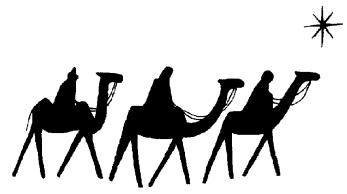


**The Silverton, Butterleigh,  
Bickleigh & Cadeleigh  
Mission Community Newsletter**  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026, Christmas 2**



**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 Thom Thompson  
11.15 am Holy Communion (CW) (Butterleigh) The Revd Joanna Stobart  
Principal readings: Ecclesiasticus 24.1-12; Ephesians 1.3-14; John 1.10-18

**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

**Next Sunday: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026, The Baptism of Christ**

10.30 am Joint Covenant Service (Silverton) Silverton Evangelical Church  
11.00 am All-Age Worship (Bickleigh) Mr Matt Melksham  
3.00 pm Epiphany Carols (Cadeleigh) Mrs Rose Chanin  
No service in Butterleigh  
Principal readings: Isaiah 42.1-9; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17

**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, Jim Wise recently departed. May he rest in peace.

**Bickleigh Bible and Babble**

Bickleigh Bible and Babble will resume on the 8<sup>th</sup> January after the Christmas break. All are very welcome.

## **Churches Together Discussion Group**

The Churches Together Discussion Group will resume on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

### **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.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who drew the Gentiles to your brightness  
and made known to them the one who is our true light,  
the bright and morning Star:  
fill the whole world, we pray, with your glory,  
and by the radiance of your splendour  
reveal yourself to your faithful people;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

*‘From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.’ (John 1.16)*

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