

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 14th March – Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

Today's Services in the Marden Vale Team

Public worship is currently suspended in our churches.

There is a short service of Morning Prayer via Zoom from Derry Hill Vicarage at 10am - email lindac@mardenvale.org.uk for link.

An online service of Morning Prayer from the Marden Vale Team is available on YouTube [here](#) with a reflection from Rev'd Bob Kenway.

Also available:

5.45am BBC Radio 4 Lent Talks

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

9am [Church of England online](#)

11.15am BBC1 Sunday Worship - Rev Kate Bottley

1.15pm BBC2 Songs of Praise - Brenda Edwards

Bells

Tune in to 'Bells on Sunday' on Radio 4 at 5.43am. Or listen later [online](#) from St Andrews, Nether Wallop, Hampshire.

Midweek Service

There is a short service of Evening Prayer via Zoom from Derry Hill Vicarage every Wednesday at 5pm - link available via email as above.

#Givethanks Coronavirus Appeal.

Salisbury Diocese is partnering with Christian Aid to help people give thanks for their Covid-19 vaccine and help others in crisis across the world. The idea is to give people in our Diocese an opportunity to pass on the sense of relief and blessing at being vaccinated by making a donation to Christian Aid's **#Givethanks Coronavirus Appeal.**

More details [here](#)

Calne Food Bank

Open 12-4pm Tue & Fri, 10am-1pm Wed at:

4A Mill Street (previously Marden Cafe)
Calne, SN11 8DP

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

Tel: 07752 213029 Email:

You can find out how to support your local church through the [Parish Giving Scheme](#)

Keeping in touch Contact Linda 01249 817926

or email lindac@mardenvale.org.uk

Website www.mardenvale.org.uk

Derry Hill's [Facebook page](#)

Prayer Join the Church of England Daily Prayer by visiting our website: www.mardenvale.org.uk and clicking on 'Pray' on the top line.

In the coming week please also pray for:

- all who are affected by coronavirus, all who work on the frontline to keep us safe, to help the sick, to keep us fed...
- the vaccination programme in this country and across the world
- all those affected by storm, flood, fire and earthquake,
- shelter for the homeless and rough sleepers
- fighting to cease and peace to prevail in all the places in the world marked by conflict and violence
- those who are anxious, exhausted, isolated. May those whose mental health is fragile be able to access the counselling, medication and support they need
- our schools, for the children and staff as they all return to school
- local shops and businesses
- Kingston House residents and all who work there
- Lucy Aylen in her work with YWAM, offering assistance with the vaccination programme in Papua New Guinea
- the work of Christian Aid
- our brothers and sisters in Sudan & South Sudan
- 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, Helen Lewis, Jackson Goodship, Jane Jordan, Angela Barker, Liz Kinch, Doreen Williams, Bill Norman, Brenda Beint, Sonia Strange, Barbara Starr and Sarah Green.**
- All who have died in recent weeks, the bereaved, and all whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We remember especially Adrian Baker and Millie and Sarah Everard
- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

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

Private Prayer (1 individual or household at a time)

Christ Church, Derry Hill

Thur to Sat 10am-3pm Sun 12-3pm

St Martin's, Bremhill Daily 9am-4pm



During Lent this year the Marden Vale Team is using a series of readings and symbols. This week the symbol is a shell. Historically, the season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Jesus began his ministry after his baptism. As someone who has been or will be baptized, what is your ministry? How are you living out the promises made in the Baptismal Covenant? Read the story of Jesus' baptism (Luke 3: 21-22). Share memories of your child's or your own baptism/confirmation. Rev Bob Kenway offers a reflection in the YouTube service for this Sunday [here](#)

Readings for Mothering Sunday

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord



Psalms 34:11-20

Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things?
Keep your tongue from evil
and keep your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those who are crushed in spirit.
Many are the troubles of the righteous;
from them all will the Lord deliver them.
He keeps all their bones,
so that not one of them is broken.

1 Samuel 1:20-end

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'
The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'
She left him there for the Lord

Colossians 3:12-17

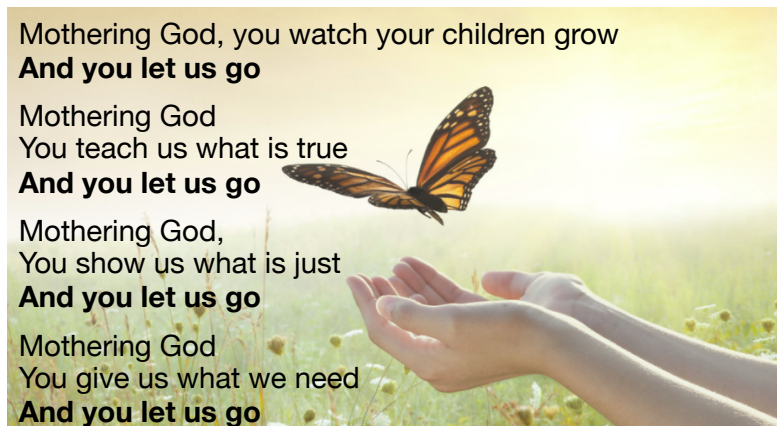
As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2:33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'



Under your wings
You would hide us
Mothering God
Under your wings
You would shelter us
Mothering God
Under your wings
You would warm us
Mothering God
Under your wings
You would nurture us
Mothering God



Mothering God, you watch your children grow
And you let us go
Mothering God
You teach us what is true
And you let us go
Mothering God,
You show us what is just
And you let us go
Mothering God
You give us what we need
And you let us go

