

Welcome
To Our Benefice
1st December Advent 1



ADVENT

Today's Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

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.

Luke 21.25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man com-

ing in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

We remember in our prayers:

- Members of Parliament as they debate the Brexit deal
- Those with mental health problems and their carers
- The family of Neil Pepperell who died this week

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

Advent 2

9th December

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8.00am Holy Communion

ST. WINIFRED'S MANATON

10.00am Christingle

ST. ANDREW'S MORETON

9.30am Holy Communion

ST. JOHN'S LUSTLEIGH

11.00am Holy Communion



Activities around the churches : week commencing 2nd December

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.

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| Today | 4.00pm | Christingle | North Bovey Church |
| | 6.00pm | Benefice Advent Carol Service | Lustleigh Church |
| Mon 3 rd | 7.30pm | Choir Practice | Moreton Chapel |
| Tue 4 th | 3.30pm | Messy Church | Moreton Parish Hall |
| Thu 6 th | 9.15am | Village Prayer | North Bovey Church |
| | 2.15pm | Julian Group | 16 Glebelands |
| Fri 7 th | 9.30-1.30pm | North Bovey Benefice Office Open | Moreton Library |

Elly Morley, Reader in Training, will be preaching at St Andrews today

Quiet Hour at the start of Advent
The JULIAN MEETING for contemplative prayer, meets THIS Thursday 6nd at 16 Glebelands, Moreton at 2.15pm.
Come and join us.

Please remember the
FOOD BOXES
They are at the back of each church

The Rector's contact details are as follows:
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(Day-off Wednesday)

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.).



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St John the Baptist, Lustleigh
BENEFICE ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
For all the Benefice
Atmospheric with beautiful singing
TONIGHT at 6.00pm
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Material for 'Contact' by Thursday morning please at
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