

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!

Explore the meaning of life together: Discover the Christian faith in a positive and inclusive group. Next session on **Sat 10 Feb 1030-1200** at **Horrabridge Youth Club**. Contact Philippa at philippa.bellows@iCloud.com for details. All welcome.

Funeral. Jim Knight's funeral will be held at **St Mary's Walkhampton** on **Mon 5 Feb** at **1100**.

Mission Community Lent Course 2024. 'Pastoral Principles of Living and Learning Well Together' - *encourages us to find creative ways to grow and learn together in the love of Christ.* **Starts Wed 14 Feb 1130** at **St Paul's Yelverton**. For further details please contact Philippa Bellows philippa.bellows@iCloud.com For details of the same course online please contact Martin Jury martinwestdartmoor@gmail.com or Anne de Looy adelooy@gmail.com .

World Day of Prayer at **1400, Fri 1 March** at **Holy Cross Church** - prepared this year by the people of Palestine. Refreshments afterwards. **Rehearsal** open to all held in **Holy Cross Church** at **1030** on **Fri 23 Feb**. Contact Sue Walsh svwalsh@hotmail.com

The West Dartmoor Mission Community Hymn Along . Do you love to sing hymns, are there any you haven't sung for a while, would you like to select a hymn or two? Well now you can. **St Johns Church Horrabridge Sun 25 Feb** at **1800**. Send any requests to Scott Angell at westdartmoorordinand@gmail.com.



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Open Churches

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

WORSHIP

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| Mon Feb 5th | No Morning Prayer this week – at Walkhampton next week |
| Wed Feb 7th | 1100 Yelverton Eucharist BCP |
| Sun Feb 11th | 0915 Yelverton Eucharist Ord 2 0915 Sampford Spiney Eucharist BCP 0930 Walkhampton Eucharist Ord 1 1000 Meavy Family Worship 1030 Horrabridge Eucharist Ord 1 1100 Sheepstor Eucharist Ord 2 |

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

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| Feb 4th | (White) Malachi 3.1-4 Psalm 84 Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40 |
| Feb 11th | (Green) 2 Kings 2.1-12 Psalm 50.1-6 2 Corinthians 4.3-6 Mark 9.2-9 |

Collect. Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1st Reading. Malachi 3.1-4 **Psalm** 84 **2nd Reading.** Hebrews 2.14-18

Gospel acclamation. Alleluia, alleluia. This child is the light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading (Luke 2.22-40) When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Communion. Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Prayers for the week ahead. **4** The Rev Miranda Donne, our Associate Priest. **5** St Peter's, Meavy. Jonathan Frappell, Churchwarden. The Congregation and PCC. **6** Our County School at Princetown (Head - Emma Byrom) teaching staff, the governors and children. **7** The Rev Mike Fairall, and The Rev Denis Robinson, our Priests with Permission to Officiate. **8** Our Administrator, Andy Lacy. **9** All those involved in Yelvercare and other local caring organisations. **10** Dartmoor National Park Authority (Kevin Bishop Chief Executive).

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

...In Memoriam. Jim Knight RIP. Winifred Mares RIP.

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