



Welcome To Our Benefice

**9th January 2022
Baptism of Christ - Epiphany 1**

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**

Sunday Readings	Isaiah 43: 1-7	Acts 8: 14-17	Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
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Church Services Until Sunday 16th January 2022

Sunday 9th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Moreton
	11.00am	All Age Service	Manaton
Sunday 16th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Lustleigh
	9.30am	Morning Worship	Moreton
	9.30am	Holy Communion	North Bovey
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Manaton
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Lustleigh

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.

Date Reminder - United Benefice Service on Sunday 30th January will be hosted by St Johns, Lustleigh, at 11.00am

Prayers for the Week
 Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen
 Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**
Epiphany Prayer - O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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. that are to come, in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading for The Baptism of Christ (Epiphany One)

Isaiah 43: 1-7

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

Epistle Reading for The Baptism of Christ (Epiphany One)

Acts 8: 14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard

that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading for The Baptism of Christ (Epiphany One)

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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