

The Parish Bulletin

Communities enriched by Christian faith, worship & values

Advent Course of study this year is looking at the Advent Antiphons, ancient songs of praise that describe the natures of God. We are using this book: <https://tinyurl.com/4bkad458> and gathering on **Wednesdays. 1145, St Paul's**; and/or **1900 on Zoom** Do join us, even if you've not been before. Details/questions: Andrew 01822 854804.

Horrabridge Festival of Nativity Scenes from **6-14 Dec, 1400-1800** each day (last entry 1730). Scenes by various churches and individuals in the village and surrounding villages. Also a Christmas hamper, raffle bric-a-brac stalls, and cakes with a hot drink. **Free** entry and profits go towards replacing some of the guttering on the north and south sides of the church"

Levowan Chamber Choir – 'Love Came Down' - Fri 12 Dec at 1930 in **St Paul's Church, Yelverton**, FREE entry with retiring collection. Reserve a seat at www.levowan.com. The choir is welcomed back to St Paul's to present a selection of beautiful festive choral music and contemporary carols. Wine and mince pies will be served during the interval.

Annual MC Crib Service. As in previous years, the **Mission Community Crib Service** will take place in **St Paul's on Christmas Eve at 1600**. Corinne is still looking for volunteers to read and/or act in this lovely service. Also, a baby is required for the crib tableau. Please email to let her know your preferences: corinneshutt@hotmail.com

Bishop Mike is coming to the Deanery Synod meeting on **Sat 7 Feb at 1000**. The meeting is in **Tavistock Parish rooms** and all are welcome to attend.

Bulletin Notices to go to ruth.gozzard@gmail.com no later than **1600** on a **Wednesday** please.

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Open Churches All our churches are open daily for prayer and stillness

WORSHIP

Mon 8 Dec 0900 Sheepstor Morning Prayer

Wed 10 Dec 1100 Yelverton Eucharist

Sun 14 Dec 0915 Yelverton Eucharist Ord I
0915 Sampford Spiney Eucharist BCP
0930 Walkhampton Morning Service
1000 Meavy Family Worship
1030 Horrabridge Eucharist Ord I

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

7 Dec (Purple)

Isaiah 11.1-10

Psalms 72.1-7

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12

14 Dec (Purple)

Isaiah 35.1-10

Psalms 146.4-10

James 5.7-10

Matthew 11.2-11

COLLECT. O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

1st READING Isaiah 11.1-10

PSALM 72.1-7

2nd READING Romans 15.4-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION. Alleluia, alleluia. 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord, Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven'. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING (Matthew 3.1-12). In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER. Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK. **7** The Revd Mike Fairall, Priest with Permission to Officiate.
8 Administrator – Andy Lacy. **9** All those involved in Yelvercare and other local caring organisations.
10 Dartmoor National Park Authority. **11** St Mary's Walkhampton. The Congregation & PCC.
12 Our local Scouting and Guiding Associations groups. **13** Our local Emergency Services.

...IN NEED OF HEALING & WHOLENESS Esther Rookes and Peggy Bryant,

...IN MEMORIAM. Thomas Knott RIP, Peter Martin RIP, Jean Collins RIP, Jo Day RIP and Jeremy Holborow RIP.