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# Parish Bulletin

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**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!*

**Season's Greetings.** We would like to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

**Many thanks** "Many thanks to all who contributed to St John's Festival of Nativity Scenes, whether by creating a display, baking a cake or stewarding. All your efforts have been much appreciated and the Festival this year was one of our best. The church looked amazing and all our visitors thoroughly enjoyed their experience. The hampers were won by Pat Kerlake, Ann Carder, Linda Harwood and Pat Allen. We couldn't do it without all your help, so very many thanks.

**A very big thank you** to everyone for your donations to the Horrabridge Food Hub during 2024. We have taken donations to the Hub almost every week during the year and the Team Leader sends very warm thanks for these. The Hub continues to need our donations as the cost of living increases. Please contact me if you have any queries on 01822 614657. Thank you. Gill Hiles.

**Churchwarden and parish representative get together** at Yarrow **rescheduled** for **Tues 14 Jan** at **1600**.

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#### **Open Churches**

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

## WORSHIP

**Mon Dec 30<sup>th</sup>** 0900 Sheepstor Morning Prayer

**Sun Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** 0915 Yelverton Family Worship  
0930 Walkhampton Eucharist Ord 1  
1030 Horrabridge Eucharist Ord 1  
1045 Meavy Eucharist Ord 2  
1500 Sampford Spiney Evening Service  
1600 Sheepstor Evening Service

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

**Dec 29<sup>th</sup>** (White)  
1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3.12-17  
Luke 2. 41-end

**Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** (White)  
Isaiah 60.1-6  
Psalm 72.10-15  
Ephesians 3.1-12  
Matthew 2.1-12

**Collect.** Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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** 1 Samuel 2.18-20,26      **Psalm** 148      **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.** Colossians 3.12-17

**Gospel Acclamation.** Alleluia. Alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory. **Alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading** (Luke 2.41-end). Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

**Post Communion Prayer.** Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayers for the week ahead.** **29** Those who collect our rubbish and recycling, and keep our streets clean. **30** The Pastoral Visitors Team. **31** Our Rector The Revd Andrew Thomas. **1** Our Church School at Meavy. (Head - Kate Gawadzyn) teaching staff, the governors and children. **2** St Paul's, Yelverton. Richard Byrn, Churchwarden. The Congregation & PCC. **3** Our Local Foodbanks. **4** The Revd Miranda Donne, Associate Priest.

**...In need of healing & wholeness.** Monty Hamilton, Jo Day, Geoff Lloyd, Esther Rookes, Di Pulford, Sybil Heathcock and Amelia Crocker.

**...In Memoriam.** Barbara Maxwell RIP. Donald Youngson RIP. Esther Warner RIP.