

**The Silverton, Butterleigh,  
Bickleigh & Cadeleigh  
Mission Community Newsletter**  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025, Advent 2**



**This Sunday**

9.30 am            Matins (BCP) (Silverton) 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

**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             11.00 am, Funeral, Elizabeth Trebble RIP (Silverton)

**Next Sunday: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025, Advent 3**

9.30 am            Holy Communion (CW) (Silverton) To be arranged  
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

**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, 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 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.

Almighty God,  
who sent your servant John the Baptist  
to prepare your people for the coming of your Son:  
inspire the ministers and stewards of your truth  
to turn our disobedient hearts to the law of love;  
that when he comes again in glory,  
we may stand in confidence before him as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

*John Cosin (1594-1672)*

*‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ (Matthew 3.3)*

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