

Welcome

3rd March 2024
Third Sunday of Lent3rd Sunday
of
Lent

Today's Collect - Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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	Exodus 20: 1-17	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25	John 2: 13-22
Church Services and other Activities until Sunday 24th March 2024			
Sunday 3rd March	9.30am	Morning Worship	Moreton
	10.00am	Informal Worship	North Bovey
	11.00am	Matins	Lustleigh
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Manaton
Monday 4th	2.00pm	Funeral of Margaret Hill	Moreton
Tuesday 5th	10.30am	Lent Course at C.C. Moreton & Twyneo, Lustleigh	
Wednesday 6th	10.00am	U3A Meeting, Union Inn	Moreton
	11.30am	Funeral of Barry Moore, Crematorium	Exeter
Friday 8th	10.00am	Friendly Friday, Community Club	Moreton
Saturday 9th	10.00am	Makers Market, Community Club	Moreton
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 Service	Manaton
Tuesday 12th	10.30am	Lent Course at C.C. Moreton & Twyneo, Lustleigh	
Friday 15th	10.00am	Friendly Friday, Community 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	7.30pm	History Society Meeting, Union Inn	Moreton
Sunday 24th March	9.30am	Holy Communion	Moreton
	11.00am	Celtic Morning Prayer	Lustleigh
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Manaton
<p><i>All Churches in the group (Moreton, Manaton, Lustleigh and North Bovey) will be open for private prayer from 10am until 4.00pm.</i></p> <p><i>Online services are available on the Exeter Cathedral website.</i></p>			

Prayers for the Week - Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading for Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20: 1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Epistle Reading for Second Sunday of Lent

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness

to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Reading for Second Sunday of Lent

John 2: 13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Lent Courses continue during February. - They are on Tuesday mornings 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" by Paula Gooder. 3 sessions in March, each one is stand alone study so you can come to just one, or all of them and still benefit from the session. The remaining dates are 5th, 12th and 19th March. Everyone welcome whether you attend church or not. Refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you.