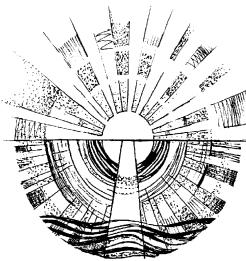


**The Silverton, Butterleigh,  
Bickleigh & Cadeleigh**  
**Mission Community Newsletter**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent**



**This Sunday**

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

**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: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026, Next before Lent**

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) To be arranged  
No service in Butterleigh  
Principal readings: Exodus 24.12-18; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9

**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.

### **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's C.H.A.T. Sunday next Sunday (the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

God, who created the world and saw that it was good,  
help us to recognise your glory all around us  
    in tree and flower, bird and beast,  
    sunrise and sunset, mountain and sea;  
and over them all the rainbow of your covenant  
    that these things shall endure.

With sight and taste and smell and sound and touch,  
    may we find the world recreated in our ability  
    to enjoy and praise you for its glory,  
    through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

*‘do not worry about tomorrow ...’ (Matthew 6.34)*

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