

*Welcome
To Our Benefice***3rd February Presentation of Christ****Today's Collect**

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Luke 2 v 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two

young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phineas, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

We remember in our prayers:

- Those affected by the bad weather
- Those who have lost their jobs at the ceramics factory at Heathfield
- The people of Yemen

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

4th Sunday before Lent

DOCCOMBE
8.00am Holy Communion
ST. WINIFRED'S MANATON
10.00am Morning Worship

10th February

ST. ANDREW'S MORETON
9.30am Holy Communion
ST. JOHN'S LUSTLEIGH
11.00am Holy Communion



Activities around the churches : week commencing 3rd February
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.

Today 3rd	6.00pm	Candlemas Service	Lustleigh Church
Mon 4 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice	Moreton Chapel
Tue 5 th	9.30-1.30pm	Benefice Office open	Moreton Library
	3.30pm	Messy Church	Moreton Parish Hall
Thu 7 th	9.15am	Village Prayer	North Bovey Church
	10.30am	N. Bovey Market	N. Bovey Hall
	2.15pm	Julian Prayer Group	16, Glebelands
Sat 9 th	10 - 12am	Wellfest	Moreton Parish Hall
Sun 10 th	7.00pm	Your Choice	Moreton Chapel

Atmospheric Candlemas Service tonight at Lustleigh at 6.00pm

www.moretonhampsteadparishchurch.org details of all the Benefice

WELLFEST

next Saturday 9th Feb 10am - 4pm. Showcasing health and wellbeing organisations. Free admission. Moreton Parish Hall and Greenhill



Messy Church, THIS TUESDAY in Moreton Parish Hall from 3.30pm with a Story a Song, a Messy Craft & Food for everyone. Come and have fun. (Children need to be accompanied by an adult.)

The Rector's contact details are as follows:

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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.

IONA PRAYERS FOR HEALING SERVICE:

Sunday 17th February,
5pm at Trusham Church.

We will be praying for both personal needs and wider healing needs in the world. A good opportunity to experience the distinctive Iona liturgy in Trusham's re-ordered church.

Material for 'Contact' by Thursday morning please at
beneficecontact@gmail.com