



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

18th December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Services around the Team

8am Holy Communion at St Mary's
10am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
10am Family Service at Holy Trinity
11am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church, Derry Hill
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

Wednesdays: Holy Communion 10am at St Mary's

Diary for December/January

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)
6pm Meditation at Christ church, DH
Thu 22nd 10.30am Coffee&Chat at Christ Church, DH
Sat 24th 11am Holy Communion at Kingston House
Wed 4th 2pm MU P&F at Christ Church, DH
6pm Meditation at Christ Church, DH
Thu 5th 10.30am Coffee&Chat at Christ Church, DH
Fri 6th 10am Coffee & Cake at Bremhill Village Hall
2pm Crafternoon at Christ Church, DH



'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

Antonello da Messina:
Virgin Annunciate

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

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 Korea

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, for a happy, healthy Christmas holiday

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

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

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.

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 page. QR Codes available in church.

Readings for Advent 4

Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 80

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!
Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us the scorn of our neighbours;
our enemies laugh among themselves.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,
To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:18-end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their

sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



The Annunciation to Joseph by Sieger Koder

Keeping in touch

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

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Support Ukraine

More information from the Church of England and Salisbury Diocese about how you can help is available [here](#)

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