

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 16th August – Trinity 10

Today's services in the Marden Vale Team:

10am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church, Derry Hill

Online service from St Mary's, Calne will be available later on Sunday

For our younger folk

This week, the story of Jacob and forgiveness



Also available:

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

9am [Church of England online](#)

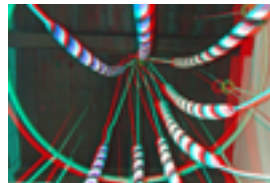
1.15pm Songs of Praise on BBC1

Bells

Tune in to 'Bells on Sunday' on Radio 4 at 5.43am: from St Mary Redcliffe.

Or listen later [online](#)

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Calne Food Bank is currently based at Church House, 30 Church St., Calne: 12-4pm Tue & Fri, 10am-1pm Wed
<https://www.calnefoodbank.co.uk>

Also this week:

Christ Church, Derry Hill will be **closed** for private prayer.

The funeral of Pearl Taylor takes place in Christ Church, Derry Hill on Thu 20th Aug at 2.30pm

Next week:

Parish Eucharist 10am at St John the Baptist, Foxham

Christ Church, Derry Hill is open for individual private prayer from Tue 25th to Sat 29th Aug 10am to 4pm and Sun 30th Aug 12pm to 4pm

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 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:

- the people of Lebanon and Belarus
- 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
- the churches which are opening in the next few weeks in the Marden Vale Team, that arrangements go smoothly for safe, prayerful worship
- our local schools: for rest and refreshment during the summer holiday
- 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 Aylen (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 died in recent weeks, remembering especially Maurice Stokes, Pearl Taylor and Yvonne Bailey; the bereaved, and all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.
- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church, The Most Revd Mark Strange - Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church & Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness.



Ride + Stride 2020 is due to take place on 12th September, although it is possible that the event may be cancelled if government advice or local circumstances make this necessary.

If you would like to take part, please contact your parish organiser:

Derry Hill – Richard Aylen 01249 814632
Bremhill - David Stevens 01249 815337

You can find details of how to sponsor Richard & Mary Aylen [here](#)

Readings for Trinity 10:

Psalm 67 Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: [10-20], 21-28

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples
to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 67

*To the leader: with stringed instruments.
A Psalm. A Song.*

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
Selah
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Selah

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Matthew 15:10-20

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

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 usually be open at the following times:

when there is no Sunday service:

Sunday: midday to 4pm

Tuesday to Saturday: 10am to 4pm

the week following a Sunday service:

Thursday to Saturday: 10am to 4pm

There may be times when the church remains closed eg after a funeral service so please check the notices, noticeboard or website.

*Rev Linda Carter,
Derry Hill, Bremhill and Foxham PCCs.*

A Prayer for VJ Day

God our Father,
in the dying and rising of your Son Jesus Christ,
you have brought life and salvation out of
cruelty and death.

We mark Victory in Japan in gratitude for the courage of
the Allied forces who suffered for freedom in the Far East
campaign and in sorrow for all that hinders the coming of
your kingdom of peace.

Give us wisdom to learn from the bitter memories of war,
and hearts that long for the unity of all nations.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus,
in whom there is no east or west, no north or south,
but one fellowship of love across the whole earth. Amen.

In church this Sunday we will commemorate VJ Day. It is 75 years since the fighting ceased in the Far East and World War II finally came to an end.

We must remember; to pause and reflect on how wrong it is to treat human beings in the way so many captives were treated; to ponder on the terrible destructive power that lies in human hands. We must remember because as followers of Jesus Christ we must acknowledge that the gospel calls us to a better vision. The psalmist calls for God's saving power among all nations, and it begins with each one of us.

Keeping in touch

Website www.mardenvale.org.uk and Derry Hill's
[Facebook page](#)

Contact Linda on 01249 817926 or email
lindac@mardenvale.org.uk

Sunday worship in our churches

16th Aug Parish Eucharist at Christ Church, Derry Hill

23rd Aug Parish Eucharist at St John the Baptist,
Foxham

30th Aug Parish Eucharist at Christ Church, Derry Hill

Plans to re-open St Martin's, Bremhill will be considered once roof repairs are completed. Depending on how things go, it is hoped that a sustainable pattern of services including Morning Worship, Parish Eucharist and Evensong will evolve around the parishes to take us through the next few months.

Where a Sunday service has taken place in church, that building will be closed for **72 hours** after the service to minimise the amount of cleaning required. We plan to review safety procedures after each service in response to attendee numbers and behaviours, so please check service details and information on our website, Facebook page and Noticeboard.

Our main priorities are the health and safety of our community, so things will not be quite the same as usual, but we recognise the importance, for many, of meeting together in worship so have put together this brief explanation of what to expect.

Q. How is the church managing social distancing?

A. We have assessed the seating capacity and space available and worked out the best way to seat everyone to maintain **2 metre distancing**. There will be markings on the path and on the floor inside church. A Churchwarden will be on hand to welcome you and show you where to sit. At the end of the service, please remain in your seat until you are asked to make your way to the exit.

Q. Do I have to book in advance?

A. It would help us to know if you intend to come to a service so that we can maintain safe social distancing. We ask that you telephone **01249 817926** or email lindac@mardenvale.org.uk before **8pm on Saturday** evening to check availability.

Q. Will services be at the normal time?

A. Morning services will be at **10am**. Evensong (when available) will be at **6pm**.

Q. Can I sit with my family or a friend?

A. People from the same household or "bubble" can sit together. Everyone else will need to observe appropriate social distancing at all times.

Q. Will there be communion?

A. Services will vary but where communion is offered this will be wafers only. Distribution will be carefully controlled to minimise transmission risks according to government and church guidelines.

Q. Will the hymn books be sanitised?

A. Sadly, hymn singing is not allowed at the moment, so all hymn books and bibles will be removed.

There will, however, be music to listen to.

Q. I usually give cash in the plate when I come to church. I believe this is not advised. What can I do to support the work of the church?

A. We would prefer not to have to expose our volunteers to handling cash but we desperately do need your support. Please take a moment to look at the [If you prefer to leave cash Parish Giving Scheme](#) please do use the collection plate by the main entrance.

Q. Do I need to provide contact details?

A. In order to support the NHS Test and Trace programme, we are taking contact details (name and tel no.) for all visitors, as well as recording times entering and leaving the church building.

In line with guidance issued by the Department for Health and Social Care, we will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else.

Q. Will I be able to talk to my friends after the service?

A. To minimise risk, services will be shorter than normal, and the church will be closed promptly. Catching up with friends is better done outdoors. We ask that you do not obstruct the aisles or exits to allow everyone to leave safely. **It is obviously vital to obey social distancing guidelines at all times.**

Q. Will it be safe to come?

A. We have carefully assessed the risks of bringing us together and have put in place measures to control and minimise the risk of transmission of the virus. However, it is not possible to eliminate risks completely – everyone attending must evaluate their own circumstances and act accordingly. We all have a responsibility to act responsibly to ensure the safety of everyone else.

Please do:

- use the hand sanitizer provided when you arrive and when you leave
- comply with social distancing rules – keep 2 metres apart whenever possible
- cover your nose and mouth if you sneeze or cough – take your tissues home to dispose of them there

Q. Should I wear a face covering in a church building?

A. From 8th August face coverings **must** be worn by all those attending a place of worship.

If you do not feel it is safe or if you feel unwell – please do stay at home and enjoy the

