

**The Silvertown, Butterleigh,
Bickleigh & Cadeleigh
Mission Community Newsletter**
Sunday 4th October 2026, 18th after Trinity



This Sunday

9.30 am Harvest Service (Silvertown) The Revd Dr Tim Astin
Readings: 2 Corinthians 9.6-12, 15; Luke 12.13-21
9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) (Cadeleigh) The Revd Thom Thompson
11.00 am Holy Communion (CW) (Bickleigh) The Revd Dr Tim Astin
No service in Butterleigh
Principal readings: Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

Silvertown Harvest Lunch at 12.30 in the Carvery at The Lamb. Please ensure you have let Peter Smith know you are attending.

The week ahead

Monday 10.30 am - 12 noon, Coffee n Chat, Silvertown Church Hall
Wednesday 9.30 am Holy Communion (Exe Valley Farm Shop upstairs)
Thursday 10.00 am, Holy Communion (BCP) (Silvertown)
7.30 pm, Bickleigh, Bible and Babble, Gable Cottage, Bickleigh
Saturday 9.00 am -12.30 pm, St Mary's Gift Day, The Square Silvertown

Next Sunday: 11th October 2026, 19th after Trinity

9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) (Silvertown) The Revd Dr Tim Astin
11.00 am All-Age Worship (Bickleigh) The Bickleigh Team
11.15 am Patronal Festival Holy Communion (CW) (Butterleigh) The Revd Dr Tim Astin
6.00 pm Evensong (BCP) (Cadeleigh) The Revd Dr Tim Astin
Principal readings: Exodus 32.1-14; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

Clergy Contacts

For any pastoral matter, please contact Revd Tim: telephone: 07786 667170, email: timothyastin1958@gmail.com 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, Gerry Hird and members of the Hird family, Karen Lloyd, Chris Taylor, Martin Clough, Kathy Roberts, Eli Brookman, Helen and Mike Thomas, Doreen Gannon and Alan and Eileen MacDonald.

Silvertown Gift Day

St Mary's will be holding its annual Gift Day in The Square, Silvertown, next Saturday (the 10th). We will be in The Square in the morning from 9.00 am. Your support for St Mary's is very much appreciated, and what we collect on the Gift Day will go towards the maintenance of the church building and the churchyard. As you will know, keeping an ancient Grade I Listed building in good repair and our churchyard neat and tidy, is a very considerable ongoing expense! This is not for the repair of the ceilings, but for the ongoing maintenance of the church and churchyard. Thank you for your very kind help and support.

Monthly Communion Service at the Exe Valley Farm Shop 9.30 am Wednesday 7th November

This service takes place on the first Wednesday of each month in the large room upstairs at the Farm Shop and is followed by coffee etc. in the café for anyone who wishes to stay on. I have found it a lovely service and an opportunity to meet and worship with people from across the parishes of the Exe Valley. Revd Tim.

All Souls' Service: Sunday 1st November at 6.00 pm St Mary's Silverton

There will be a sheet at the back of each of our parish churches from next Sunday (the 11th October) for you to put the names of people you wish to be remembered. These will be read out as part of our All-Souls' Service on the 1st of November in Silverton St Mary's.

Hall Manager for St Mary's Church Hall

As Avril and Paul are moving away from Silverton shortly, we are looking for a new Hall Manager who will oversee the church hall and take bookings. It would be possible to share this role. Details of what is involved can be obtained from Peter Smith. If you are interested in helping St Mary's in this way, or know someone who might, please contact Peter.

Choir Leader for St Mary's Silverton

We are seeking a replacement for Avril as our Choir Leader. A certain amount of organisation is involved. Alex West, our organist, takes one rehearsal a month, but if someone could take a second rehearsal, that would be very valuable. Further details may be obtained from Peter or Avril, and we appreciate that we may have to make arrangements to suit. Please let Peter know if you are interested or know of anyone who might be.

Thanks for Harvest celebrations:

to all those who have helped organise our Harvest celebrations: - the Harvest Home Celebrations in Butterleigh, Bickleigh and Cadeleigh, and the Harvest lunch in Silverton; and those who have come to, and contributed to, the various harvest services, including the services in churches for Bickleigh and Silverton Primary Schools. Thanks, too, for the gifts of food and money to support food banks in Tiverton and Exeter.

Thanks for the St Mary's Silverton Heritage Event (26th Sept)

This event was well supported. Thanks to everyone who came; to Peter Smith for his excellent presentations on the developing plans for the Ceiling project, and an outline of the history of the church building; and those who arranged the refreshments and the raffle.

In him we wait for the time
when your mighty deeds will fully establish your kingdom
for all nations on earth.
You are our God and our Father.
Protect us, and give light to our hearts
so that we can always be joyful and can hope in you for evermore.
Amen

'... this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.' (Matthew 21.42)

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