

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 12th September – Trinity 15 (Proper 19)

Today's Services (12th Sept)

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

Next Sunday:

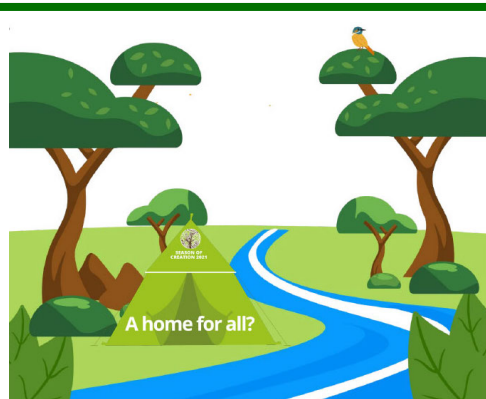
Christ Church, DH 10am Parish Eucharist - **Harvest**
St Martin's, Bremhill 6pm Evening Prayer - **Harvest**

Next week:

Wed 15th Sept Meditation 6pm Christ Church, DH
Handbells 7pm Christ Church, DH

Please click [here](#) or see below for COVID measures

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Season of Creation 2021 Prayer

Creator of All,
We are grateful
that from your
communion of
love you
created our
planet to be a
home for all. By
your Holy
Wisdom you
made the Earth

to bring forth a diversity of living beings that filled the soil, water and air. Each part of creation praises you in their being, and cares for one another from our place in the web of life.

With the Psalmist, we sing your praise that in your house "even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young." We remember that you call human beings to keep your garden in ways that honor the dignity of each creature and conserve their place in the abundance of life on Earth.

But we know that our will to power pushes the planet beyond her limits. Our consumption is out of harmony and rhythm with Earth's capacity to heal herself. Habitats are left barren or lost. Species are lost and systems fail. Where reefs and burrows, mountaintops and ocean depths once teemed with life and relationships, wet and dry deserts lie empty, as if uncreated. Human families are displaced by insecurity and conflict, migrating in search of peace. Animals flee fires, deforestation and famine, wandering in search of a new place to find a home to lay their young and live.

In this Season of Creation, we pray that the breath of your creative Word would move our hearts, as in the waters of our birth and baptism. Give us faith to follow Christ to our just place in the beloved community. Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant and call to care for our common home. In our tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know that we participate with your Holy Spirit to renew the face of your Earth, and safeguard a home for all.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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:

- fighting to cease and peace to prevail in all the places in the world marked by conflict and violence. We pray especially for the people of Afghanistan and continuing efforts to bring people to safety
- all those affected by storm, flood, fire and earthquake, and for all rescue workers and emergency services
- shelter for the homeless and rough sleepers, safety for refugees
- wisdom and guidance as we move into the next phase of living with COVID
- 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 every nation
- 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 children and staff, that they will be kept safe
- local shops and businesses, especially the Village Shop which has re-opened in Derry Hill
- Kingston House residents and all who work there
- Lucy Aylen in her work with YWAM
- the work of Christian Aid, especially in Haiti and Afghanistan
- our brothers and sisters in Sudan & South Sudan, Yemen, the Middle East
- 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, Liz Kinch, Doreen Williams, Bill Norman, Brenda Beint, Sonia Strange, Sarah Green, Margaret Bell, Robert Pegler, Rev. Jim Scott
- all who have died in recent weeks, remembering especially Joan Townsend, and all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania

Churches open for private prayer

Bremhill - daily from 9am to 4pm
Derry Hill - Tue-Sat 9am to 4pm, Sundays 12-4pm

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.

Calne Food Bank

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

4A Mill Street, Calne,
SN11 8DP

www.calnefoodbank.co.uk
07752 213029 or Email:
calnefoodbank@gmail.com

Readings for Trinity 15

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 19:1-6

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding
canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers
and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be
judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many
mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking
is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a
bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make
them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at
ships: though they are so large that it takes strong
winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very
small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So
also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of
great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the
tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our
members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole
body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set
on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of
reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been
tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the

tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we
bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those
who are made in the likeness of God. From the same
mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and
sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth
from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?
Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a
grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Mark 8:27-end

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of
Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his
disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they
answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and
still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But
who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You
are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell
anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must
undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders,
the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after
three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And
Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But
turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter
and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting
your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,
'If any want to become my followers, let them deny
themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For
those who want to save their life will lose it, and those
who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the
gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the
whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they
give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of
me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful
generation, of them the Son of Man will also be
ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with
the holy angels.'



Psalm: a wonderful description of God revealed in nature

James: vivid imagery contrasts the untameable human tongue with other aspects of nature. Is there a sense in which humanity's increasing separation from nature leads to us speaking and behaving in more unnatural, and harmful, ways?

Mark: Jesus asks his followers to take up their cross and follow him. How can we 'take up our cross' and follow Christ as Lord of creation in an era of ecological trauma? Jesus asks what good it is to gain the whole world but forfeit our souls. Is this verse calling us to focus only on the 'spiritual' gospel, or is it rather a challenge to the materialism that hardens our hearts against God?

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Guidance

A joint meeting of the PCCs of Bremhill, Derry Hill and Foxham met on Friday 13th August to review the guidance published on 19th July. We are continuing to take a cautious approach while working towards reintroducing elements of worship in church which so many have missed.

In common with many other churches and retail and hospitality settings we are asking people to continue to observe the “Hands, Face, Space, Ventilation” measures which are currently in place. There will also be some easing of other requirements.

Booking will no longer be required

Social distancing remains in place. Please feel free to sit with members of your household or regular social ‘bubble’ in any pew where there are Orders of Service. To indicate your preference for space, place a kneeler on the pew.

Face coverings may be removed when you are seated (except when singing- see below). We ask that face coverings are worn whenever you are moving around the building.

Communion (intincted wafers) may be received at the high altar (standing). To reduce queuing this will be conducted row-by-row.

Congregational singing of two hymns will take place in church during services. Please remain seated and wear a face covering if you wish to join in.

Zoom services will continue

These measures take effect from 15th August and apply to the regular Sunday services. They will be reviewed on 21st September.

An amended set of measures will apply to baptisms, weddings, funerals and other groups meeting in church subject to the requirements of separate risk assessments.

Our Christian calling is to care for all our brothers and sisters, particularly those who are vulnerable; and there are times in our lives when every one of us (and those we have close contact with) is vulnerable. We want everyone to feel welcome, comfortable and cared for. Thank you for your understanding.

Rev. Linda Carter on behalf of Bremhill, Derry Hill and Foxham PCCs 13th August 2021.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION - New Trustees – may God be calling you to this role?

As we move into a new Triennium in the autumn the Trust Board of the Diocesan Board of Education will be joined by up to five new trustees. Might you be called by God to serve Him in this way?

We have an exciting three years ahead working with schools, academies and importantly, multi-academy trusts to shape our service to meet their needs. We will be working to help every church school fulfil their deeply Christian vision; schools at the heart of the parish communities to which they belong. If you would like to learn more about serving God and the children and young people of our diocese please click on this link:

<https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/schools/diocesan-board-of-education-new-trustees-2021/>