

**The Silverton, Butterleigh,
Bickleigh & Cadeleigh
Mission Community Newsletter**
Sunday 15th February 2026, Next before Lent



This Sunday

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) (Silverton) The Revd Sheila Walker
11.00 am Morning Praise (Bickleigh) The Revd Thom Thompson
11.00 am All-Age Worship (Cadeleigh) Mrs Judith Kingdon
No service in Butterleigh
Principal readings: Exodus 24,12-18; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9

The week ahead

Monday 10.30 am - 12 noon, Coffee n Chat, Silverton Church Hall
Tuesday 7.30 pm, Silverton PCC Meeting, Silverton Church Hall
Wednesday 2.00 pm, Funeral, Max Guy Cunningham Clover RIP (Silverton)
 6.00 pm, Ash Wednesday Holy Communion (CW) with Ashing (Silverton)
Thursday 10.00 am, Holy Communion (BCP) (Silverton)
 7.30 pm, Bickleigh Bible and Babble, Gable Cottage, Bickleigh

Please note the Ash Wednesday Service in St Mary's Silverton at 6.00 pm.

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9.30 am Exploring Lent Together (Silverton) The Revd Mike and Mel Cleveland
10.30 am All-Age Worship (Butterleigh) Mrs Jill Hall
11.00 am All-Age Worship (Bickleigh) The Revd Ashleigh Leighton Plom
3.00 pm Evensong (BCP) (Cadeleigh) Mrs Rose Chanin
Principal readings: Genesis 2.15-17 and 3.1-7; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4. 1-11

Important announcement!

The Bishop and Parish Representatives are pleased to announce that, subject to the completion of the statutory formalities, an offer has been made for the post of Rector of the Benefice of Silverton, Bickleigh, Butterleigh & Cadeleigh, to The Revd Dr Tim Astin. This offer has been accepted. His institution and induction will take place after Easter, on a date to be confirmed. Further details to follow. This is brilliant news! Please keep Tim in your thoughts and prayers as he prepares to become our new Rector.

Clergy Contacts

We are now in an interregnum, and so for the moment we have no Rector for our four parishes until our new Rector is formally in post. 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.

Faithful departed

Please remember in your prayers, Gloria Aherne and Max Clover, recently departed. May they rest in peace.

C.H.A.T.

A reminder that it is C.H.A.T. Sunday this Sunday (the 15th February). As always, household items and foodstuff would be very much appreciated. These may be left at the back of the church during the week or on the Sunday.

Next Sunday (the 22nd February) in Silverton: Exploring Lent Together

We've arrived at Lent in the church year, a time to draw closer to Jesus as we approach Holy Week and Easter. During our interactive service we will explore lots of different ways that we can journey with Jesus through Lent. Everyone is very welcome, come and find out more. Service leaders: Revd Mike and Mel Cleveland. Please support this very special service that is designed for all the family.

Lent Course: Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent

The Lent Course this year will take place weekly on Tuesday afternoons during Lent at 2.30 pm in Silverton Church Hall, **beginning on Tuesday 3rd March**. The Course has been produced by the Church of England for use in 2026. It has at its heart the theme of a 'rhythm of life' – habits and patterns which help us grow as disciples of Christ day by day, especially as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of God's saving love at Easter. Each week a different contributor explores a different aspect of Christian discipleship – **worshipping together, praying, exploring the Bible, sharing communion, offering service and sharing the good news** with others. The booklet to accompany the course will be provided (free). **All are most welcome. For further information contact Revd. Judith Wright (01392 882019)**

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ (Matthew 17.7)

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