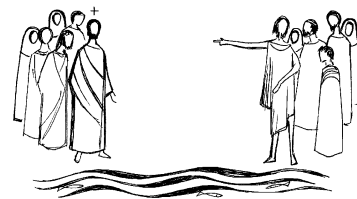


**The Silverton, Butterleigh,  
Bickleigh & Cadeleigh  
Mission Community Newsletter**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025, Advent 3**



**This Sunday**

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) (Silverton) The Revd Sharon Simpson  
11.00 am All-Age Worship (Bickleigh) Mr Matt Melksham  
3.00 pm Evensong (BCP) (Cadeleigh) Mrs Rose Chanin  
6.00 pm Traditional Carol Service (Butterleigh) The Butterleigh Team  
Principal readings: Isaiah 35.1-10; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11

**The week ahead**

Monday 10.30 am - 12 noon, Coffee n Chat, Silverton Church Hall  
Thursday 10.00 am, Holy Communion (BCP) (Silverton)  
7.30 pm, Bickleigh Bible and Babble, Gable Cottage, Bickleigh  
Friday 7.00 pm, Carol Service (Silverton) The Revd Canon Tony Dickinson

**Next Sunday: 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025, Advent 4**

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) (Silverton) The Ven Andrew Beane  
11.00 am Morning Praise (Bickleigh) The Revd Thom Thompson  
5.00 pm Carol Service and Nativity (Cadeleigh) Mrs Rose Chanin  
No service in Butterleigh  
Principal readings: Isaiah 7.10-16; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-25

**Carol Services in the Benefice**

Butterleigh will hold a Traditional Carol Service this Sunday at 6.00 pm. Silverton's Service of Readings and Carols will take place on Friday at 7.00 pm. Cadeleigh's Carol Service with Nativity Play will be at 5.00 pm next Sunday, and Bickleigh's Carol Service will be on Christmas Eve at 6.30 pm.

**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](mailto: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, Gerry Hird, Karen Lloyd, Bill 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, Jim Wise, and Avril Pattinson, 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.

### **Avril Pattinson RIP**

I know that those who remember Avril will be saddened to hear of her death. Her funeral will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 1.00 pm in St. David's Church, Exeter.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
Whose servant and prophet John the Baptist  
bore witness to the truth as a burning and shining lamp:  
lead us to bear witness to your Son,  
who is the eternal light and truth,  
and lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.  
**Amen**

*'I am sending my messenger ahead of you ....' (Matthew 11.10)*

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