



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

11th December - Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

Services around the Team

8am Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Eucharist at St John the Baptist
10am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
11am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church
10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
6pm Evensong at St Martin's

Wednesdays: Holy Communion 10am at St Mary's

Advent 4

8am Holy Communion at St Mary's
10am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
10am Family Service at Holy Trinity
3pm Lessons & Carols at St Peter's
6pm Lessons & Carols at St John the Baptist
6pm Lessons & Carols at St Martin's
6pm Lessons & Carols at St Mary's

Diary for December

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
10am Coffee & Cake at Bremhill Village Hall
2pm Crafternoon at Christ Church, Derry Hill
Sat 17th 3pm Christmas Songs & Carols Round the Tree at
Christ Church, Derry Hill
Mon 19th 11am Funeral at West Wilts Crematorium
(The late Mrs Pat Bull)
Wed 21st 1.30pm Committal & Interment Christ Church, DH
(The late Mrs Pamela Duncan)
Thu 22nd 10.30am Coffee&Chat at Christ Church, DH
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, Pamela Duncan, Pat Bull, all who mourn the loss of loved ones; all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Kenya
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

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,
which he calls us to bring to birth - here, and now. Amen.

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 part-time 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

Christmas Services

Sat 17th 3pm Christmas Songs & Carols Round the Tree, DH

Wed 21st 7.30pm Blue Christmas, St Mary's

Fri 23rd 4pm Carols & Nativity,
Bremhill Village Square & Hall

Christmas Eve

3pm Christ Church, Carols & Crib Service

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 Communion

9.30am St Peter's, BCP Communion

10am St Mary's, Parish Eucharist

10am St Martin's, Family Service

10.45am Holy Trinity, Holy Communion

11am Christ Church, Family Communion

Calne Food Bank

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

4A Mill Street, Calne, SN11 8DP

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Giving

Find out how to support your local church on our [Giving](#) page. QR Codes 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

Readings for Advent 3

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 146:4-10

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith for ever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

James 5:7-10

Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries
that are coming to you. Your riches have rotted, and your
clothes are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have rusted,

and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your
flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days.
Listen! The wages of the labourers who mowed your fields,
which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the
harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You
have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have
fattened your hearts on a day of slaughter. You have
condemned and murdered the righteous one, who does not
resist you.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.
The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being
patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You
also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming
of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one
another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is
standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and
patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name
of the Lord.

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the
Messiah was doing, he sent word by his
disciples and said to him,
'Are you the one who is to
come, or are we to wait for
another?' Jesus answered them,
'Go and tell



John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the
lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead
are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.
And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds
about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look
at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to
see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear
soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to
see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This
is the one about whom it is written,
"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has
arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the
kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Image credit: 'The Baptist in Prison' by Giusto de' Menabuoi

Keeping in touch

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Derry Hill's [Facebook page](#) Foxham's [Facebook Page](#)

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Diocese about how you can help is available [here](#)

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