

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.)

24 December - 4th Sunday of Advent - Christmas Eve

Services around the Benefice

10:00 St Mary's Spoken Holy Communion
15:00 Christ Church Derry Hill Carols and Crib
16:00 St Mary's Crib Service
18:00 Bowood Chapel Carol Service
21:00 St Martin's Bremhill Midnight Mass
23:00 St Mary's Midnight Mass

Sunday 31 December – First Sunday of Christmas

08:00 St Mary's Holy Communion
11:00 Christ Church Derry Hill Parish Eucharist
The readings are:
Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3
Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 2.15-21

Today's Collect: Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Collect: Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Regular events:

Tuesdays

Church House SMUFs (St. Mary's Under Fives) *the next meeting will be on 9 January 2024*

Derry Hill (8 Barry Place) No Bible Study group this week

Wednesdays

St Mary's church: 10:00 Holy Communion – *There is no Communion Service on 27 December*

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

Monday 25 December – Christmas Day – Gold or white

09:30 St John the Baptist Foxham Family Communion

09:30 St Peter's Blackland Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 St Mary's Parish Eucharist

11:00 St Martin's Bremhill Family Communion

10:00 Holy Trinity Quemerford Holy Communion by extension

11:00 Christ Church Derry Hill Family Communion

Collect for Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.

Readings for Midnight Mass

Isaiah 52.7-10

Hebrews 1.1-4 [5-12]

John 1.1-14

Readings for Christmas Day

Isaiah 9.2-7

Titus 2.11-14

Luke 2.1-14

Please note that the Office in Church House will be closed from 13:00 on Friday 22 December until 09:00 Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Christ Church Derry Hill – on Thursday 28 December at 11:00 - Funeral Service of the late Valerie (Val) Stiles
Friday 29 December at 10:15, Family committal at West Wiltshire Crematorium.

On Friday 29 December 09:30 – 12 noon - Calne & District Community Link Scheme will be holding their monthly meeting in Church House.

Volunteers required to help maintain the transport and caring services provided for the community.

For further information call 07715 587606, email: calnelink@outlook.com or visit calnelinkscheme.org.uk

Please pray for: Morcia Ankcorn and Debbie Smith

All those in need of God's healing.

Please pray for the family and friends of: Val Stiles and Peter Howell

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.

There will be no Zoom morning prayer meeting on Friday 29 December

Today's readings are:

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

Romans 16.25-27

Luke 1.26-38

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

Many thanks to all who took part in the FOSM Christmas Quiz and congratulations to Carrie Keller who was the winner.

Contact us: Church House - 30, Church Street, Calne, SN11 0HU,

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