

**The Silverton, Butterleigh,
Bickleigh & Cadeleigh
Mission Community Newsletter**
Sunday 31st August 2025, 11th after Trinity



This Sunday

11.00 am United Benefice All-Age Worship Service (Bickleigh Village Hall) Mr Matt Melksham
Principal Readings: Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18; Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1, 7-14
There will be no other services in the benefice.

Please note that our United Benefice Service will be held in Bickleigh Village Hall. Do please come and support us. This will be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch. All are most welcome. Please bring a little something to share around and enjoy a very pleasant social occasion in nice company.

The week ahead

Monday 10.30 am - 12 noon, Coffee n Chat, Silverton Church Hall
Tuesday 2.30 pm, Silverton Churches Together Discussion Group
Thursday 10.00 am, Holy Communion (BCP) (Silverton)
7.30 pm, Bickleigh Bible and Babble, Gable Cottage, Bickleigh
Saturday 12.00 noon, Holy Matrimony, Liam Vanstone to Jessica Rice (Silverton)

Next Sunday: 7th September 2025, 12th after Trinity

9.30 am Matins (BCP) (Silverton) Dr Peter Smith
9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) (Cadeleigh) The Revd Chris Rowley
11.00 am Holy Communion (CW) (Bickleigh) The Revd Chris Rowley
No service in Butterleigh
Principal readings: Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33

Clergy Contacts

We are now in an interregnum, and so for the moment we have no Rector for our four parishes until a new appointment has been made. If there is any urgent pastoral matter, please contact one of the churchwardens who will be able to put you in touch with a local member of the clergy. For all other matters, at first instance, please contact Maggie Smith, our administrator, by email: maggiesmith.silverleigh@gmail.com or telephone: 07790 291740.

Prayers for those who are ill or in hospital or otherwise in need

Please hold in your prayers: Andrew Hird, Edward Barham, Reuben Newberry, Sylvia Lewis, Jim Wise, Gerry Hird, Martin McNeely, Karen Lloyd, Bill and Avril Pattinson, Chris Taylor, Martin Clough June Frost, Alan MacDonald, and Marcus Hilton, or anyone else known to you. Please also let the churchwardens know of anyone in need of our prayers, or to be contacted, or both.

Would you also please particularly remember in your prayers any known to you who are suffering from ill-health, hardship or are lonely or frightened. May we also pray for all those who are suffering in conflicts across the world and for an end to violence and a just and lasting peace.

Faithful departed

Please remember in your prayers, Annie Lewis-Marffy and Emma Clark recently departed. May they rest in peace.

The Interregnum

During the interregnum, we will be assisted in our worship by a number of clergy and lay ministers who have very kindly offered their services. I hope we will all support them and make them feel welcome in our churches. They are giving up their time and going to a lot of trouble on our behalf, so please make a special effort to attend so they feel their time with us is appreciated. It is also a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the different insights that each will bring. So let us use the interregnum as a time to work and worship together as a family as we look forward to appointing a new Rector.

Silverton Churches Together Discussion Group.

Our Churches Together Discussion Group resumes on Tuesday in Silverton Church Hall at the usual time of 2.30 pm. We will be looking at 'Why does God allow such suffering in the world today?' All are very warmly invited to come and join us.

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give us all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

*'For all who exalt themselves will be humbled,
and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'* (Luke 14.11)

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