

The Marden Vale Team Ministry  
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity 3

*This Sunday we are marking the patronal festival of St. Peter's,  
Blackland (29<sup>th</sup> June is the Feast of St. Peter the Apostle)*

**Today's services in the Marden Vale Team:**

Morning Prayer/Matins from St Peter, Blackland:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avRCdKeg-ro>  
The Ven. Dr. Sue Groom is our preacher

**For our younger folk**

This week we hear the story of Peter the Rock.  
You can find it on Derry Hill's Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/christchurchdh/poets/> or <https://vimeo.com/433094887>



Also available:

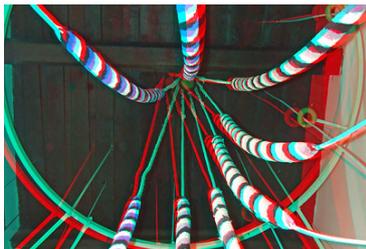
**8.10am** Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4 with John Bell of the Iona Community.

**9am** on [the Church of England's website](http://thechurchofengland.org) led by Rev. Chris Lee of St. Saviour's, Wendell Park.

**1.15pm** Songs of Praise on BBC1 with Claire McCollum.

**Bells**

Tune in to 'Bells on Sunday' on Radio 4 at 5.43am: Saints Peter and Paul, Kingsbury in Warwickshire  
Or follow this link and listen later online:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000j139>

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**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?

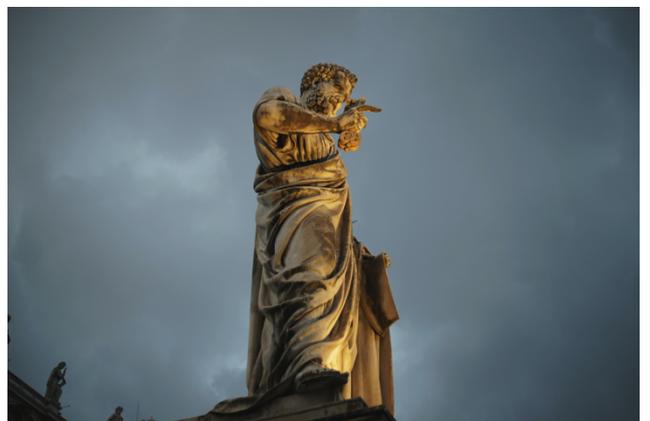
**Prayer** Join with the Church of England Daily Prayer by visiting our website: [www.mardenvale.org.uk](http://www.mardenvale.org.uk) and clicking on 'Pray' on the top line.

***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...

- those who are anxious, exhausted, isolated. May those whose mental health is fragile be able to access the counselling, medication and support they need
- our local schools: the children and young people, staff and governors. We pray especially for Derry Hill Primary and headteacher Hayley Roberts
- local shops and businesses as they begin to open up...and those hoping to trade again
- Kingston House residents and all who work there
- Lucy Ayles (YWAM) as she leads & teaches at Discipleship Training School
- the work of Christian Aid
- 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, Jennifer Pope, Helen Lewis, Jackson Goodship, Jane Jordan, Angela Barker, Liz Kinch, Doreen Williams, Bill Norman, Brenda Beint, Peter Lansdell, Sonia Strange, and Barbara Starr.**
- All who have recently died, the bereaved, & all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.
- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the united Church of North India, The Most Revd Dr Prem Chand Singh - Moderator of CNI & Bishop of Jabalpur.

**Calne Food Bank** is currently based at Church House, 30 Church St., Calne. 12-4pm on Tue & Fri.  
<https://www.calnefoodbank.co.uk>



St Peter outside the Basilica, Vatican, Rome

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Anthem: Tu es Petrus a 6 - Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQhPw8EtP5c>

## Readings and Prayers for St Peter:

### Matthew 16:13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter  
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:  
build up your Church upon this rock,  
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth  
and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Reflection

*A dear friend once told me that anyone who wishes to understand Christianity should read the Biblical accounts about Peter. What he meant was this:*

*We talk glibly about Christians as being 'good people', as if Christianity is a moral code some people keep (or pretend to keep). But if we look at Peter we will see things differently.*

*Here is a man in whom there is a desperate yearning for God, alongside a mix of human qualities and traits of goodness and badness. In Christ he met someone who was able to increase his longing for God. Following Christ fostered and increased in him his better nature; bringing out his loyalty and enthusiasm. And yet time and time again Peter was dragged down by the less noble aspects of his nature; his quick temper and abrasive manner, his capacity for cowardliness.*

*And yet despite these lapses and failures, Peter was, time and again, restored. This is Christianity – Christ inviting us again and again; Christ putting his confidence in us, Christ seeing who we really are.*

*"You are Peter...and on this rock I will build my church...feed my sheep, tend my lambs..."*

*Christ made Peter a different man. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter lived up to his name, Cephas, the rock.*

*To begin to understand Christianity is to open our hearts, our minds, our whole selves to the power of God to do his will in us and in the church – to restore us again...and again, and to use us to his Glory. Amen.*

## *We are pleased to welcome you to pray in church*

**Christ Church, Derry Hill is open for individual, private prayer for a maximum of 4 people at any one time**

The church will be open at the following times:

**Sunday: midday to 4pm**

**Tuesday to Saturday: 10am to 4pm**

### ***Please do:***

- ✓ use hand sanitiser (provided at entrance and exit)
- ✓ observe 2m social distance
- ✓ use the chairs at the front of church
- ✓ exit by the sanctuary door (front left of church)

### ***Please note:***

- there is no access to Toilet, Kitchen, Choir Vestry, Balcony, Font area, Children's Area or Pews
- avoid using altar rail
- wipes are available for chairs

***Please do not attend*** if you have symptoms of COVID-19 (new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of or change in your normal sense of taste or smell)

You will notice that no Bibles, books, leaflets, devotional items, candles, lighters, pens etc are available. This is to minimise any risk of transmission of COVID-19.

External and internal doors will be kept open to minimise the need to touch door handles.

All accessible areas will be cleaned when the church is closed each day.

As Christ Church will be open for between 4-6 hours six days a week there should be ample opportunity for people to find the time and space to feel comfortable in this sacred space.

We will continue to review our arrangements with reference to Diocesan, Church of England and Government advice.

***Thank you***

***Rev. Linda Carter and Derry Hill PCC***

### **Keeping in touch**

If you are able, please look at the website

[www.mardenvale.org.uk](http://www.mardenvale.org.uk)

and Derry Hill's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/christchurchdh/posts/>

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