



Welcome To Our Benefice

**19th March 2023
Mothering Sunday & Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Today's Collect - God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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
Mothering
Sunday**

**Luke 2
33-35**

**John 19
25b-27**

**Church Services and other Activities until
Sunday 2nd April 2023**

Sunday 19th - MOTHERING SUNDAY			
	9.30am	Family Service	Moreton
	9.30am	Family Communion	North Bovey
	11.00am	Family Communion	Manaton
	11.00am	Family Service	Lustleigh
Tuesday 21st	10.00am	Tuesday Trippers The Box, Plymouth	Moreton
Sunday 26th			
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Moreton
	11.00am	Celtic Morning Prayer (not Evensong as previously published, sorry!)	Lustleigh
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Manaton
Tuesday 28th	10.00am	Tuesday Trippers (Museum, Exeter)	Moreton
Wednesday 29th	7.15pm	Lustleigh Society Meeting	Lustleigh
Thursday 30th	2.00pm	Memory Cafe, Community Club	Moreton
Sunday 2nd April - PALM SUNDAY			
	9.30am	Morning Worship	Moreton
	10.00am	Informal Worship	North Bovey
	11.00am	Matins	Lustleigh
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Manaton

Churches in the benefice will be open for private prayer from 10am. St Andrews will close at 3pm. All other benefice churches will close at 4pm.

Online services are available on the Exeter Cathedral website.

Prayer for Fourth Sunday of Lent - Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Mothering Sunday Reading (1)

Luke 2: 33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Mothering Sunday Reading (2)

John 19: 25b - 27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Old Testament Reading for Fourth Sunday of Lent

Exodus 2: 1-10

Epistle Reading for Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Corinthians 5: 16-end

Gospel Reading for Fourth Sunday of Lent

Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if any-

one has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

This year's **LENT COURSE** is entitled **Women of Holy Week**, and is continuing through on the Wednesdays in March, 10.30-12.00, in the Community Club, Court Street, Moreton – preceded by tea/coffee.

Please don't forget the foodbank.

There is so much more pressure on them at the moment. Donations can be left at the back of every Benefice Church and also in the Co-Op.

