorer nations, particularly when it comes to ensuring the equitable distribution of a vaccine. Last year, 171 countries pledged to take part on the Covax initiative, which aims to support the development and equitable distribution of 2bn vaccine doses before the end of 2021. But when the first vaccine proved successful, manufactured by Pfizer and BioNTech, richer countries bought up 80% of its doses...

Of all the lessons we've learned from the pandemic, the most significant is how unequal its effects have been. Wealth, it turns out, is the best shielding strategy from Covid-19. As poorer people crowded to-

gether in cramped housing, the rich escaped to their country retreats. Two of the largest risk factors for dying from Covid-19 are being from a deprived background and from being from a minority-ethnic background, pointing to the underlying role of social inequalities, housing conditions and occupation.

Our recovery from the disease should be centred on building more equal, resilient societies, where people in all parts of the world have access to both protection from the disease and access to research developments.'

Mark Oakley in the Church Times of 1st January, 2021

'I cannot help thinking that, as we pick up the pieces of populism, pandemic, and political pranks, it's time for Christians to recall our vocation to enable the common good in whatever ways we can. Never before in my lifetime has the "dignity" of being human – given to us as a gift, and shared in by the incarnation that we celebrate – been so threatened.

What makes me both proud of, and hopeful about, the Church is when we courageously uphold this dignity in the poor and forgotten, or any of those not thought to belong to some perverted version of a "civilised" society. My New Year's wish is that, over the coming months, we will all step up a bit more to make decision-makers – including ourselves – accountable to a universal human dignity.'



St Andrew's from bottom of the Sentry