

**The Silverton, Butterleigh,
Bickleigh & Cadeleigh
Mission Community Newsletter**
Sunday 21st December 2025, Advent 4



This Sunday

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

The week ahead

Monday 10.30 am - 12 noon, Coffee n Chat, Silverton Church Hall

Christmas Eve

4.00 pm 'Follow the Star' (Butterleigh) The Butterleigh Team
6.00 pm Holy Communion (CW) (Cadeleigh) The Revd Catherine Blundell
6.30 pm Carol Service (Bickleigh) The Revd Thom Thompson
11.30 pm Midnight Mass (CW) (Silverton) The Revd Joanna Stobart
Principal readings: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8.11, 16; Acts 13.16-26; Luke 1.67-79

Please note the change in time from that advertised in the Silverleigh Magazine for the Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service in Cadeleigh

Christmas Day

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) (Silverton) The Rt Revd Moira Astin
9.30 am All-Age Worship (Cadeleigh) Mrs Rose Chanin
10.00 am Holy Communion (Butterleigh) The Revd David Gill
11.00 am Holy Communion (Bickleigh) The Revd Thom Thompson
Principal readings: Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-4; John 1.1-14

Next Sunday: 28th December 2025, Christmas 1

9.30 am United Benefice Morning Praise (Silverton) The four churches
Principal readings: Jeremiah 31.15-17; 1 Corinthians 1.26-29; Matthew 2.13-18
There will be no other services in the benefice.

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: Edward Barham, Sylvia Lewis, Gerry Hird and members of the Hird family, 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.

Bickleigh Bible and Babble

Bickleigh Bible and Babble will resume on the 8th January after the Christmas break.

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 Monday the 22nd December at 1.00 pm in St. David's Church, Exeter.

C.H.A.T.

A reminder that we are still having a C.H.A.T. Sunday this Sunday (the 21st December) as usual. As always, household items and foodstuff would be very welcome. During this festive time, please remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves. All items may be left at the back of the church during the week or on the Sunday.

All praise to you,
Almighty God and heavenly king,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him,
and to be born of a pure virgin.
Grant that, as we were born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven
with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

‘And the word became flesh and lived among us ...’ (John 1.14)

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