

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!

Horrabridge Festival of Nativity Scenes will take place **at the church Sat 7 - Sun 15 Dec, 1400 -1800 every day.**

“Where’s the Baby King?” Join the children of Walkhampton School as they ask, on **Tues 17 Dec at 1330.** Starting at the school and travelling around the village. Where will it end?!

Advent Study. At **St Paul’s Church, Yelverton. Wed 18 Dec at 1130.**

Christingle at **Meavy church on 18 Dec at 1400,** and, **Walkhampton church on 19 Dec at 1400.**

Christmas Extravaganza at **Sampford Spiney on Wed 18 Dec at 1915.** Tickets £5.00 from Helen Sims 853784 or Simon Hill simonpatrickhill@outlook.com. Children free.

Carols at **Yelverton on 15 Dec at 1800,** at **Princetown on 17 Dec at 1800,** at **Walkhampton with Meavy on 22nd Dec at 1600,** at **Sheepstor on 22nd Dec at 1600.**

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)



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Open Churches

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

WORSHIP

Mon Dec 16th 0900 Sheepstor Morning Prayer

Wed Dec 18th 1100 Yelverton Eucharist BCP

Sun Dec 22nd 0915 Yelverton Eucharist Ord 1
0915 Sampford Spiney Eucharist BCP
1600 Walkhampton and Meavy combined Carol Service
1600 Sheepstor Carol Service
1800 Horrabridge Evening Service

Christmas Services

Sun Dec 24th 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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

Dec 15th (Purple)
Zephaniah 3.14-end
Psalm 146.4-end
Philippians 4.4-7
Luke 3.7-18

Dec 22nd (Purple)
Micah 5.2-5a
Psalm 80.1-8
Hebrews 10.5-10
Luke 1.39-55

Midnight Mass (White)
Isaiah 52.7-10
Hebrews 1.1-4
John 1.1-14

Christmas Day (White)
Isaiah 9.2-7
Titus 2.11-14
Luke 2.1-20

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.

1st Reading. Zephaniah 3.14-end **Psalm.** 146.4-end **2nd Reading** Philippians 4.4-7

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 3.7-18). John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Post Communion Prayer. 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. 15 For the life and organisation of our local and parish Halls at Rock Methodist Church, Meavy, Walkhampton, Horrabridge, Sheepstor, and Yelverton.

16 The Mission Community Choir - Pauline Hamilton- Leggett, the choir leader. **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.

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

... In Memoriam. Kenneth Stanbury RIP. Barbara Maxwell RIP. Claude Grylls RIP. and Donald Youngson RIP.

Food Hubs. There are collections at the back of the church at St John's Horrabridge between 1000 and 1600 daily and at St Paul's Yelverton - box in front porch. Your support is very welcome.

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