

Welcome To Our Benefice

20th November 2022 - Sunday next before
Advent - Christ the King



Today's Collect - Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings
Sunday

**Malachi 4:
1-2a**

**2 Thessaloni-
ans 3: 6-13**

**Luke 21:
5-19**

Church Services and other Activities until Sunday 4th December 2022

Sunday 20th	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Lustleigh
Thursday 24th	2.00pm	Discussion Group, Watermills,	Manaton
Saturday 26th	10.00am	St Andrews Xmas Fair, Parish Hall	Moreton
	10.00am	Makers Market, Community Club	Moreton
Sunday 27th	5.30pm	Christmas Lights Switch on	Moreton
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Moreton
	11.00am	Advent Morning Prayer	Lustleigh
Saturday 3rd Dec	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Manaton
	10.00am	Coffee Morning Friends of St Andrew	Moreton
Sunday 4th	9.30am	Morning Worship	Moreton
	11.00am	Celtic Morning Prayer and Baptism	Lustleigh
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Manaton
	4.00pm	Christingle	North Bovey

All churches in the benefice will be open for private prayer from 10am. Lustleigh, Manaton and North Bovey will close at 3pm every day, with Moreton closing at 4pm.

Online services available from Chagford Church Online (the service is produced fortnightly) and on the Exeter Cathedral website.

Prayer of the Week - God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for Ukraine - God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen**

Epistle Reading for the Sunday Before Advent

Malachi 4: 1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Epistle Reading for The Sunday Before Advent

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel Reading for The Sunday Before Advent

Luke 21: 5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Please don't forget the foodbank.

There is so much more pressure on them at the moment, with people in need of help.

Donations can be left at the back of every Benefice Church and also in the Co-Op in Moretonhampstead



Books. We would be grateful for some used books for sale at the back of St Andrew's and also at the Fair on November 26th. Please contact Peter Warwick on peterwarwick2@outlook.com or 01647 441218 if you would like them collected.

Any other donations can be given to Christine Walton. Her number is 440717