

**The Marden Vale Team Ministry**  
**Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 7**

**Today's services in the Marden Vale Team:**

Morning Worship from Christ Church, Derry Hill  
Click on the link: <https://youtu.be/Z2UbBQVSA9Q>

**For our younger folk**

This week, a story about King Solomon. Find out more on Derry Hill's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/christchurchdh/posts/> or <https://vimeo.com/441575044>



Also available:

**8.10am** Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

**9am** on [the Church of England's website](https://www.churchofengland.org/)

**1.15pm** Songs of Praise on BBC1

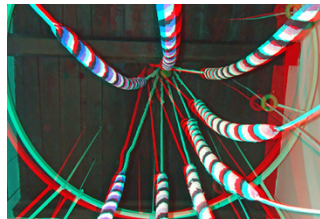
**Bells**

Tune in to 'Bells on Sunday' on Radio 4 at 5.43am: from St Peter's, Curdridge, Hants. Or follow this link and listen later online:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000j139>

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**Light a Candle** May I encourage you to continue this practice of praying, and lighting a candle and placing it in a window as a sign of hope each Sunday evening?

**Prayer** Join the Church of England Daily Prayer by visiting our website: [www.mardenvale.org.uk](http://www.mardenvale.org.uk) and clicking on 'Pray' on the top line.

**Keeping in touch**

Website [www.mardenvale.org.uk](http://www.mardenvale.org.uk) and Derry Hill's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/christchurchdh/posts/>

Contact Linda on 01249 817926 or email

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***In the coming week please also pray for:***

- all who are affected by coronavirus, for all who work on the frontline to keep us safe, to help the sick, to keep us fed...
- those who are anxious, exhausted, isolated. May those whose mental health is fragile be able to access the counselling, medication and support they need
- the churches which are opening in the next few weeks in the Marden Vale Team, that arrangements go smoothly for safe, prayerful worship
- our local schools: for rest and refreshment during the summer holiday
- local shops and businesses as they begin to open up...and those hoping to trade again
- Kingston House residents and all who work there
- Lucy Ayles (YWAM) as she leads & teaches at Discipleship Training School
- the work of Christian Aid
- our brothers and sisters in Sudan & South Sudan; in Yemen
- the Leprosy Mission
- all who are sick, awaiting diagnosis, those in hospital. Especially we pray for: **Mark Steele, Christine Gundry, Mark Jennings, Lynne Cottrell, Rob Simons, Len Jones, Jacob Maloy, Paul Crayford, Jennifer Pope, Helen Lewis, Jackson Goodship, Jane Jordan, Angela Barker, Liz Kinch, Doreen Williams, Bill Norman, Brenda Beint, Peter Lansdell, Sonia Strange, and Barbara Starr.**
- All who have recently died, the bereaved, & all whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We remember especially Marjorie Northeast  
**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the team responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference, which was due to be taking place now – please pray for them as they consider the implications of its postponement in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

**The Salisbury-Sudan Link Emergency Appeal**

The Bishop of Salisbury, Nicholas Holtam, makes his appeal on behalf of Sudan and South Sudan.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bC60aAcM59w&feature=youtu.be>

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**Calne Food Bank** is currently based at Church House, 30 Church St., Calne. 12-4pm on Tue & Fri.

<https://www.calnefoodbank.co.uk>

**Christ Church, Derry Hill will reopen for individual, private prayer on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 10am.**

### Readings for Trinity 7: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

### Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

(Translation – David Bentley Hart)

#### Parable of the Mustard Seed

Jesus set another parable before them, saying, "The Kingdom of the heavens is like mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field, which is indeed the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows it is larger than garden-herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches".

#### Parable of the Yeast

He told them another parable: "The Kingdom of the heavens is like yeast, which a woman took and mixed into three measures of flour, until all of it was leavened."

#### Parable of the Hidden Treasure

"The kingdom of the heavens is like a treasure that had been hidden in a field, which a man found and hid, and from his joy he goes and sells the things he owns and purchases that field."

#### Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

Again, the Kingdom of the heavens is like a merchant looking for lovely pearls; And, finding one extremely valuable pearl, he went away and sold all the things he owned and purchased it.

#### Parable of the Net

Again, the Kingdom of the heavens is like a large dragnet cast into the sea and gathering in things of

very kind; And when it was filled they drew it up onto the strand and, sitting down, collected the good things in vessels, but threw the rancid things away. Thus it will be at the consummation of the age: The angels will go forth and will separate the wicked out from the midst of the just, And will throw them into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping and grinding of teeth there.

Did you understand all of these things?". They said to him, "Yes". Then he said to them, "Hence every scribe who has been made a disciple to the kingdom of the heavens is like the master of a house, who brings forth things new and old from his treasury".

### ***We are pleased to welcome you to pray in church***

**Christ Church, Derry Hill is open for individual, private prayer for a maximum of 4 people at any one time**

The church will be open at the following times  
*when there is no Sunday service:*

**Sunday: midday to 4pm**

**Tuesday to Saturday: 10am to 4pm**

*the week following a Sunday service:*

**Thursday to Saturday: 10am to 4pm**

#### ***Please do:***

- ✓ use hand sanitiser (provided at entrance and exit)
- ✓ observe 2m social distance
- ✓ use the chairs at the front of church
- ✓ exit by the sanctuary door (front left of church)

#### ***Please note:***

- there is no access to Toilet, Kitchen, Choir Vestry, Balcony, Font area, Children's Area or Pews
- avoid using altar rail
- wipes are available for chairs

***Please do not attend*** if you have symptoms of COVID-19 (new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of or change in your normal sense of taste or smell)

You will notice that no Bibles, books, leaflets, devotional items, candles, lighters, pens etc are available. This is to minimise any risk of transmission of COVID-19.

External and internal doors will be kept open to minimise the need to touch door handles.

All accessible areas will be cleaned when the church is closed each day.

*Rev Linda Carter,*

*Derry Hill, Bremhill and Foxham PCCs.*

## ***Sunday worship in our churches***

Christ Church, Derry Hill will be open for Sunday services from **2<sup>nd</sup> August**. This will be a service of Morning Prayer. There will be a service of **Holy Communion on 16<sup>th</sup> August**. Current plans are to hold a **10.00 am** service in Christ Church **once a fortnight**. We also hope to open St John the Baptist in August. Plans to open St Martin's, Bremhill will be considered once roof repairs are completed.

We plan to review safety procedures after each service week in response to attendee numbers and behaviours, so please check service details and information on our website, Facebook page and Noticeboard.

Our main priorities are the health and safety of our community, so things will not be quite the same as usual, but we recognise the importance, for many, of meeting together in worship so have put together this brief explanation of what to expect.

### **Q. How is the church managing social distancing?**

A. We have assessed the seating capacity and space available and worked out the best way to seat everyone to maintain **2 metre distancing**. There will be markings on the path and on the floor inside church. A Churchwarden will be on hand to welcome you and show you where to sit. At the end of the service, please remain in your seat until you are asked to make your way to the exit.

### **Q. Do I have to book in advance?**

A. It would help us to know if you intend to come to a service so that we can maintain safe social distancing. We ask that you telephone **01249 817926** or email [lindac@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto:lindac@mardenvale.org.uk) before **8pm on Saturday** evening to check availability.

### **Q. Will services be at the normal time?**

A. Morning services will be at **10am**. Evensong will be at **6pm**.

### **Q. Can I sit with my family or a friend?**

A. People from the same household or "bubble" can sit together. Everyone else will need to observe appropriate social distancing at all times.

### **Q. Will there be communion?**

A. Services will vary but where communion is offered this will be wafers only. Distribution will be carefully controlled to minimise transmission risks according to government and church guidelines.

### **Q. Will the hymn books be sanitised?**

A. Sadly, hymn singing is not allowed at the moment, so all hymn books and bibles will be removed. A single use Order of Service will be provided, which we ask you to take away with you. There will, however, be music to listen to.

### **Q. I usually give cash in the plate when I come to church. I believe this is not advised.**

#### **What can I do to support the work of the church?**

A. We would prefer not to have to expose our volunteers to handling cash but we desperately do need your support. Please take a moment to look at the [Parish Giving](#)

[Scheme](#) here. If you prefer to leave cash please do use the collection plate by the main entrance.

**Q. Do I need to provide contact details?**

A. In order to support the NHS Test and Trace programme, we are taking contact details (name and telephone number) for all visitors, as well as recording times entering and leaving Christ Church, Derry Hill.

In line with guidance issued by the Department for Health and Social Care, we will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else.

**Q. Will I be able to talk to my friends after the service?**

A. To minimise risk, services will be shorter than normal, and the church will be closed promptly. Catching up with friends is better done outdoors. We ask that you do not obstruct the aisles or exits to allow everyone to leave safely.

**It is obviously vital to obey social distancing guidelines at all times.**

**Q. Will it be safe to come?**

A. We have carefully assessed the risks of bringing us together and have put in place measures to control and minimise the risk of transmission of the virus. However, it is not possible to eliminate risks completely – everyone attending must evaluate their own circumstances and act accordingly. We all have a responsibility to act responsibly to ensure the safety of everyone else.

Please do:

- use the hand sanitizer provided when you arrive and when you leave
- comply with social distancing rules – keep 2 metres apart whenever possible
- cover your nose and mouth if you sneeze or cough – take your tissues home and dispose of them there

**Q. Should I wear a face covering in a church building?**

A. Face coverings are currently mandatory on public transport and will be mandatory in shops and in supermarkets from 24 July 2020. People are also encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as a place of worship.

*We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship.*

**If you do not feel it is safe or if you feel unwell** – stay at home and enjoy the online services from the Marden Vale Team.