

Welcome
To Our Benefice
9th December Advent 2

**Today's Collect**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings**Malachi 3.1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Coming up other than Sundays

Dec 15th Christingle at Moreton at 5pm

Dec 18th Community Carol Service at
Moreton at 7pm

Dec 20th Carol Service at Doccombe at
6.30pm

We remember in our prayers:

- Those who work in our NHS especially as winter deepens
- Parliament, particularly this week
- Ella & Ben being baptised today
- Louise & Darren who are getting married this Saturday

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

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ST. ANDREW'S MORETON
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Morning Worship
ST. JOHN'S LUSTLEIGH
6pm Carol Service

16th December

ST. JOHN'S NORTH BOVEY
4pm Candlelight Carol Service
ST. WINIFRED'S MANATON
6pm Carols & Readings



Activities around the churches : week commencing 9th 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.

Today	3.00pm	Holy Baptism	Moreton Church
	7.00pm	"Your Choice"	Moreton Chapel
Mon 10 th	3.00pm	School Assembly	Moreton School
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	Moreton Chapel
Tue 11 th	9.30-1.30pm	Benefice Office Open	Moreton Library
	10.30-12.30	Manaton Market	Manaton Hall
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Coppelia House
	5.00pm	Wedding Practice	Manaton Church
Thu 13 th	9.15am	Village Prayer	North Bovey Church
	2.30pm	House Group	26 Cross Street
Fri 14 th	2.00pm	Funeral of Neil Pepperell	Lustleigh Church
Sat 15 th	3.00pm	Wedding of Louise & Darren	Manaton Church
	5.00pm	Christingle Service	Moreton Church

We are all invited to the United Benefice Service on 30th December, 10.30am at North Bovey - Preacher The Revd Frances Miles

Material for 'Contact' by Thursday

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Christmas Eve:

CRIB SERVICE at Moreton at 5pm
MIDNIGHT COMMUNION at North Bovey,
Manaton & Lustleigh at 11.30pm (NOT AT
MORETON)

Christmas Day:

COMMUNION & CAROLS at Manaton at 9.30
& Moreton at 11.30
CHRISTMAS SERVICE at North Bovey at
10.30am & Lustleigh at 11.00am