The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 21st November - Christ the King

# Kingdom Season

Today's Services (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 Sunday (28th Nov Advent Sunday)
St Martin's, Bremhill 10am Parish Eucharist
St Mary's, Calne 6pm United Benefice Advent Svs

#### **Next week:**

Wed 24th Nov Meditation 6pm Christ Church, DH Handbells 7pm Christ Church, DH

Please click here or see below for COVID measures

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#### Somewhere - Someone by Rev Thomas Carruth

The kingdom of love is coming because: somewhere someone is kind when others are unkind, somewhere someone shares with another in need, somewhere someone refuses to hate, while others hate.

somewhere someone is patient - and waits in love, somewhere someone returns good for evil, somewhere someone serves another, in love, somewhere someone is calm in a storm, somewhere someone is loving everybody. Is that someone you?

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## **Prayer**

Click here to leave prayer requests or to join the Church of England Daily Prayer

In the coming week please keep in your prayers:

**Peace:** fighting to cease and peace to prevail in all the places in the world marked by conflict and violence; for our brothers and sisters in Sudan & South Sudan, Yemen, the Middle East

**Those in need:** in storm, flood, fire and earthquake, for all rescue workers and emergency services, praying especially for Canada; shelter for the homeless and rough sleepers, safety for refugees; those struggling to pay bills and put food on the table;

for the anxious, exhausted, isolated. May those whose mental health is fragile be able to access counselling, medication and support;

women and girls who do not feel safe

**Local community:** 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

**COVID-19:** all who are affected by coronavirus, who work on the frontline to keep us safe, to help the sick, to keep us fed:

the vaccination programme in every nation; new oral antiviral medication for Covid, giving thanks for those involved in its development;

wisdom and guidance in our continued responses to the pandemic

**Environment:** continued momentum from COP 26 and how we care for God's creation

**Charities:** the work of Christian Aid, The Children's Society, The Leprosy Mission

The sick: 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

**The departed:** We remember Simon Strange, Raymond Hazell, Sharon Hart, Bill Norman and Phoebe Holman and all who mourn their loss;

all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for The Church of Bangladesh

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 Christ the King**

#### Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Psalm 93

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.

#### Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood
attending him.
The court sat in judgement,

As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

and the books were opened.

### Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

#### John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'



#### The UnKing by John van de Laar

We call you 'King', Jesus, but you're not like any king we've ever heard of;

You don't flaunt your power, waving your hand dismissively to change the lives of your subjects; You don't hoard your wealth, and tax your people just to grow more comfortable in your isolated palace; You don't exploit the weak and unconnected, or use the ambition of ladder-climbers to further your control.

No, you are the King who lays down his crown, to walk among us as one of us; You are the King who lays down his life, to bring abundant, eternal life to all who seek it; You are the King who draws the weak, the rejected, the poor, the child into the centre of the conversation and into the heart of where real power lies. You, Jesus, are the UnKing – the King whose Kingdom, redefines everything we know and will continue to do so for eternity.

# 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.