



*Welcome*

**3rd September 2023  
Twelfth Sunday of Trinity**

**Today's Collect** - Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Readings  
Sunday**

**Exodus 3: 1-15    Romans 12: 9-end    Matthew 16: 21-end**

**Church Services and other Activities  
until Sunday 24th September 2023**

Tuesday 5th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting,	Lustleigh
	7.30pm	Discussion Group, Village Hall	Lustleigh
Friday 6th	10.00am	Friendly Friday, White Hart	Moreton
Saturday 9th	9.40am	Ride and Stride Event starting in	Moreton
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Moreton
	11.00am	All-Age Worship	Manaton
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Lustleigh
Monday 11th	10.00am	Coffee Morning for Morecare	Moreton
Thursday 14th	7.30pm	WI Meeting, Parish Hall	North Bovey
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
Sunday 24th	11.00am	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>	Moreton
	11.00am	Celtic Morning Prayer	Lustleigh
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Manaton

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.

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR COPY OF THE CONTACT SHEET HOME**

**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** - Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

**Exodus 3: 1-15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ances-

tors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

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

**Romans 12: 9-end**

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

**Matthew 16: 21-end**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

**Ride and stride Event**

Sponsored walk to raise money for our church and for historic churches as well All welcome to join in. Contact Christine Walton for details or to sponsor her. Meet at top car park to catch bus to Lustleigh, then walk from Lustleigh to North Bovey via Moretonhampstead.

Harvest Festivals are coming up — 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