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PARISHES OF MORETONHAMPSTEAD WITH DOCCOMBE, LUSTLEIGH, MANATON & NORTH BOVEY

Welcome

Sunday 21st April 2024 The Fourth Sunday of Easter



4th Sunday Easter

Today's Collect - Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings	Acts 4:	Genesis 7:	John 10:
Sunday	5-12		11-18
Sulluay	5-12	1-5	11-19

Church Services and other Activities until Sunday 12th May 2024

Sunday 21st April	9.30am	Holy Communion	North Bovey		
, ,	11.00am	Morning Worship for St Georges Day	Moreton		
		With Scouts			
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Manaton		
	6.00pm	Evensong	Lustleigh		
Tuesday 23rd	9.30am	Prayer Group	Lustleigh		
Wednesday 24th	7.30pm	Lustleigh Society Meeting, Village Ha	ll, Lustleigh		
Thursday 25th	2.00pm	Memory Café, Community Club	Moreton		
Sunday 28th April	9.30am	Holy Communion	Moreton		
	11.00am	Celtic Morning Prayer	Lustleigh		
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Manaton		
Monday 29th	2.00pm	Funeral of Pat Everitt, St . Winifreds	Manaton		
Tuesday 30th	7.00pm	Licensing Service for			
		Right Rev. Nicholas McKinnel (
Sunday 5th May	9.30am	Morning Worship	Moreton		
	10.00am	Informal Service	North Bovey		
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Lustleigh		
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Manaton		
Thursday 9th May		*Ascension Day* Holy Communion	North Bovey		
See back of contact sheet for more details					
Sunday 12th May		Holy Communion	Moreton		
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Lustleigh		
	11.00 am	All-Age Service	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.

Prayers for the week - Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Old Testament Reading for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Genesis 7: 1-5

Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate: and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven davs I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights: and every living thing that John 10: 11-18 I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.' And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

Epistle Reading for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the highpriestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed. let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before

you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified. whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders:

it has become the cornerstone " There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved'

Gospel Reading for Fourth Sunday of Easter

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lavs down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lav down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lav it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from mv Father.'

Ascension Day celebration (7.30am)—meet at the church in North Bovey where you will walk down to the field (in church if wet!) and then enjoy breakfast together afterwards

Please don't forget the foodbank. They are always grateful for your support. Donations can be left at the back of every Church in our group or in our Co-Ops in Moretonhampstead or Bovey Tracey

