

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 5th February 2023 - 3rd Sunday before Lent

Services around the Team

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)

Wednesday 8th February

10am Holy Communion at St Mary's

Sunday 12th February - 2 before Lent

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
6pm Evensong at St Martin's

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

Bible Study Group resumes this week!

Tuesday evenings 7-8.30pm
Hosted by Rachel Collins at 8 Barry Place, Derry

Diary for February

Mon 6th 11.30am MU Wave of Prayer, Christ Church
Tue 7th 11am Interment of Ashes, Christ Church DH
(The late Vic Shepherd)
7pm Bible Study Group in Derry Hill
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
11am Worship & Ministry Meeting BH
Tue 14th 2pm Funeral at West Wilts Crematorium
(The late Patricia Haselton)
5.30pm DH Standing Cttee (Zoom)
Wed 15th 6pm Meditation at Christ Church, DH
7.30pm Handbells at Christ Church, DH
7.30pm Foxham Standing Cttee
Thu 16th 9am Bremhill Standing Cttee
10.30am Coffee & Chat Christ Church, DH
Fri 17th 10am Coffee & Cake - Bremhill Village Hall

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: Claire Biggs, Vic Shepherd, Kathleen Cole, Mark Hodson, Patricia Whitehead, Patricia Haselton, John Mowlem; 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 New Guinea

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 this 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

Manor Singers at

St John the Baptist,
Foxham
7pm Friday 10th
March

The Manor Singers Chamber Choir comprises ten voices, many of which also perform with Farrant Singers in Salisbury. They have kindly agreed to come all the way to Foxham to treat us to an enchanting programme, ranging from sacred anthems by English & Irish composers across four centuries, such as Byrd and Purcell, to lighter, popular songs by Gershwin and Cole Porter. Tickets are £12.50 including a glass of wine or soft drink. Tickets will be limited.

Please contact Lynne Pegler on elmfarmfoxham@yahoo.co.uk or 01249 740253



St John the Baptist
Foxham

Keeping in touch

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

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

Readings for 3rd Sunday before Lent

Collect

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.

Psalm 112:1-9

Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures for ever.
They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered for ever.
They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever;
their horn is exalted in honour.

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.
'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him' —
these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Matthew 5:13-20

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

