

# 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!*

**Headteacher Commissioning Service TODAY** St Pauls Church at 2pm. Our opportunity to come and welcome our new headteachers. Refreshments afterwards.

**Yelverton Crafty Club** meet at Yelverton Parish Hall on 1st & 3rd Tues of the month, 7-9pm. Details: Sheila (852315)

**Advent Course** will be the book, *Music of Eternity* by Robyn Wrigley-Carr. A series of meditations for Advent with the work of Evelyn Underhill. Details: Andrew (854804) or Anne (859421)

**Deanery Confirmation Service** is **Tomorrow**, 1900, at Stowford Parish Church, EX20 4BZ. If you can, please come along and support Jacob Manning from Meavy Church as he is confirmed by Bishop Nick.

**Tavistock Food bank Christmas Hampers.** Goodies such as mince pies, chocolate or selection boxes, tinned ham, Christmas cake, and crackers will be needed and items are to be put in the Foodbank boxes by the **5 December** please.

**Befriending in the Tavistock area** – a meeting will be held on Wednesday **8 December** 10am-11am to explore new ways of providing befriending support. If you wish to attend by Zoom or Face to Face please email [orla@westdevoncvcs.org.uk](mailto:orla@westdevoncvcs.org.uk)

**Briar Tor Communion Service** is restarting Dec 16th, and then 3rd Thur of each month. Everyone is welcome. Details: Andrew (854804).

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



## Our Rector

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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 except St Mary's, Walkhampton which is open on Sundays and Wednesdays

## WORSHIP

**Wed Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** 1100 Yelverton BCP  
**Sun Dec 5<sup>th</sup>** 0915 Yelverton Family Worship  
 0930 Walkhampton Eucharist Ord 1  
 1030 Horrabridge Eucharist Ord 1  
 1045 Meavy Eucharist Ord 2  
 1500 S 'Spiney Evensong BCP  
 1600 Sheepstor Evening Prayer

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup>** (Purple)  
 Malachi 3.1-4 Psalm 75  
 Philippians 1.3-11 Luke 3.1-6

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup>** (Purple)  
 Zephaniah 3.14-end Psalm 146.4-end  
 Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.7-18

**Collect Prayer** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Jeremiah 33.14-16 **Psalm** 25.1-9 **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

**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** (Luke 21.25-36) 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

**Post Communion Prayer** O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayers for the week ahead ... 28** All our bell ringers **29** Our work with Young People, incl. Poppins and the work of Catalyst Tavistock **30** All those who arrange flowers in our churches. **1** Our Church School at Walkhampton. (The Head: Louise Scott) teaching staff, the governors and children. **2** Our local Medical Centre - Doctors, Nurses, Midwives, other medical therapists, and administration staff. **3** Our Link Diocese - Thika. Kaira Parish priest, The Revd Samuel and Reader Kungu Henry Ngige. **4** The Revd Miranda Donne, Associate Priest

**...In need of healing & wholeness** Carolyn Hempenstall. Betty Walke. Michael Doidge. Peter Ballinger. Thelma Bishop. Jo Day. The Bruff Family, Andrew, Claire, Elijah and Noah.

**... In Memoriam** Roz Roberts RIP. David Langman RIP. Gloria Griffiths RIP. Jeane Orr RIP.