

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.)

3 December - Advent Sunday (Purple)

Services around the Benefice 08:00 St Mary's Holy Communion 10:00 St Mary's Parish Eucharist 10:00 Holy Trinity Family Service 10:00 Christ Church Derry Hill Holy Communion 10:30 Christ Church Derry Hill Family Service 18:00 St Martin's Bremhill Benefice Advent Service	Sunday 10 December – Advent 2 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
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Today's Collect: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Collect: O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; 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

Other Notices:

Monday 4 December

West Wilts Crematorium 11:45 Funeral Service of the late Thomas Cowden

Holy Trinity church 13:30 – 15:00 Holy Trinity Academy KSI Dress Rehearsal for Nativity

Tuesday 5 December

Holy Trinity church 14:00 Holy Trinity Academy KSI Nativity

Wednesday 6 December

Holy Trinity church – 10:30 Interment of Ashes for the late Denise Andrews

Holy Trinity church 14:00 Holy Trinity Academy KSI Nativity

St Mary's church 18:30 Decorating the Christmas Tree – Contact Andy Miller 07977 095 914 Generously donated by The Bowood Estate.

Thursday 7 December

Holy Trinity church 14:00 Holy Trinity Academy KSI Nativity

St Mary's church 18:30 Calne District Guides Christingle Service

Friday 8 December

St Mary's church 09:30 Holy Trinity Academy KS2 Rehearsal for Carol Concert

Holy Trinity church 14:00 Interment of Ashes for the late Robert Richardson

St Mary's church 17:00 Wedding Rehearsal for Josephine Hynes and Richard Allum

Saturday 9 December

Holy Trinity church 10:00 Visit by Cherhill Squirrels' group

St Mary's church – 12:00 We welcome the family and friends of William Dale who is to be Baptised today

St Mary's church – 15:00 We welcome the family and friends of Josephine and Richard who are to be married today.

Please pray for: 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: Patricia Strange, Denise Andrews and Thomas Cowden

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86707029064?pwd=MTlnaGM2bnNBRStYnN3Q0Vi9STWxudz09>

Meeting ID: 867 0702 9064 Passcode: 123456

Today's readings are:

Isaiah 64.1-9

I Corinthians 1.3-9

Mark 13.24-37

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

Thank you to Joanna for the wreath making event held on Wednesday in Church House. It was lovely to come together, learn new skills and spend time with each other.

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

A big Thank You to all who helped with the Calne Partnership of Churches stall on Saturday at the Christmas lantern parade. It was a great event.

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.

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

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