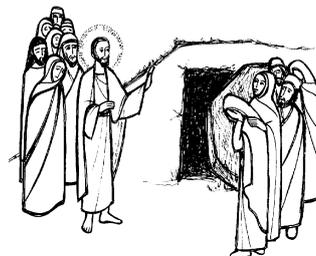


**The Silverton, Butterleigh,  
Bickleigh & Cadeleigh  
Mission Community Newsletter  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026, Lent 5**



**This Sunday**

9.30 am All-Age Worship (CW) (Silverton) The Revd Mike & Mel Cleveland  
11.00 am Holy Communion (CW) (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

**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)  
7.30 pm Bickleigh Bible and Babble (see below), Gable Cottage, Bickleigh

**Next Sunday: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Palm Sunday**

11.00 am United Benefice Holy Communion (CW) for Palm Sunday (Cadeleigh). The Revd Catherine Blundell

There will be no other services in the Benefice.

Principal readings: Palm Sunday Gospel, Matthew 21.1-11; Philippians 2.5-11; Dramatised Passion Gospel

**Clergy Contacts**

We are still in an interregnum, and so for the moment we have no Rector for our four parishes until The Revd Dr Tim Astin is formally instituted and inducted on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. 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, Roy Collings and Kathy Roberts, 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, David Sleep recently departed. May he 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)*

### **Bickleigh Bible and Babble**

Bickleigh Bible and Babble meets for the last time before the Easter break on Thursday 26th March at Gable Cottage starting at 7.30 pm and ending at 9.00 pm. We reconvene on Thursday 9th April 2026. All are welcome.

### **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.

### **St Mary's Silverton: Easter lilies**

Once again Easter lilies will be available to purchase in memory of a loved one at a cost of £3.50 each. A list is at the back of the church for you to place your order and name the person(s) in whose memory they are purchased for inclusion on the small memorial plaque. Alternatively, contact Joan Miller.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing you have made  
and forgive the sins of all who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts,  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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

*'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.'* (John 11,25)