

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill St. John the Baptist, Foxham St. Martin, Bremhill
13th February - Third Sunday before Lent

Services

Sunday 13th February

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Foxham
6pm Evening Prayer at Bremhill

Sunday 20th February

10am Parish Eucharist at Derry Hill
6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

(Link available from lindac@mardenvale.org.uk)

Sunday 27th February

10am Parish Eucharist at Bremhill
6pm Evening Prayer at Foxham

Diary for February

Tue 15th Christ Church, Derry Hill will be closed for carpet fitting

Wed 16th 12pm Funeral at Bremhill (*The late Mr Keith Blackmore*)

6pm Meditation at Christ Church DH
7.30pm Handbells at Christ Church DH

Fri 18th 10am Funeral at Semington followed by 11.30am prayers at Foxham Church (*The late Mrs Sarah Green*)

7.30pm Friends of St Martin's Auction of Promises, Brook Farm, Bremhill

Fri 25th 12pm Interment of Ashes at Christ Church DH (*The late Mr Christopher Clifford*)

Sun 27th 1pm Baptism at St. Martin's, Bremhill (*Tillie Spreadbury*)

Dates of Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Christ Church, Derry Hill Sunday 20th March
St. John the Baptist, Foxham Wednesday 20th April
St. Martin, Bremhill Sunday 24th April

Derry Hill Electoral Roll revision began 7th Feb
Contact derryhillpccsec@mardenvale.org.uk

We ask that face coverings are worn in our church buildings. Please click [here](#) or see below for COVID measures

Keeping in touch

Contact Linda Tel: 01249 817926 or email: lindac@mardenvale.org.uk

Website www.mardenvale.org.uk

Derry Hill's [Facebook page](#)

Foxham's [Facebook Page](#)

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, for the Holy Land, for Ukraine

Those in need: in storm, flood, fire and earthquake, for all rescue workers and emergency services; 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 Ayles 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; praying especially for all NHS workers 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, especially as restrictions are eased

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 Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

The sick: Mark Steele, Christine Gundry, Mark Jennings, Lynne Cottrell, Rob Simons, Jacob Maloy, Paul Crayford, Jackson Goodship, Liz Kinch, Doreen Williams, Brenda Beint, Sonia Strange, Margaret Bell, Rev. Jim Scott, Peggy Doddington

The departed: We remember Sarah Green, Keith Blackmore and Ken Hayhurst and all who mourn their loss; all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Churches open for private prayer

Bremhill - daily from 9am to 4pm

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

Foxham - Sundays 11am-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

Calne Food Bank

Open 12pm-4pm Mon & Fri, 10am-1pm Wed

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Lent Calendar for 2022

The beginning of March heralds the season of Lent this year. To accompany our 40 days of Lenten Bible readings I would love to include your contributions on the theme of healthy eating - feeding body and soul again. So, if you garden, what are you growing this year, do you have any cultivation tips? Or, which fruit or vegetable dishes do you love - any recipes to share? Pictures of your vegetable patch, allotment or window box would be great too. Send to lindac@mardenvale.org.uk Thank you.

Readings for the Third Sunday before Lent

Collect

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.

Psalm 1

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.



Monet, Claude, 1840-1926. Water-Lily Pond and Weeping Willow, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?>

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.
Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—

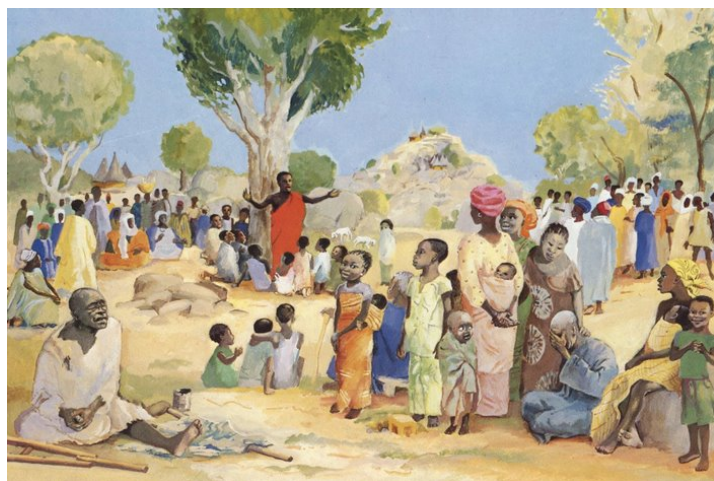
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead,
how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place,
with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.



Then he looked up at his disciples and said:
'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.
'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.
'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.
'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.
'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.
'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.
'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

JESUS MAFA. The Sermon on the Mount, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.
<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48284>

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Guidance

At the joint PCC meeting on 8th December (and subsequent consultation via email in January 2022) it was agreed that the current COVID measures should remain largely unaltered, with the exception that face coverings must be worn at all times in our church buildings. 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.

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 We ask that face coverings are worn at all times unless you are exempt.

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 as the national situation changes as necessary.

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 6th January 2022.