



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!

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

Many thanks to all who contributed to St John's Festival of Nativity Scenes. This year was one of our best. The hampers were won by Pat Kerslake, Ann Carder, Linda Harwood and Pat Allen. We couldn't do it without all your help, so very many thanks.

Carol Service Collections. £125 collected at St Paul's Carol Service will be sent to Shekinah along with the collections from the other Mission Community Carol Services.

Annual Crib Service in St Paul's, Yelverton 24 Dec at 1600.
Optional dress as a shepherd or an angel is acceptable! Baby needed for these two events. Any offers please to (corinneshutt@hotmail.com)

Crib and Carol Service at Horrabridge on Tues 24 Dec at 1700.

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 23rd	0900 Sheepstor Morning Prayer
Tues Dec 24th	1600 Yelverton Crib Service 1700 Horrabridge Crib & Carol Service 2330 Horrabridge Eucharist Ord 1
Christmas Day	0915 Yelverton Eucharist Ord 1 0915 Sampford Spiney Eucharist Ord 2 0930 Walkhampton Eucharist Ord 1 1045 Meavy Eucharist Ord 1 1100 Sheepstor Eucharist Ord 2
Sun Dec 29th	1000 Horrabridge Mission Community Eucharist Ord 1

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Dec 24th	(White) Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrews 1.1-4 John 1.1-14
Dec 25th	(White) Isaiah 9.2-7 Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2.1-20
Dec 29th	(White) 1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2. 41-end

Collect. God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1st Reading Micah 5.2-5a **Psalm** 80.1-8 **2nd Reading.** Hebrews 10.5-10

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 1.39-55). In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Post Communion Prayer. Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the week ahead **22** Our Licensed Lay Minister: Martin Jury. **23** Our local Veterinary practices. **24** St Mary's, Sampford Spiney. Helen Sims & Janet Sturmer, Churchwardens. The Congregation & PCC. **25** All those who clean our churches, and unlock and lock them each day. **26** Charities who work with forces veterans. **27** Our Parish Worship Teams in their mission and ministries. **28** Those who wind and maintain our church clocks.

...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.

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 64657. Thank you. Gill Hiles.

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