

**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.)

**10 December - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Purple)**

<p><b>Services around the Benefice</b>                  08:00 St Mary's Holy Communion                  09:30 St John the Baptist Foxham Holy Communion                  10:00 St Mary's Holy Communion                  11:00 Christ Church Derry Hill Parish Eucharist                  15:00 St Mary's Carol Service for St Mary's School –                  Rehearsal starts at 11:30</p>	<p><b>Sunday 17 December – Advent 3</b>                  08:00 St Mary's Holy Communion                  10:00 St Mary's Parish Eucharist                  10:00 Holy Trinity Quemerford Family Carol Service                  15:00 St Peter's Blackland Carol Service                  16:00 Christ Church Derry Hill Carol Service                  18:00 St Mary's Carol Service                  18:00 St Martin's Bremhill Carol Service</p>
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**Today's Collect:** Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

**Post Communion Collect:** Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Regular events:**  
**Tuesdays**  
**Church House** 10:00-11:30 SMUFs (St. Mary's Under Fives) Term time only.  
**Derry Hill (8 Barry Place)** 19:00: Bible Study group hosted by Rachel Collins  
**Wednesdays**  
**St Mary's church:** 10:00 Holy Communion  
**Church House:** 15:30 - 17:30 Wednesday Club for children aged 4-11. Term time only  
**Derry Hill church:** 18:00 Meditation; 19:30 Handbells  
**Thursdays**  
**Derry Hill church** 10:30 coffee & chat **St Mary's church:** 18:30 – 19:00 Christian Meditation  
**Fridays**  
**Bremhill Village Hall** 10:00 coffee & cake **Derry Hill church** 14:00 Crafternoon  
**St Mary's church:** 19:00 Choir Practice; 19:30 Bellringing

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**Other Notices:**  
**Monday 11 December**  
**St Mary's church** 09:30-12:00 Holy Trinity Academy Rehearsal for Carol Concert  
**St Mary's church** 18:00 Holy Trinity Academy Carol Concert  
**Tuesday 12 December**  
**St Mary's church, followed by Church House** 09:30 – 10:45 SMUFS Christmas celebration, with special guest appearance!  
**Church House** 14:00 C&B Mothers' Union meeting  
**Holy Trinity church** 18:00 Holy Trinity Academy KSI Christingle concert  
**Wednesday 13 December**  
**Holy Trinity church** 10:00 Funeral Service of the late Rowland Thompson  
**Thursday 14 December**  
**Holy Trinity church** 11:00 Funeral Service of the late Patricia Strange  
**St Mary's church** 19:30 – 21:00 Calne Choral rehearsal for Christmas concert  
**Friday 15 December**  
**Church House** 14:00-16:00 CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other) Tea, cakes, games and chat.  
**Saturday 16 December**  
**St Peter's church** 11:00 Wedding rehearsal for Alice Lovell and Christopher Postlethwaite  
**St Mary's church** 14:00 Calne Choral rehearsal for Christmas concert  
 19:30 Calne Choral Christmas concert  
**Church House** – used by the musicians for Calne Choral concert

**Please pray for:** Val Stiles, Morcia Ankcorn, Ian Liddle, Nicola Rigby and Debbie Smith

All those in need of God's healing.

**Please pray for the family and friends of:** Rowland Thompson, Patricia Strange, David Trueman and Tony Trotman  
All who have recently died; all who mourn the loss of a loved one; all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

**Pray too for:**

The people of Afghanistan, East Africa, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Morocco, Myanmar, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, Yemen and especially those who have become refugees because of conflict.

Israel & the people of Palestine in Gaza.

The victims of violence.

For those who have lost their homes because of natural disaster, extreme weather conditions or famine.

For those helping people and families in poverty.

We pray for all the children, young people and staff of our local schools.

Our Christmas Outward Giving this year is for The Christian Aid Middle East Crisis Appeal

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Zoom morning prayer for the whole benefice is at **8.30am every Friday morning**. Click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86707029064?pwd=MTlnaGM2bnNBRStYN3Q0Vi9STWxudz09>

Meeting ID: 867 0702 9064 Passcode: 123456

**Today's readings are:**

Isaiah 40.1-11

2 Peter 3.8-15a

Mark 1.1-8

If you would like to receive a Gluten Free wafer at Communion please let the Churchwardens or priest know before the service.

**Our Churches are open for private prayer:**

Bremhill - daily from 09:00-16:00

Derry Hill – Tues-Sat 09:00 -16:00 and Sundays 12:00-16:00

Foxham – Sundays 11:00 – 16:00

St Mary's – Wed 11:00 – 13:00 and Fri 14:00 – 16:00

**Advent 'in a bag'** This year's Advent bags are based on the poem 'The Four Candles' by Aino Makoto

<https://allpoetry.com/poem/496440-The-Four-Candles-by-Aino-Makoto> and are available to pick up in churches

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A BIG thank you to everyone on a very successful FOSM Coffee Morning. In the end we have raised over £900 thanks to a couple of anonymous donations and the sale of the Christmas cake.

We are very grateful to all those who baked for the cake stall, all those who gave donations, to Joanna for her wreaths, Rosemarie for her preserves and bags, all the stallholders and all who came.

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