

**The Silverton, Butterleigh,
Bickleigh & Cadeleigh
Mission Community Newsletter
Sunday 1st March 2026, Lent 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
No service in Butterleigh
Principal readings: Genesis 12.1-4a; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17

The week ahead

Monday 10.30 am - 12 noon, Coffee n Chat, Silverton Church Hall
Tuesday 2.30 pm, Lent Course begins (See below), Silverton Church Hall
Thursday 10.00 am, Holy Communion (BCP) (Silverton)

Next Sunday: 8th March 2023, Lent 3

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) Mrs Rose Chanin
Principal readings: Exodus 17.1-7; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

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.

Faithful departed

Please remember in your prayers, Gloria Aherne, Max Clover, Annette Fleming, and Jenny Seddon recently departed. May they rest in 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.

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)*

Lord,
we lift up our eyes
that we may see your world in a new way;
we lift up our minds
that our thoughts may be transformed by your love;
we lift up our hearts
that we might be made whole by your grace;
we lift up our voices in praise
that we may worship you for ever and ever.
Amen

All material for the Weekly Newsletter, to Peter Smith please (p.m.smith@exeter.ac.uk)

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son ...’ (John 3.16)