

*Welcome*  
*To Our Benefice*  
**6<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany**



### Today's Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

### Today's Readings

#### **Ephesians 3.1-12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

#### **Matthew 2.1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born

in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*We remember in our prayers:*

- Parliament as they again discuss our nation's future
- The family of Joey whose funeral is this week
- The Deanery Synod meeting this week.

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

**Epiphany 2**

DOCCOMBE  
8.00am Holy Communion  
ST. JOHN'S LUSTLEIGH  
11.00am Holy Communion

**13<sup>th</sup> January**

ST. ANDREW'S MORETON  
9.30am Holy Communion  
ST. WINIFRED'S MANATON  
10.00am Morning Worship



**A**ctivities around the churches : week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7 <sup>th</sup>	7 for 7.30pm	Deanery Synod	PPT Hall Bovey Tracey
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	Moreton Chapel
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-1.30pm	Benefice Office open	Moreton Library
	11.30am	Funeral of Joey Lee	Moreton Church
	2.00pm	Messy Church meeting	Valley View, Moreton
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Village Prayer	North Bovey Church
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Bellringing practice	Moreton Church
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	'Your Choice'	Moreton Chapel
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Funeral of Bill Wells	Moreton Church



Messy Church, TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> 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.).

Meeting for all the Churches  
Saturday 19th January at  
Manaton Parish Hall  
9.30-12.30

*To discuss what we want for our churches when Simon leaves.*

Would anyone like to have a go at producing this Benefice Contact sheet? I am happy to talk it through with a tentative volunteer!!! My contact details are below. Thank you, Anne.

Lustleigh Pub Discussion Group will meet 7.30pm -The Cleave on Mon January 14<sup>th</sup> for their first session of the New Year. Everyone welcome .

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*Happy New Year*

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