



Welcome

**Sunday 29th September 2024
Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity (Proper 21)**

Today's Collect - Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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	Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22	James 5: 13-end	Mark 9: 38-end
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Church Services and other Activities until Sunday 20th October 2024

Sunday 29th Sept	11.00am	Group United Holy Communion	Moreton
Monday 30th Sept	6.30pm	Confirmation Class, The Rectory	Moreton
Tuesday 1st Oct	9.30am	Prayer Meeting, Twyneo	Lustleigh
	9.30am	Day Trippers, (Ten Pin Bowling)	Moreton
Friday 4th Oct	10.00am	Friendly Friday, Union Inn	Moreton
Sunday 6th October	9.30am	Morning Worship	Moreton
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Lustleigh
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Manaton
	6.00pm	Harvest Festival	North Bovey
Monday 7th	6.30pm	Confirmation Class, The Rectory	Moreton
Tuesday 8th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting, Twyneo	Lustleigh
Saturday 12th	11.30am	Two Moors Festival, St Michaels	Chagford
	7.30pm	Barn Dance, Neadon Barn	Manaton
Sunday 13th Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion	Moreton
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Lustleigh
	11.00am	All Age Service	Manaton
Monday 14th Oct	6.30pm	Confirmation Class, The Rectory	Moreton
Sunday 20th Oct	9.30am	Morning Worship	Moreton
	11.00am	Harvest Communion	Manaton
	9.30am	Holy Communion	North Bovey
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Lustleigh

All Churches in the group (Moreton, Manaton, Lustleigh and North Bovey) are open for private prayer from 10am until 4.00pm. Online services are available on the Exeter Cathedral website.

Prayers for the week - God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading The Eighteenth Sunday of Trinity - Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Epistle Reading The Eighteenth Sunday of Trinity - James 5: 13-end

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them

with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Gospel Reading The Eighteenth Sunday of Trinity - Mark 9: 38-end

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

CONFIRMATION - We are holding a Confirmation Service at St Andrew's, Moretonhampstead on **Sunday 24th November** at 11 am. Classes continue for candidates, still on Monday evenings 6.30 pm–8 pm. The classes will be at the Rectory in Moreton and follow Faith Confirmed. The sessions continue as follows:

Mon 7th Oct – Jesus: Death & Resurrection	Mon 30th Sept – Jesus: Life & Ministry
Mon 21st Oct – The Church	Mon 14th Oct – The Holy Spirit
	Mon 28th Oct – What Is Confirmation?