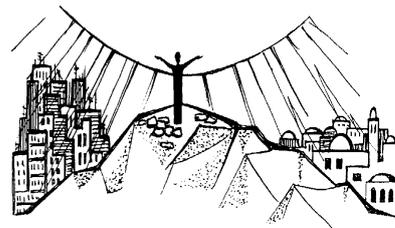


**The Silverton, Butterleigh,
Bickleigh & Cadeleigh
Mission Community Newsletter
Sunday 22nd February 2026, Lent 1**



This Sunday

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 Holy Communion (CW) (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

This 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.

The week ahead

Monday 10.30 am - 12 noon, Coffee n Chat, Silverton Church Hall
Thursday 10.00 am, Holy Communion (BCP) (Silverton)
Friday 3.00 pm, Funeral, Annette Fleming RIP (Silverton)
Saturday 8.30 am, Men's Breakfast, Exe Valley Farm Shop (see below)

Next Sunday: 1st March 2023, Lent 2

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: Genesis 12.1-4a; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17

Clergy Contacts

We are still 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 continue to 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 Ahearne, Max Clover and Annette Fleming, recently departed. May they rest in peace.

Men's Breakfast

You are warmly invited to the next Silverleigh Men's Breakfast on Saturday 28th February at 8.30 am at the Exe Valley Farm Shop Cafe. We will have the pleasure of listening to John Musty talk about his career and how his faith has developed and helped him in life. His career began in South Africa where he met his Afrikaans wife and ended up in the UK and Crediton. John is a stalwart of The Church of the Holy Cross. Such a life will, no doubt, produce some very interesting and entertaining stories. Please let John Kingdom know if you intend to join us so the café has an idea of numbers. His email is john@thekingdoms.co.uk and telephone is 07803034514.

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)*

Give us, Lord, an ever watchful heart,
which no subtle speculation may ever lure from you.
Give us a steadfast heart
that no unworthy affection may drag downwards.
Give us an unconquered heart,
which no tribulation can wear out.
Give us an upright heart,
which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.
Bestow upon us also, Lord God,
understanding to know you,
diligence to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

St Thomas Aquinas 1225-1274

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'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' (Matthew 4.10)