

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 6th June – Trinity 1 (Proper 5)

Today's Services in the Marden Vale Team

St. John the Baptist, Foxham - 10am Eucharist
St. Martin's, Bremhill - 6pm Evening Prayer

To book a place (**by 6pm Saturday please**) or to obtain the Zoom link please email:

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Next Sunday:

Christ Church, Derry Hill - 10am Eucharist
Zoom Evening Prayer at 6pm

Please click [here](#) for further details and Worship FAQs

Also available:

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

9am [Church of England online](#)

1.15pm BBC1 Songs of Praise from Salisbury Cathedral

'**Bells on Sunday**' on Radio 4 at 5.43am.

Or listen later [online](#) from St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey, Altrincham, Cheshire.

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... Pray for the people of India and other regions where infections are rising, the people of Peru, for those struggling to find food in Cambodia's Covid red zone
- the vaccination programme in every nation
- 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 counselling, medication and support
- our schools, for all the children and staff
- 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, Sarah Green, Rosemary George and Margaret Bell
- all who have died in recent weeks, the bereaved, and all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

Private Prayer in church this week:
Derry Hill Sun 12-4pm Tue to Sat 9am-4pm
Bremhill Daily 9am-4pm
(1 person or household at a time)

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: calnefoodbank@gmail.com

Giving

You can find out how to support your local church on our [Giving](#) page.

QR Codes are available for Christ Church, Derry Hill for one-off donations or regular giving.

This facility will soon be available for Bremhill and Foxham.

#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](#)

Or you may wish to participate in the vaccinaid.org campaign with Unicef and Crowdfunder, which is seeking to help provide more than 2.5 billion vaccines worldwide. Donations can be made directly, or communities can set up local fundraisers to contribute together.

Keeping in touch Contact Linda 01249 817926 or email lindac@mardenvale.org.uk
Website www.mardenvale.org.uk
Derry Hill's [Facebook page](#)



Who are
my mother
and my
brothers
and
sisters?

Readings for Trinity 1

Collect

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Genesis 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

Corinthians 4:13-5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Mark 3:20-end

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his apostles could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

He's my son
and he hurts me so.
What else can I do for him?
I've fed him, clothed him,
listened to him.
And believed in him.
I've protected him as best I can.
Guided him
supported him in his work
encouraged him to find love
even when everyone, even his followers,
frowned on such a thing.
They were frightened of losing him.
How could they?
You are all my brothers, and my sisters
and my mother.
Hurtful, but truthful
stinging words of love...

This is the first part of a poem by Alma Fritchley. How do you hear Jesus' words? Jesus draws a wide circle of inclusion with his description of family members: "whoever does the will of God." What does that mean? It goes beyond blood ties, beyond friendship groups, beyond the arbitrary limitations and divisions we apply. In Jesus' words, to do the will of God is "to love the Lord with all your heart...soul...mind...strength...and love your neighbour as yourself." May we hear Jesus' words as good news, as an invitation to one, big, hopeful family, and may our hearts be so enlarged that we extend this invitation to all.

