

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 8th January 2023 - Epiphany

Services around the Team

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

Wednesday 11th January

10am Holy Communion at St Mary's

Sunday 15th January - Epiphany 2

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
6pm Zoom Evening Prayer
(Email lindac@mardenvale.org.uk for link)

Diary for January

Tue 10th 12.30pm Calne MU AGM at Church Hse

Wed 11th 6pm Meditation at Christ Church, DH
7.30pm Handbells at Christ Church, DH
7.30pm Foxham PCC at St John's

Thu 12th 10.30am Coffee&Chat - Christ Church DH
7pm Calne Standing Cttee - Church Hse

Fri 13th 10am Coffee & Cake - Bremhill Village Hall
2.30pm Crafternoon at Christ Church, DH
2.30pm Funeral at St Martin's, Bremhill

(The late Tim Vines)

Mon 16th 11am Funeral at Holy Trinity, Quemerford
(The late Bill Morgan)

Tue 17th 11.30am Funeral at St Mary's, Calne
(The late Dennis Gell)

7pm Derry Hill PCC at Christ Church

Wed 18th 6pm Meditation at Christ Church, DH
7.30pm Handbells at Christ Church, DH

Thu 19th 10.30am Coffee&Chat - Christ Church DH
7.30pm Bremhill PCC - Village Hall

Fri 20th 10am Coffee & Cake - Bremhill Village Hall
12pm Funeral at North Wilts Crematorium
(The late Ian Schofield)

1pm Funeral at St Mary's, Calne
(The late Lee Moore)

2.30pm Crafternoon at Christ Church, DH

Sat 21st 11.45am Interment of Ashes - Christ Church
(The late Angela Barker)

Tuesday Bible Study Group resumes in February

18th - 25th January

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice. Materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023 have been prepared by the churches of Minneapolis. More information can be found here. A service will be held at **Methodist Church, Calne Sunday 22nd 6pm.**

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, Amelia Bolter.

The departed: Gordon Crook, Bill Morgan, James Nyman, Ian Schofield, Claire Biggs, Dennis Gell, Tim Vines, Lee Morgan, John Major, Andrew Scrivener; all who mourn the loss of loved ones; all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Myanmar

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.

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



Calne Food Bank

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

Giving

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

**Click here for DEC
(Disaster Emergencies
Committee) Appeals**

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

Keeping in touch

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

Please click [here](#) for COVID guidance.

Readings for Epiphany

Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



Magi (II) Matthew 2:9-12

*I've been looking at the night sky my whole life.
I've dreamed I've walked the length of the Milky
Way. I thought, as a child, that it was the path to
heaven.*

*Do stars tell us anything? They tell us about the
visions of the powerful and ambitious for sure. Like
'Berenice's Hair'. A constellation named in honour
of an Egyptian King. Or the Pleiades. The
daughters of Zeus. Stars show us our dreams and
our projections.*

I have my own theory. They are just light.

Light from another time, another age.

Light reaching us. Pointing the way.

That's what I thought when we saw the star.

That's what convinced me to leave home.

That's what I found to be true.

*After the countless miles, the dead-ends, and
finally our discovery of the child.*

*A star gives itself to show the way. It dies in its
giving. It is the grace that has no concern for itself.
It might be named in honour of the powerful, but it
offers itself for all. And it pointed us to the true
light of the world.*

From 'A Star-Filled Grace' by Rachel Mann