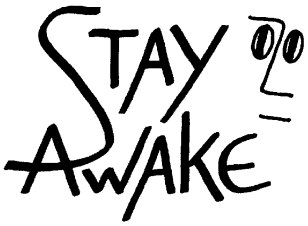
The Silverton, Butterleigh, Bickleigh & Cadeleigh Mission Community Newsletter Sunday 29th November 2026, Advent Sunday



This Sunday

11.00 am, United benefice service of Holy Communion (CW) (Bickleigh Village Hall)
The Revd Dr Tim Astin

There will be no other services in the benefice.
Principal readings: Isaiah 64.1-9; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37

The Advent Sunday service will be held in Bickleigh Village Hall and will be followed by a bring and share lunch to which you are all warmly invited. Contributions to the lunch would be very much appreciated. It would be helpful if anybody who is thinking of bringing food could contact Ali or Polly to let them know. Polly's number is 0777 2070818.

The week ahead

Monday	10.30 am - 12 noon, Coffee n Chat, Silverton Church Hall
Wednesday	9.30 am, Holy Communion at the Exe Valley Farm Shop (with the Netherexe parishes)
Thursday	10.00 am, Holy Communion (BCP) (Silverton)
	7.30 pm, Bickleigh, Bible and Babble, Gable Cottage, Bickleigh

Next Sunday: 6th December 2026, 2nd of Advent

9.30 am	Matins (BCP) (Silverton) Dr Peter Smith
9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW) (Cadeleigh) The Revd Dr Tim Astin
11.00 am	Holy Communion (CW) (Bickleigh) The Revd Dr Tim Astin

No service in Butterleigh
Principal readings: Isaiah 40.1-11; (2 Peter 3.8-15a); Mark 1.1-8

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, Alan MacDonald and Meredith Langton.

St Mary's Silverton Christmas Lunch

Once again, we will have our Christmas Lunch at The Lamb. The date is Tuesday the 8th December at 12.30 pm. The Menu is at the back of the church with a form to make your Menu selections. Chris at The Lamb **will need to know by Wednesday 2nd December** how many are coming and what you have ordered. As time is limited, and we are in Bickleigh this Sunday, please let me know on Sunday or early during the week on the form in the church. Alternatively, email me to let me know you would like to come (p.m.smith@exeter.ac.uk) and I will send you a menu and you can let me have your choices.

Churches Together Discussion Group

There will be no discussion Group on Tuesday.

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 use of the church hall. It would be possible to share this role and the Parishes Administrator will assist with bookings. 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.

Keep us, O Lord,
while we tarry on this earth,
in a serious seeking after you,
and in an affectionate walking with you,
every day of our lives;
that when you come
we may be found not hiding our talent,
nor serving the flesh,
nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished,
but waiting and longing for our Lord,
our glorious God for ever and ever.
Amen

Richard Baxter 1615-1691

'*And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.*' (Mark 13.37)

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