

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 26th April – Third Sunday of Easter

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Prayer Join with the Church of England Daily Prayer by visiting our website: www.mardenvale.org.uk and clicking on 'Pray' on the top line.

In the coming week please also pray for:

- all who are affected by coronavirus, for all who work on the frontline to keep us safe, to help the sick, to keep us fed...
- Lucy Aylen (YWAM) as she leads & teaches at Discipleship Training School
- the work of Christian Aid, particularly health care in Sierra Leone
- our brothers and sisters in Sudan & South Sudan; in Yemen
- all who are sick, awaiting diagnosis, those in hospital. Especially we pray for: **Mark Steele, Christine Gundry, Mark Jennings, Lynne Cottrell, Rob Simons, Len Jones, Jacob Maloy, Paul Crayford, David Bates, Jennifer Pope, Helen Lewis, Jackson Goodship, Jane Jordan, Angela Barker, Liz Kinch, Doreen Williams, Bill Norman, Brenda Beint, Peter Lansdell, Sonia Strange and Ruth Parker.**
- All who have recently died, the bereaved, & all whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We remember especially Alan Wilcox, Barbara Sampson (Carol's mum) and Bob Straker-Cook.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East, The Most Revd Michael Lewis –Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf.

Today's service in the Marden Vale Team at 10am
<https://youtu.be/PCFfVqSC4vE> An act of worship led by members of the Marden Vale Team.

If you are able, please look at the website
www.mardenvale.org.uk
and Derry Hill's Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/christchurchdh/posts/>

Contact Linda on 01249 817926 or email
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Also available:

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

"We had hoped..." Prof. Jennifer Strawbridge and the Rev. Dr. Steve Nolan explore the place of hope in times of despair. They reflect on the Road to Emmaus and how it speaks to us today.

9am Join Rev. Kate Bottley for a Sunday service with BSL on the Church of England's website

11am Sunday Worship from Hereford with the Rt. Rev. Rose Hudson-Wilkin on BBC1

1.15pm Songs of Praise on BBC1

Christian Pilgrimage with Sean Fletcher

Bells

If you have been missing the sound of church bells why not tune in to 'Bells on Sunday' on Radio 4 at 5.43am (this week from St Maunanus & St Stephen in Mawnan, Cornwall)? Or follow this link and listen online at a time to suit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000hmy9>



Calne Food Bank is currently based at Church House, Church St., Calne. It is open from 12-4pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Light a Candle

May I encourage you to continue this practice of praying, and lighting a candle and placing it in a window as a sign of hope each Sunday evening?

Funeral

Bob Straker-Cook's funeral takes place on Tuesday 28th April at 11am. You may wish to light a candle at this time to remember Bob and to pray for Dawn and the family.

The readings for the third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.'

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned

to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Collect

Risen Christ,

you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us also to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

For our younger folk

This week we hear the story of two of the disciples who are on their way to Emmaus when they meet a stranger. But there's something about the way he explains the scriptures...and then they finally realise it's Jesus. He's alive! The disciples rush back to their friends in Jerusalem to share the message of new life and hope. You can see this story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndtnZV-5QTo>

Why not make some footprints to remember the story? Draw round your feet on some paper or card.

Cut out the shapes and decorate them. Write "Jesus walks with me" on one foot, and "I walk with Jesus" on the other one. A message of hope and to know we are never alone is something we all need right now.

