



*Welcome*

**10th September 2023  
Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity**

**Today's Collect** - Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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**

<b>Readings Sunday</b>	<b>Exodus 12: 1-14</b>	<b>Romans 13: 8-end</b>	<b>Matthew 18: 15-20</b>
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**Church Services and other Activities  
until Sunday 1st October 2023**

Monday 11th	10.00am	Coffee Morning for Morecare	Moreton
Thursday 14th	7.30pm	WI Meeting, Parish Hall	North Bovey
Friday 15th	10.00am	Friendly Friday, White Hart	Moreton
	7.30pm	Film Club, Green Hill	Moreton
Saturday 16th	10.00am	Makers Market, Community Club	Moreton
Sunday 17th	9.30am	Morning Worship	Moreton
	9.30am	Holy Communion	North Bovey
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Manaton
	6.00pm	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>	Lustleigh
Wednesday 20th	7.30pm	History Society Meeting, The Union	Moreton
Friday 22nd	10.00am	Friendly Friday, White Hart	Moreton
Sunday 24th	11.00am	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>	Moreton
	11.00am	Celtic Morning Prayer	Lustleigh
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Manaton
Sunday 1st October	9.30am	Morning Worship	Moreton
	10.00am	Informal Service	North Bovey
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Manaton
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Lustleigh

All Churches in the group (Moreton, Manaton, Lustleigh and North Bovey) will be open for private prayer from 10am until 4.00pm.  
Online services are available on the Exeter Cathedral website.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will be starting in the Autumn, with the confirmation itself taking place in December. If you, or someone you know are interested in getting confirmed, or would like further details, please contact Sue the rector. Her e-mail address is [moretonrector@gmail.com](mailto:moretonrector@gmail.com).

**Prayers for the Week** - Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Old Testament Reading for the Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity**

**Exodus 12: 1-14**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it

**Epistle Reading for the Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity**

**Romans 13: 8-end**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled

the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

**An Urgent Appeal**

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Gospel Reading for the Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity**

**Matthew 18: 15-20**

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

**Widcombe Autumn Festival** this week. Events are happening in Drewsteignton, Chagford, Gidleigh, Moretonhampstead and Lustleigh, from Wednesday 13th until Sunday 17th September. Posters around town give details of all concerts around the area. **Moretonhampstead concerts** are on Friday 15th at 8.00pm (Poetry in Music: George Herbert) and Saturday 16th, at 5.00pm (Women's Voices).

Tickets are available from their website or possibly on the door. More information can be obtained on the website or by talking to Marie Randall, or on the posters in town

**Harvest Festivals** — at St John's, Lustleigh is on Sunday 17th September: 6 pm for service and 7 pm for the supper. Tickets for the Supper (£10 from The Dairy or at the door) include main course and dessert. Wine is available.

Harvest Festival—at St Andrew's, Moreton is on Sunday 24th September, with a service in church at 11 am followed by a pasty and cider lunch – on The Sentry if fine, or in church if wet. Tickets from Christine Walton