

Welcome

10th March 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)



Today's Collect for Mothering Sunday - 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 Sunday | 1 Samuel 1: 20-end | Colossians 3: 12-17 | John 19: 25b-27 |
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| Church Services and other Activities until Easter Sunday (31st March 2024) | | | |
| Sunday 10th | 9.30am | Family Service Mothering Sunday | Moreton |
| | 9.30am | Family Service Mothering Sunday | North Bovey |
| | 11.00am | Family Service Mothering Sunday | Lustleigh |
| | 11.00am | All Age Mothering Sunday Service | Manaton |
| Tuesday 12th | 10.30am | Lent Course at C.C. Moreton & Twyneo, Lustleigh | |
| Friday 15th | 10.00am | Friendly Friday, Community Club | Moreton |
| Saturday 16th | 10.00am | FoSTA Coffee Morning, Comm Club | Moreton |
| Sunday 17th March | 9.30am | Morning Worship | Moreton |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion | Manaton |
| | 6.00pm | Evensong | Lustleigh |
| Tuesday 19th | 10.30am | Lent Course at C.C. Moreton & Twyneo, Lustleigh | |
| Wednesday 20th | 7.00pm | BSO Concert, St Andrews | Moreton |
| | 7.30pm | History Society Meeting, Union Inn | Moreton |
| Palm Sunday 24th | 9.30am | Holy Communion | Moreton |
| | 11.00am | Celtic Morning Prayer | Lustleigh |
| | 6.00pm | Evensong (BCP) | Manaton |
| Monday 25th | 7.00pm | Compline | Moreton |
| | 7.00pm | Compline | Manaton |
| | 7.00pm | Compline | North Bovey |
| Maundy Thurs 28th | 7.00pm | Holy Communion & Foot Wash (optional) | Lustleigh |
| Good Friday | 10.00am | Walk of Witness, The Square | Moreton |
| | 12 noon | Reflective Service | Manaton |
| | 6.00pm | Reflective Service | Lustleigh |
| Holy Saturday 30th | 7.00pm | Easter Vigil | Moreton |
| Easter Sunday 31st | 9.30am | Family Communion | Moreton |
| | 9.30am | Family Communion | North Bovey |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Lustleigh |
| | 11.00am | Family Communion | Manaton |

Collect 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**

Old Testament Reading for Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

1 Samuel 1: 20-end

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord.

Epistle Reading for Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

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 anyone 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.

Gospel Reading for Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

John 19: 25b-27

And that is what the soldiers did.

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.

The Friends of St. Andrews are holding a coffee morning, on Saturday 16th March, from 10.00am In the Community Club. All very welcome

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra are coming to Moretonhampstead to do a concert. It will be held in St Andrews on **Wednesday 20th March**, starting at 7.00pm. Tickets are just £10 per person and can be purchased on their website - www.bsolive.com. It will be a fantastic concert so, see you there

Lent Courses continue during February. - Two Tuesday mornings left in March, each one is stand alone study so you can come to just one, or both of them and still benefit from the session. The remaining dates are 12th and 19th March, from 10.30am until noon, at two venues, the Community Club in Moreton or at Twyneo in Lustleigh. Both courses start at 10.30am (in Lustleigh it is after the prayer meeting), are exploring the book "Journey to the Empty Tomb"