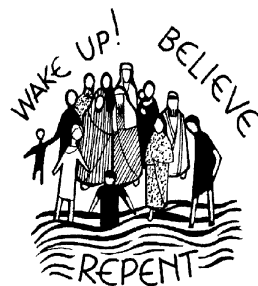


**The Silvertown, Butterleigh,
Bickleigh & Cadeleigh
Mission Community Newsletter**
Sunday 30th November 2025, Advent Sunday



This Sunday

4.00 pm United Benefice 'Lighting the Way' (Butterleigh) The Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison
There will be no other services in the Benefice.
Principal readings: Isaiah 2.1-5; Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 24.36-44

Please note: Butterleigh is hosting the United Benefice service today. It will be a celebration of Advent by candle-light: 'Lighting the Way'. **The service will be preceded by tea in the hall at 3.00 pm.** Please come and support Bishop Mike's first visit to the Benefice.

The week ahead

Monday 10.30 am - 12 noon, Coffee n Chat, Silvertown Church Hall
Tuesday 2.30 pm. Silvertown Churches Together Discussion Group, Silvertown Church Hall
Thursday 10.00 am, Holy Communion (BCP) (Silvertown)
7.30 pm, Bickleigh Bible and Babble, Gable Cottage, Bickleigh

Next Sunday: 7th December 2025, Advent 2

9.30 am Matins (BCP) (Silvertown) Dr Peter Smith
9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) (Cadeleigh) The Revd Catherine Blundell
11.00 am Holy Communion (CW) (Bickleigh) The Revd Catherine Blundell
No service in Butterleigh
Principal readings: Isaiah 11.1-10; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

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, Sylvia Lewis, Jim Wise, Gerry Hird, Karen Lloyd, Bill and Avril Pattinson, Chris Taylor, Martin Clough, June Frost, Marcus Hilton, Gwyneth Whitty and Roy Collings, 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, Liz Trebble and Martin McNeely, 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 meets again on Tuesday in Silverton Church Hall at the usual time of 2.30 pm. We will continue to look at miracles in the Old Testament. All are most welcome.

Silverton Christmas Card

As usual we are responsible for distributing around the village some of the Christmas Cards that contain the times of the church services in the three churches. Volunteers are needed to take the cards around please. The cards are in a box at the back of the church. Please take enough for your distribution and fill in the sheet to allocate the streets that you will deliver to.

Keep us O Lord, while we tarry on this earth,
in a serious seeking after you,
and in an affectionate walking with you,
every day of our lives;
that when you come,
we may be found not hiding our talent,
nor serving the flesh,
nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished,
but waiting and longing for our Lord,
our glorious God for ever and ever.

Amen

Richard Baxter 1615-1691

‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son ...’ (Matthew 24.36)

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