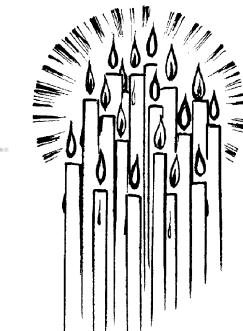


**The Silverton, Butterleigh,
Bickleigh & Cadeleigh**
Mission Community Newsletter
Sunday 1st February 2026, Candlemas



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
No service in Butterleigh

Principal readings: Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40

The week ahead

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

Next Sunday: 8th February 2026, 2nd before Lent

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) (Silverton) The Revd Joanna Stobart
11.00 am All-Age Worship (Bickleigh) Mr Matt Melksham
11.15 am Holy Communion (CW) (Butterleigh) The Revd Joanna Stobart
3.00 pm Evensong (BCP) (Cadeleigh) Dr Peter Smith

Principal readings: Genesis 1.1 – 2.3; Romans 8.18-25; Matthew 6.25-34

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.

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 Silverton Churches Together Discussion Group meets again on Tuesday in Silverton Church Hall at the usual time of 2.30 pm. We will look at Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. All are most welcome.

O Lord Jesus Christ,
as a child you were presented in the temple
and received with joy by Simeon and Anna
as the Redeemer of Israel:
mercifully grant that we,
like them, may be guided by the Holy Spirit
to acknowledge and love you until the end of our lives;
who with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
are alive and reign God, for ever and ever.

Amen

‘The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him,’ (Luke 2.40)

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