

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 29th January 2023 - Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Services around the Team

Sunday 29th January - Candlemas

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8am Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Morning Prayer at St John the Baptist
10am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
10am Christingle Candlemas at St Martin's
11am Morning Prayer at Christ Church
3pm Family Service at Holy Trinity
6pm Zoom Evening Prayer
(Email lindac@mardenvale.org.uk for link)

Wednesday 1st February

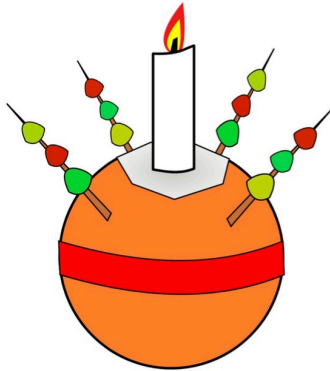
10am Holy Communion at St Mary's

Sunday 5th February - 3 before Lent

8am Holy Communion at St Mary's
10am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
10am Family Service at Holy Trinity
10am Said Communion at Christ church
10.30am Family Service at Christ Church
12.30pm Baptism at Christ Church
6pm Zoom Evening Prayer
(Email lindac@mardenvale.org.uk for link)

St. Martin's, Bremhill

Come to our
Candlemas Christingle
Sunday 29th January
at 10am
All welcome!



Diary for January/February

Mon 30th 11.30am Memorial Service St Martin's BH
(The late Mark Hodson)
Tue 31st 7.30pm Deanery Stgd Cttee, Church Hse
Wed 1st 6pm Meditation at Christ Church, DH
7.30pm Handbells at Christ Church, DH
Thu 2nd 10.30am Coffee&Chat - Christ Church DH
Fri 3rd 10am Coffee & Cake - Bremhill Village Hall
2pm Funeral at North Wilts Crematorium
(The late John Querle)
2.30pm Crafternoon at Christ Church, DH
Mon 6th 11.30am MU Wave of Prayer, Christ Church
Tue 7th 11am Interment of Ashes, Christ Church DH
(The late Vic Shepherd)
7.30pm DH&S Gardening Club Christ Church
Wed 8th 6pm Meditation at Christ Church, DH
7.30pm Handbells at Christ Church, DH
Thu 9th 11am Funeral at Christ Church, DH
(The late Kathleen Cole)
Fri 10th 10am Coffee & Cake - Bremhill Village Hall
Tue 14th 5.30pm DH Standing Cttee (Zoom)

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: James Nyman, Claire Biggs, Andrew Scrivener, Vic Shepherd, Kathleen Cole, Mark Hodson, Patricia Whitehead; all who mourn the loss of loved ones; all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Pakistan (United)

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.

Give thanks for the successful appointment of the Team Administrator.

Baptism: We pray for Silvio Mario, who will be baptised at Christ Church next Sunday.

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

Save the Date! Friday 10th March

An early evening treat with the Manor Singers at St John the Baptist Church, Foxham. Details to follow.

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.

Support Ukraine:

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

[Click here for DEC](#)
(Disaster Emergencies Committee) Appeals

Keeping in touch

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

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

Readings for Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemas

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

Psalm 24: 7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight —indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they

present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Hebrews 2:14-end

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.

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

