

The Marden Vale Team Ministry

Derry Hill: Christ Church - Foxham: St. John the Baptist - Bremhill: St. Martin Calne & Blackland: St. Mary the Virgin, Holy Trinity, St. Peter 4th December - Second Sunday of Advent

Services around the Team

8am Holy Communion at St Mary's Parish Eucharist at St Mary's 10am Family Service at Holy Trinity 10am Said Communion at Christ Church 10am 10.30am Family Service at Christ Church

12.30pm Baptism at Holy Trinity Zoom Evening Prayer

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

Advent 3

8am Holy Communion at St Mary's

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St John the Baptist

Parish Eucharist at St Mary's 10am 11am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church 10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

Evensong at St Martin's 6pm

Wednesdays: Holy Communion 10am at St Mary's

Diary for November/December

Mon 5th 7.30pm M.A.S.K Concert at ChristChurch, DH Wed 7th 11.30am Interment of Ashes, Holy Trinity

(T/I Christina O'Gorman & Elspeth Ireland)

12pm MU P&F Christmas Lunch 6pm Meditation at Christ Church, DH 7.30pm Foxham Standing Cttee

Thu 8th 10.30am Coffee&Chat at Christ Church, DH

11am Funeral at St John the Baptist, Foxham

(T/I Mr David Wilton)

Christmas Decoration, Wreath Making Bremhill VH

Fri 9th 10am Coffee & Cake at Bremhill Village Hall 2pm Crafternoon at Christ Church, DH

6-8.30pm St Martin's Christmas Fayre, Brook Farm

Listen to O come, O come Emmanue

Tue 13th 9.15am Rub-A-Dub Nativity at Christ Church, DH Wed 14th 6pm Meditation at Christ Church, DH Thu 15th 10.30am Coffee&Chat at Christ Church, DH Fri 16th 9.15am Derry Hill School Carol Svc, Christ Church

Tuesday Bible Study Group resumes in February 2023

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

The sick: Mark Steele, Christine Gundry, Mark Jennings, Lynne Cottrell, Rob Simons, Jacob Maloy, Paul Crayford, Liz Kinch, Doreen Williams, Sonia Strange, Margaret Bell, Judy Scott, Peter Lansdell.

The departed: David Wilton, all who mourn the loss of loved ones; all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

Ukrainian Families: Please pray for the families and individuals who are living among us. May they find peace, comfort, friendship and a warm welcome here.

Climate: We pray for all who are affected by the extreme weather conditions

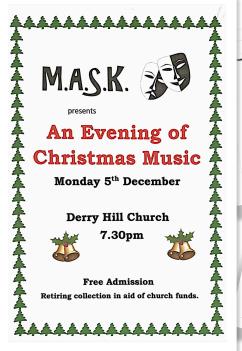
School: We pray for all the children, young people and staff of our local schools.

Vacancy: Please pray for wisdom, guidance and generosity of spirit as we discern the way forward for the Marden Vale Benefice and the appointment of a new Team Rector.

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





This Advent, Bishop Stephen has asked everyone in the diocese to pray together a simple prayer...Bishop Stephen says: "In this time of so many challenges and so much change, I am committing myself to prayer each day. I hope you will join me, at home, at school or at church in saying these simple prayers. By prayer, we are bringing into this time of darkness the light of Christ.'

An Advent Prayer for the Diocese

Faithful God,

your world is full of fear.

Hunger, cold, and loneliness are all around.

Your children are hurting.

Into our darkness comes the child of Bethlehem Jesus, the light who cannot be overcome.

He is with us always.

He speaks words of hope and words of truth.

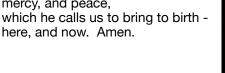
May his Spirit fill our hearts this Advent

and awaken us to your purposes: making us generous in giving,

active in serving,

and alert to your reign of justice,

mercy, and peace,



This video of the prayer uses British sign Language and is suitable for all ages

Readings for Advent 2

Collect

Almiahtv God. purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Jesse Tree, Chartres Cathedral

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,

and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,

and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,

and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the

the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together,

and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,

their young shall lie down together:

and the lion shall eat

straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,

and sing praises to your name'; and again he says,

'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again,

'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says,

'The root of Jesse shall come,

the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;

in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said.

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths

straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people o f Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the

Jordan, and they were



baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptise you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Calne Food Bank

Open 12pm-4pm Mon & Fri, 10am-1pm Wed 4A Mill Street, Calne, SN11 8DP www.calnefoodbank.co.uk calnefoodbank@gmail.com

Giving

Find out how to support your local church on our Giving QR Codes page. available in church.

Crafternoon every Friday 2-4pm Christ Church, Derry Hill

£3 a session (Tea and coffee included) All abilities welcome Contact Christine 817780, Liz 812138 or Marcia 820196

DEC (Disaster Emergencies Committee) Appeals Click here to donate Afghanistan Crisis Appeal Click here to donate to Pakistan Floods Appeal

Support Ukraine

More information from the Church of England and Salisbury Diocese about how you can help is available here

Administrator vacancy for Marden Vale Team Ministry Rate of pay £12.00 per hour (negotiable depending on experience)

The Marden Vale Team Ministry is a group of six Anglican churches within four parishes in the Diocese of Salisbury. We are looking for an experienced Administrator who will provide administrative support to the parishes of Bremhill, Derry Hill, Foxham, Calne and Blackland. This is a parttime role, 12 hours per week, based in the Team Office at Church House in Calne.

A confident and experienced administrator, you should possess excellent written and verbal communication skills with a flexible approach and willingness to adapt. This is an interesting and varied role. If you are organised, efficient and are able to prioritise your own work then we would love to hear from you.

Please send the completed Application Form with covering letter to lindac@mardenvale.org.uk

Application Form and full Job Description available at www.mardenvale.org.uk

Closing date for applications Friday 30th December 2022

Carol Services

Saturday 17th December

3pm Christmas Songs & Carols Around the Tree, Christ Church

Sunday 18th December

10am Holy Trinity, Family Carol Service 3pm St Peter's, Lessons & Carols 6pm St Mary's Carol Service 6pm St John the Baptist, Lessons & Carols 6pm St Martin's, Lessons & Carols

Wednesday 21st December

7.30pm Blue Christmas, St Mary's

Friday 23rd December

4pm Carols & Nativity, Bremhill Square & Village Hall

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

3pm Christ Church, Carols & Crib Service Communion 4pm St Mary's, Crib Service 6pm Bowood Chapel, Carol Service 11.15pm St Martin's, Midnight Mass 11.30pm St Mary's, Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9.30am St John the Baptist, Family

9.30am St Peter's, BCP Communion 10am St Marv's. Parish Eucharist 10am St Martin's, Family Service 10.45am Holy Trinity, Holy Communion 11am Christ Church, Family Communion





Join us in 2022 - 10 September

Congratulations to Stan Anniss and Richard Aylen who organised and participated in local events which raised £414.50 and £357.50 for Calne & Blackland and Christ Church, Derry Hill respectively. Stan and Andy Miller cycled, while Richard & May Aylen gathered a group to walk (see photo).

Thanks to Bowood for providing refreshments to our walkers.



Keeping in touch

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