

Welcome
*To Our Benefice*27th January Epiphany 4**Today's Collect**

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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.

Today's Readings**1 Corinthians 12.12-31a**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is

honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Luke 4.14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

We remember in our prayers:

- Holocaust memorial day - we pray for Jews where they find anti-Semitism today
- We continue in our prayers for our Parliament
- Lin Moore & family whose husband Andy died recently.

If you have a prayer concern, please let Simon or a churchwarden know.

Presentation of Christ in the Temple 3rd February

ST. ANDREW'S MORETON
9.30am Morning Worship
ST. WINIFRED'S MANATON
9.30am Holy Communion

ST. JOHN'S LUSTLEIGH
6.00pm Candlemas Celebration
ST. JOHN'S NORTH BOVEY
10.00am Morning Worship



Activities around the churches : week commencing 27th January
Do join us any day (except Wed & Sun) for Morning Prayer in St Andrew's Moreton 8.30am; or on Thursday at North Bovey Church at 9.15am. All are welcome.

Mon 28 th	10.30am	Morecare Coffee Morning	Community Club
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	Moreton Chapel
	7.30pm	Lustleigh PCC	Old Vestry
Tue 29 th	9.30-1.30pm	Benefice Office open	Moreton Library
	7.00pm	Mission Shed (<i>see below</i>)	Toast, Market St, Okehampton
Thu 31 st	9.15am	Village Prayer	North Bovey Church
Fri 1 st	7.00pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Moreton Church
	7/7.30pm	Friends of St John Quiz Night	North Bovey Village Hall
Sat 2 nd	9.00am	Village Prayer	Manaton Church

Mission Shed

Fresh expressions of Church, faith sharing & connecting with your local community.

This Tuesday7pm, refreshments,

7.30pm start, 8.45pm finish

At Toast Coffee House

Market Street,

Okehampton

If you need a lift contact Simon

If you don't usually receive Communion, you are nevertheless most welcome to come up to the communion rail to receive a prayer of blessing.

A Celebration of CANDLEMASS

for the Benefice

Sunday 3rd February 6.00pm

Lustleigh Church with Choir

Come and join us

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