

**The Silverton, Butterleigh,  
Bickleigh & Cadeleigh  
Mission Community Newsletter**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Palm Sunday**



**This Sunday**

11.00 am United Benefice Holy Communion for Palm Sunday (CW) (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

Please note that car parking is available in the Village Hall car park (turn right immediately after the Cadeleigh Arms)

Palm Crosses will be blessed during the service. Some of these will be brought back after the service and will be available for collection in our churches if you are unable to attend the service in Cadeleigh.

**The week ahead**

Monday 10.30 am - 12 noon, Coffee n Chat, Silverton Church Hall

Tuesday 2.30 pm, Lent Course (final session), Silverton Church Hall

**Maundy Thursday** 10.00 am, Holy Communion (BCP) (Silverton)  
7.30 pm, The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday (Holy Communion CW) followed by The Watch (to 9.00 pm) (Silverton) The Rt Revd Moira Astin

**Good Friday** 10.00 am, Silverton Churches Walk of Witness (see below)

10.30 am, Easter Garden (Butterleigh) (see below)

2.00 pm, 'Cross of Christ' (Silverton) (see below)

**Services for Holy Week and Easter**

We begin our Holy Week services with the Maundy Thursday celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 pm in Silverton with the Stripping of the Sanctuary, followed by The Watch until 9.00 pm. On Good Friday there is a Walk of Witness around Silverton by the Three Silverton Churches, starting at the SEC at 10.00 am. Please come and join us. At 10.30 am in Butterleigh, the Easter Garden is made in the churchyard followed by hot cross buns and Easter eggs. All are most welcome. At 2.00 pm in Silverton, we will hold the 'Cross of Christ', a moving service of music, readings and prayer contemplating Christ's Passion.

On Easter Day there will be a Holy Communion celebrated in all our churches. There will also be our joint churches' Sunrise Service at 6.30 am at Criss Cross with refreshments afterwards. All are very welcome to come and watch the sun rise at the start of Easter Day.

**Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026, Easter Day**

6.30 am Sunrise Service, Criss Cross

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) (Silverton) The Revd Joanna Stobart

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) Cadeleigh) The Revd Catherine Blundell

11.00 am Holy Communion (CW) (Bickleigh) The Revd Thom Thompson

11.15 am Holy Communion (CW) (Butterleigh) The Revd Joanna Stobart

Principal readings: Acts 10.34-43; Colossians 3.1-4; Matthew 28.1-10.

**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 and Robin Mogford 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.

### **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,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

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

*‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!’ (Matthew 21.9)*