

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 3rd May – Fourth 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 Ayles (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 Barbara Sampson (Carol's mum) and Bob Straker-Cook. We remember Ellie Gould who died on 3rd May last year, praying for her family and all the families affected by this terrible tragedy.

For a beautiful version of 'The Lord's my shepherd' by Stuart Townend <https://youtu.be/pN4tPKX0MGO>

Today's service in the Marden Vale Team

<https://youtu.be/henyPuBEB4s> 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 marks the 800th anniversary of the founding of the new cathedral in Salisbury. See also link below.

9am Join Paula Gooder to mark Vocations Sunday (with BSL) on [the Church of England's website](https://www.churchofengland.org/)

10.45am Sunday Worship from Bangor Cathedral with the Very Revd Kathy Jones on BBC1

1.15pm Songs of Praise on BBC1

Faith and Farming with Revd Kate Bottley

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 All Saints, Writtle in Essex)? Or follow this link and listen online at a time to suit:



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

A picture commissioned by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers has found a permanent home:

<https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/news/ringers-remembered-finds-a-home-in-salisbury>

Salisbury Cathedral 800th anniversary

<https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/news/cathedral-celebrates-800th-anniversary-despite-lockdown>

Please pass this number on to anyone you know who might appreciate it, especially those without internet.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



The readings for the fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10:1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

For our younger folk

Today we are thinking about Jesus the Good Shepherd. Find the story on Derry Hill's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/christchurchdh/posts/>
or A Church Near You:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9629/> DH

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9617/> BH

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9618/> Fox

and watch the Lego 23rd Psalm here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llFrBErIFOU>

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?

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

VE Day 2020 75th Anniversary

An online service from the Marden Vale Team will be available on Friday 8th May – details to follow.