

Welcome to The Marden Vale Team Ministry

(Christ Church, Derry Hill; Holy Trinity, Quemerford;
St. John the Baptist, Foxham; St. Martin, Bremhill;
St. Mary the Virgin, Calne; and St. Peter, Blacklands.)

30 April Fourth Sunday of Easter

He is Risen...He is Risen Indeed...Hallelujah!

Services around the Benefice 08:00 St. Mary's Holy communion 09:30 St. John The Baptist, Foxham Morning Prayer 10:00 St. Mary's Parish Eucharist (+APCM) 10:00 St. Martin's, Bremhill All Age Communion 11:00 Christ Church, Derry Hill Parish Eucharist 15:00 Holy Trinity, Quemerford Family Service 18:00 Zoom Evening Prayer lindac@mardenvale.org.uk	Sunday 7 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter/Coronation Thanksgiving 08:00 St. Mary's Holy communion 09:00 St John the Baptist, Foxham Thanksgiving Service 10:00 St. Mary's Parish Eucharist 10:00 Holy Trinity, Quemerford Family Service 11:00 Christ Church, Derry Hill Thanksgiving Service 17:30 St Martins, Bremhill Thanksgiving Service
Today's collect: Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.	
Post Communion Collect: Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.	

This week: Regular events: Tuesday Church House: 10:00-11:30 SMUFs (St. Mary's Under Fives) Term time only. Wednesday St. Mary's church: 10:00 Holy Communion Wednesday Church House: 15:30 - 17:30 Wednesday Club for children aged 4-11. Term time only Thursday St Mary's church: 18:30 – 19:00 Christian Meditation Friday St Mary's church: 19:00 Choir Practice	Other Notices: Wednesday 3 May North Wilts Crematorium: 13:00 Funeral of the late Linda Millen Thursday 4 May Derry Hill church: 12:30 Funeral of the late June Mizen Friday 5 May Church House: 10:00 – 13:00 "Parish Drop-in" – drop in for a cuppa and a chat.
Please pray for: Cheryl Heaton, Christopher, Connor, Revd Craig Manley, Curtis, Debbie Smith, Eddie Elliott, Teresa Elliott, Goff Morris, Jennifer Fenton, John Keller, baby Kallie Davey, Nicola Rigby, Rex Hitchens, and Thomas. and all those in need of God's healing. Care for each other - if you become aware that someone from the church is in need of a phone call, visit or is in hospital then please advise the Parish office (01249 816522) so that a member of the ministry team can help.	Please pray for the family and friends of: Maureen Goulding, Sue Kitching, Ashley Cork, Linda Millen, June Mizen, Patricia Dunkerton and Mary Ayles who have recently died and all those who mourn the loss of a loved one. Pray too for: The people of Afghanistan, East Africa, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Myanmar, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, Yemen and especially those who have become refugees because of conflict. The victims of violence and for those who have lost their homes because of natural disaster or famine. For those helping people and families in poverty.

Parish Finance - We are grateful to those who give by Standing Order and in other committed ways. If you'd like to find out more about how to give, please contact our treasurer grahamspencer1947@outlook.com . You can also give via our parish website or by using the card reader by the entrance to St. Mary's. Please gift aid if you can, it gives that little extra but costs you nothing.
Please support Christian Aid's work in Turkey, Syria, Ukraine & elsewhere, by making a donation, see https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies for more information.

Christian Meditation. Meditation has been taking place in people's homes for the past 6 months, but from **4th May**, there will also be the opportunity to meet in St Mary's church (St Edmund's chapel) every Thursday 6:30-7pm. Anyone is welcome to come and enjoy the silence with God. If you would like to know more contact Kevin 07748992730

Cuppa & Chat. Starting on Friday 5th May there is an opportunity to get together at our **parish drop-in** from 10am to 1pm on the first and third Friday of each month.

Today's readings

Acts 2.42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

1 Peter 2.19-25

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10.1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

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Any items for the next notice sheet should be sent to notices@mardenvale.org.uk by 12 noon on Wednesday next.

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