

# 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. 20 Dec in person 1130, St Paul's**, we will be reading day 5 of week 5, or online via Zoom on **Wed evenings 1930-2100** (contact Martin on 854504 for zoom). **Week 5** for the evening group will be postponed until further notice.

**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/phi15wSy>

**St Peter's Meavy with St Mary's Walkhampton Candlelit Family Carol Service on Sun 17 Dec 1600 at St Peter's Church** (not 6pm as advertised in Around and About)

**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.**

**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](mailto:corinneshutt@hotmail.com)



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**Ministry Team and website contacts** are found at [www.westdartmoor.church](http://www.westdartmoor.church)

## Open Churches

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

## WORSHIP

<b>Mon Dec 18<sup>th</sup></b>	0900 Sheepstor Morning Prayer
<b>Wed Dec 20<sup>th</sup></b>	1100 Yelverton Eucharist BCP 1130 Yelverton The Advent Course (No evening group)
<b>Sun Dec 24<sup>th</sup></b>	1000 Yelverton Mission Community Service Eucharist Ord 1 1600 Yelverton Crib Service 1700 Horrabridge Crib and Carol Service 2330 Horrabridge Midnight Mass

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

<b>Dec 17<sup>th</sup></b>	(Purple) Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11 Psalm 126 I Thessalonians 5.16-24 John 1,6-8,19-28
<b>Dec 24<sup>th</sup></b>	(Purple) 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16 Psalm 89.1-4,19-26 Romans 16.25-27 Luke 1.26-38

**Collect.** O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your

way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading.** Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11 **Psalm** 126 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.** 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

**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** (John 1.6-8,19-28) There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" 'as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

**Post Communion** We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

**Prayers for the week ahead.** **17** Those who work locally in dangerous conditions and occupations. **18** Our local Young Farmers Clubs. **19** Our Ecumenical neighbours: Rock Methodist Church, Holy Cross Catholic Church. **20** The retired members of our communities. **21** The Rev Dr Philippa Bellows, our Assistant Curate. **22** Our Licensed Lay Ministers, Martin Jury and Anne de Looy. Our Ordinand, Scott Angell. **23** Our local Veterinary practices.

**...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.

The carpark near **St Pauls** will be closed on **8-10 Jan** and the church will remain locked

**Explore the meaning of life together:** Discover the Christian faith in a positive and inclusive group. **Being with** starts on **Sat 27 Jan 1030-200** at **Horrabridge Youth Club**. Contact Philippa at [philippa.bellows@iCloud.com](mailto: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](http://being-with.org)

**Bulletin Notices** to go to [ruth.gozzard@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.gozzard@gmail.com) no later than **1600** on **Wednesday** please.