

Peace
on Earth

Wishing you
joy, peace,
hope and God's
blessings this
Christmas



Services around the Team

Christmas Eve - Midnight

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 Communion
10.45am Holy Trinity, Holy Communion
11am Christ Church, Family Communion

Sunday 1st January - Christmas 2

10am Benefice Eucharist at St Mary's

Wednesday 4th January

10am Holy Communion at St Mary's

Sunday 8th January - Epiphany

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
12.30pm Baptism at St Mary's
2pm Baptism at Christ Church
6pm Evensong at St Martin's

Diary for December/January

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

Tuesday Bible Study Group resumes in February

Giving

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

Calne Food Bank

Open 12pm-4pm Mon & Fri, 10am-1pm Wed
4A Mill Street, Calne, SN11 8DP
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[Click here](#) for DEC (Disaster Emergencies
Committee) Appeals

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

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

Notices for Christmas Day and 1st January 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, Bill
Morgan, James Nyman, Ian Schofield, Claire Biggs,
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 Melanesia

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.

Baptisms: We pray for Ronnie Smart, Ava, Luna and Leo Lovatt
being baptised on 8th January, and for their families & friends.

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

Keeping in touch

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Office closed from Dec 22nd. Re-opens 4th Jan

Readings for Christmas Day

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise,
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

Isaiah 62:6-end

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem,
I have posted sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.
You who remind the Lord,
take no rest,
and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.
The Lord has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have laboured;
but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the Lord,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.
The Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to daughter Zion,
'See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.'
They shall be called, 'The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord';
and you shall be called, 'Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.'

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Luke 2: 8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Readings for Christmas 2 (1st January)

Collect

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and find him in those in need,
for Jesus' sake.

Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel

that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';
and he became their saviour
in all their distress.
It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Hebrews 10:2-end

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

And again,
'I will put my trust in him.'

And again,
'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'
Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Matthew 2:13-end

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

