

## 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.)

**14 May Sixth Sunday of Easter – Rogation Sunday**

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

<b>Services around the Benefice</b> 08:00 St Mary's Holy Communion 09:30 St John the Baptist, Foxham Parish Eucharist 10:00 St Mary's Parish Eucharist 11:00 Christ Church, Derry Hill Parish Eucharist 18:00 St Martin's, Bremhill Evensong	<b>Sunday 21 May – Seventh Sunday of Easter – Sunday after Ascension Day</b> 08:00 St Mary's Holy Communion 10:00 St Mary's Parish Eucharist 10:00 Holy Trinity Family Service 11:00 Christ Church, Derry Hill Parish Eucharist 18:00 Zoom Evening Prayer ( <a href="mailto:lindac@mardenvale.org.uk">lindac@mardenvale.org.uk</a> )
<b>Today's collect:</b> Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.	
<b>Post Communion Collect:</b> God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.	
<b>This week:</b> <b>Regular events:</b> <b>Tuesday Church House:</b> 10:00-11:30 SMUFs (St. Mary's Under Fives) Term time only. <b>Wednesday St. Mary's church:</b> 10:00 Holy Communion <b>Wednesday Church House:</b> 15:30 - 17:30 Wednesday Club for children aged 4-11. Term time only <b>Thursday St Mary's church:</b> 18:30 – 19:00 Christian Meditation <b>Friday St Mary's church:</b> 19:00 Choir Practice	<b>Other Notices:</b> <b>Wednesday 17 May Church House</b> 19:00 Standing Committee meeting. <b>Ascension Day - Thursday 18 May</b> 08:00 St. Mary's Church Holy Communion 19:30 Christ Church, Derry Hill Holy Communion <b>Friday 19 May Church House:</b> 10:00 – 13:00 why not drop in for a cuppa and a chat. 14:00 – 16:00 CAMEO - Come and Meet Each Other. 12:00 - <b>Holy Trinity Churchyard</b> interment of ashes the late Rosemary <u>Heather</u> Applgate. <b>Saturday 20 May St. Martin's, Bremhill –</b> We welcome the family and friends of Helen Carter and Joseph Lillington who are to be married today
<b>Please pray for:</b> 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. <u>Care for each other</u> - 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.	<b>Please pray for the family and friends of:</b> June Mizen, Ashley Cork, Linda Millen, Patricia Dunkerton, Denise Bennett, Mary Ayles, Pearl Russell and Barbara who have recently died and all those who mourn the loss of a loved one. <b>Pray too for:</b> 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.
<b>The Open Blue bus</b> is back visiting Calne on a Friday evening between 6 and 7pm. Working with the Rise Trust we are providing a safe space for young people to meet up, hang out and have fun. We provide hot chocolate and toasties and those on the bus can play the latest electronic games and challenge each other, or a volunteer, to a game of chess. We are looking for volunteers to join us. Do you care about the young people of Calne? Are you willing to chat with them, listen to them and take an interest in what is going on in their lives? Would you be able to be part of the team at least once a month? If you are up for helping or would like to find out more, please contact David Sandberg at <a href="mailto:djs@openblue.org.uk">djs@openblue.org.uk</a> or on 07738 474290. Who will talk you through the application process and training.	

### **Thy Kingdom Come 18-28 May 2023 (Ascension Day to Pentecost)**

Please pick up your 'Novena' prayer booklets supplied by the Thy Kingdom Come team in churches from this Sunday 14 May. This year the Novena is focused on verses from John's First Letter, 'a story of love, hope, challenge and peace.'  
During Thy Kingdom Come, we are also invited to 'Pray for Five', bringing friends, family, neighbours or colleagues before God in prayer, that they may come to know the love of God through Jesus.

## Help Needed

Are you free on a Tuesday morning between 9.30 and 11am? Help is needed on a rota basis to come to St Mary's Under Fives (SMUF's) to make tea and coffee for the adults and to prepare, serve and clear away children's snacks; usually fruit, crisps and cake. If you are able to help please contact Jenny Colby on 01249 819097

## Today's readings:

**Acts 17.22-31** Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

**1 Peter 3.13-22** Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your

defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**John 14.15-21** If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

**The Bishop of Ramsbury is pleased to announce that he has appointed the Revd Caspar Bush to be Team Rector of Marden Vale. Please pray for Caspar and his family as they prepare to move to Calne. The details about Caspar's licensing will be confirmed in due course.**

## Caspar writes:

*My wife Alice and I are really delighted to be on our way to the Marden Vale Benefice. I was so impressed at the commitment, enthusiasm and warmth of those I met when I came for interview, and I'm very much looking forward to being with you to work out together how our churches can best serve our communities in the years ahead. North Wiltshire feels quite like home for us - it's where Alice grew up, and where we were married, and it's close to our parents and our three adult children. I'm expecting to be licensed in September, but await a firm date from the Diocese.*

Contact us: Church House - 30, Church Street, Calne, SN11 0HU,  
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Any items for the next notice sheet should be sent to [notices@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto:notices@mardenvale.org.uk) by 12 noon on Wednesday next.

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