

The Marden Vale Team Ministry

Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill Sunday 14th November - 2nd Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

Today's Services (14th Nov)

9.30am Act of Remembrance - Foxham Churchyard 10.45am Act of Remembrance - Bremhill Churchyard 10.45am Act of Remembrance - War Memorial, Church Rd, Derry Hill

Next Sunday (21st Nov)

Christ Church, Derry Hill 10am Parish Eucharist Zoom Evening Prayer at 4pm (Contact Linda for link) St John the Baptist, Foxham 6pm Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

Next week:

Wed 17th Nov Meditation 6pm Christ Church, DH Handbells 7pm Christ Church, DH

Please click here or see below for COVID measures

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On Remembrance Sunday morning as the Legion lay their wreaths I went into the garden and burned the fallen leaves I heard the brass band playing its slow abide with me I recalled the summer glory of the proud and stately tree Its branches stark and naked now all pointing to the sky but its leaves were drifting earthwards to wither and to die Where was our help in ages past? Where is our hope to come? For all the leaves have fallen and weak the autumn sun And many were the sons of hope nipped by the tree of life by the cruel frost of battle and bitter winds of strife For there is no season, no special hour it takes the tree in winter and it takes the fresh spring flower And many are the fallen and many are the dead and more will be the autumns when the bonfires will be fed For even as we honour the slaughtered of the past they're burying the victims of contemporary blast So while the band was playing and the Legion laid their wreaths I stood out in the garden and I burned the fallen leaves

Peter Dainty

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
- 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
- all who are struggling to pay bills and put food on the table
- women and girls who do not feel safe
- wisdom and guidance as we move into the next phase of living with COVID-19
- 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
- the new oral antiviral medication for Covid, giving thanks for those involved in its development
- continued momentum from COP 26
- 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 & staff
- local shops and businesses Kingston House residents and all who work there
- Lucy Aylen in her work with YWAM
- the work of Christian Aid
- 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, Jacob Maloy, Paul Crayford, Helen Lewis, Jackson Goodship, Liz Kinch, Doreen Williams, Brenda Beint, Sonia Strange, Sarah Green, Margaret Bell, Robert Pegler, Rev. Jim Scott
- all who have died in recent weeks, and all whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We remember Simon Strange, Raymond Hazell, Sharon Hart and Bill Norman

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Anglican church of Australia

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.

Readings for 2nd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday

Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.'

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Hebrews 10:11-14,19-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

To ponder...

In difficult times, "times of anguish", do we look to someone who will protect us? Do we want our protector to condemn those we consider to be the cause of our anguish? Daniel's vision points us towards seeking wisdom and righteousness - his main concern is not that his enemies should suffer, but to know what is right and good.

The disciples are desperate to nail down a time, a sign tell us Jesus, when are things going to happen, how will we know it's time?

Today, our questions might be: "When will the world be put to rights (the way I think it should be...)?



And in the letter to the Hebrews we find that we are called to adjust our focus and to depend fully on God's faithfulness. Our calling is not to judge, but to learn to live together. Theologian Jane Williams puts it like this: "...we have to learn to live together, even with those we have not chosen, in love and kindness, 'encouraging

one another'. We would much rather charge around, wielding judgement in God's name, but remember that in Mark, Jesus says that is just what imposters do. Christian disciples work at living together in Christ."

Ever-living God, today we remember those whom you have gathered from the noise and storm of war into the peace of your presence.



May that same Spirit of peace fall on us and all who remember this day, particularly those whose remembering brings back memories of personal loss and tragedy.

Grant us your peace, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony amongst all nations and races, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Keith Blackwood, Spill the Beans

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Guidance

At the various meetings of the PCCs of Foxham, Bremhill and Derry Hill (3rd, 4th, 9th November) it was agreed that the current COVID measures should remain unaltered in our churches. 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. We ask that face coverings are worn whenever you are moving around the building.

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

Congregational singing of two hymns + the Gloria will take place in church during services. We ask that you wear a face covering if you wish to join in.

Zoom services will continue

These measures apply to the regular Sunday services. They will be reviewed on 8th December.

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 9th November 2021.

Calne Deanery Treasurer

We're looking for someone to work with the Rural Dean, Lay Chair and other members of the Deanery Standing Committee with regards to deanery financial matters. Activities include looking after the modest deanery account, serving as the first port of call for parish treasurers with any queries or problems regarding Share or parish finances, working with other deanery officers in reviewing the Fairer Share returns, and liaising with diocesan colleagues.

Want to know more? Please contact the Rural Dean, the Revd Canon Jane Curtis, on 01793 977395 or iane@chelmsworth.com.