

Parish Bulletin

**Communities enriched by Christian faith,
worship & values**

We are the Church of England inclusive and loving worshipping communities of Yelverton, Meavy, Sampford Spiney, Sheepstor, Walkhampton, Princetown, and Horrabridge, and you are very welcome! .

Advent Course. 13 Dec in person **1130, St Paul's**, we will be reading day 3 of week 4, or online via Zoom on **Wed evenings 1930-2100** (contact Martin on 854504 for zoom). Week 5 of the course for the evening group will be postponed until 10 Jan 2024.

Horrabridge Festival of Nativity Scenes will be held at **St John's, Horrabridge, 2 -10 Dec, 1400-1800 each day.**

Carol Service at St Paul's Yelverton, 14 Dec at 1800 followed by sherry & mince pies.

Stannary Brass Band's Christmas Concert, in **St. Eustachius Church at 1930 on Sat 16 Dec.** Tickets from Stags, Bedford square, or on the door.

Could you help Scott with his academic research project. He is looking at reasons of attendance/non-attendance to the benefice 'TOAST' service. Questionnaires at the back of the churches. Please take one and return it by **17 Dec** for him to collect. Online survey version on <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/phi15wSv>

Sampford Spiney's Christmas Extravaganza - 20 Dec at 1915

with mulled wine and mince pies - tickets £5 from members of the PCC/children free. With Tavy Tars, folk songs for cello and piano and Christmas Catastrophe....also poetry and carols. Tickets on sale from Simon Hill-01822 859098-or Helen Sims-01822 853784.

St Leonard's Sheepstor candlelit carols 1600 on Sat 23 Dec (not as in Around and About). All very welcome. Suggest you bring a torch. No service at St Leonard's on 24 Dec. **Communion at 1100 on 25 Dec.**



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Ministry Team and website contacts are found at www.westdartmoor.church

Open Churches

All our churches are open daily for private prayer and stillness.

WORSHIP

Mon Dec 11th	0900 Sheepstor Morning Prayer
Wed Dec 13th	1100 Yelverton Eucharist BCP 1130 Yelverton The Advent Course
Sun Dec 17th	1000 Horrabridge Toast 1600 Sheepstor Evening Service 1800 Yelverton Eucharist Ord 1

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Dec 10th	(Purple) Isaiah 40.1-11 Psalm 85.1-2,8-13 2 Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8
Dec 17th	(Purple) Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11 Psalm 126 I Thessalonians 5.16-24 John 1,6-8,19-28

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 40.1-11 **Psalm.** Psalm 85.1-2,8-13 **2nd Reading.** 2 Peter 3.8-15a

Gospel acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading (Mark 1.1-8) As it is written in the prophet Isaiah 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

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 ahead. **10** Dartmoor National Park Authority (Kevin Bishop Chief Executive). **11** St Mary's Walkhampton. The Congregation and PCC. **12** Our local Scouting and Guiding Associations groups. **13** Our local Emergency Services, especially the Fire Station at Yelverton. **14** Those preparing funerals and memorials Services for loved ones. **15** For the life and organisation of our local and parish Halls at Rock Methodist Church, Meavy, Walkhampton, Horrabridge, Sheepstor, and Yelverton. **16** The Mission Community Choir - Pauline Hamilton- Leggett, the choir leader

...In need of healing & wholeness: Michael Doidge, Jo Day, Noah Bruff, Peggy Bryant, Esther Warner, Peter Walde, Richard Callow, Esther Rookes, Geoff Lloyd, Tony Smith, Basil Kinver, Patrick Butler and Philip Kerslake.

...In Memoriam: Carol Robertson RIP. Barbara Rhodes RIP.

Annual West Dartmoor Mission Community Crib Service St Paul's Yelverton 24 Dec at **1600**. This year we have a new story entitled "**Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Divine Mystery**" written especially for us. I need volunteers to help present the story (readers, intercessors and actors) please contact Corinne: corinneshutt@hotmail.com

Explore the meaning of life together: Discover the Christian faith in a positive and inclusive group. **Being with** starts on **Sat 27 Jan 1030-1200** at **Horrabridge Youth Club**. Contact Philippa at philippa.bellows@iCloud.com for details. **Being With** is a course developed by St Martin-In-The-Fields. More information can be found at being-with.org

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