

*Welcome To Our Benefice*16th January 2022
Second Sunday of Epiphany

Today's Collect - Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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**

Sunday Readings**Isaiah 62:
1-5****1 Corinthians
12: 1-11****John 2:
1-11****Church Services and Meetings Until Sunday 30th January 2022**

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| Sunday 16th | 9.30am | Morning Worship | Moreton |
| | 9.30am | Holy Communion | North Bovey |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion | Manaton |
| | 6.00pm | Evensong (BCP) | Lustleigh |
| Wednesday 19th | 7.15pm | History Society Meeting | Moreton |
| Thursday 20th | 2.00pm | Funeral of John Marsden | Dunsford |
| Sunday 23rd | 9.30am | Holy Communion | Moreton |
| | 11.00am | Celtic Morning Prayer | Lustleigh |
| | 6.00pm | Evensong | Manaton |
| Wednesday 26th | 7.15pm | Lustleigh Society Meeting | Lustleigh Hall |
| Sunday 30th | 11.00am | United Benefice Service | Lustleigh |
| | TBC | Plastics Picking around town | Moreton |

North Bovey and Lustleigh churches will be open for private prayer from 10am - 4pm every day. **Moretonhampstead and Manaton churches** will be open from 10am until 3pm. Online services still available from Chagford Church Online and Exeter Cathedral. The benefice web page is at moretonbenefice.uk. Wearing masks has again been made mandatory in all places of worship but singing is still allowed.

Prayers for the Week

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world. Forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; 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.**

Old Testament Reading for The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 62: 1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Epistle Reading for The Second Sunday of Epiphany

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to

another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel Reading for The Second Sunday of Epiphany

John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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