



Welcome

**Sunday 28th April 2024
The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

4th Sunday Easter

Today's Collect - Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Readings Sunday	Acts 8: 26-end	Genesis 22: 1-18	John 15: 1-8
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Church Services and other Activities until Sunday 19th May 2024

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	Chagford
Weds 1st May	10.00am	U3A Meeting, Union Inn	Moreton
Saturday 4th	10.00am	Morning Market, Community Club	Moreton
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	7.30am	*Ascension Day* Holy Communion	North Bovey
Friday 10th	9.30am	Day Trippers (Powderham)	Moreton
Sunday 12th May	9.30am	Holy Communion	Moreton
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Lustleigh
	11.00 am	All-Age Service	Manaton
Friday 17th	9.30am	Day Trippers (Sidmouth)	Moreton
Sunday 19th May	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Moreton
	9.30am	Holy Communion	North Bovey
	11.00am	Celtic Morning Prayer With Baptism	Manaton
	2.30pm	Rogation Service	Lustleigh

*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
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, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading for Fifth Sunday of Easter

Genesis 22: 1-18

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

Epistle Reading for Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now

there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Gospel Reading for Fifth Sunday of Easter

John 15: 1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.