

**The Silverton, Butterleigh,  
Bickleigh & Cadeleigh  
Mission Community Newsletter  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Lent 4, Mothering Sunday**



**This Sunday**

9.30 am Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday (CW) (Silverton) The Revd Sheila Walker  
9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) (Cadeleigh) The Ven Andrew Beane  
10.30 am Worship for All for Mothering Sunday (Butterleigh) Mrs Jill Hall  
11.00 am Morning Praise (Bickleigh) The Revd Thom Thompson  
Principal readings: Exodus 2.1-10; Colossians 3.12-17; John 19.25b-27

**The week ahead**

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

**Next Sunday: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026, Lent 5**

9.30 am All-Age Worship (CW) (Silverton) The Revd Mike & Mel Cleveland  
11.00 am Morning Praise (Bickleigh) The Revd Thom Thompson  
3.00 pm Evensong (BCP) (Cadeleigh) Dr Peter Smith  
No service in Butterleigh  
Principal readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

**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](mailto: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, 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 is now taking place weekly on Tuesday afternoons during Lent at 2.30 pm in Silverton Church Hall. 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)*

### **C.H.A.T.**

A reminder that it's C.H.A.T. Sunday this Sunday (the 15<sup>th</sup> March). 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.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meetings**

Notice is given that the APCMs in the Benefice will take place as follows:

Silverton – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall

Butterleigh – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 11.15 am in the Village Hall

Bickleigh – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00 noon in the Church

Cadeleigh - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 4.00 pm in the Village Hall

### **Silverton: Revision of the Electoral Roll**

The revision of the Church Electoral Roll for Silverton will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 in readiness for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The current Roll is displayed at the back of church for inspection. Please check that your details are correct. If you are not on the Roll and would like to be entered on it, please complete an application form to be found at the back of the church and hand it to Heather Sowden or a churchwarden.

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead,  
your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;  
in your love and tenderness remake us.  
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

**Amen**

*Anselm of Canterbury (1034-1109)*

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*'Above all, clothe yourselves with love ...' (Colossians 3.14)*