

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 23rd August – Trinity 11

Today's services in the Marden Vale Team:

10am Parish Eucharist at St John the Baptist, Foxham.

Online service from St Peter's churchyard, Calne & Blackland will be available later on Sunday.

For our younger folk this week, the story of Moses (Click on the picture)



Also available:

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

9am [Church of England online](#)

1.15pm Songs of Praise on BBC1

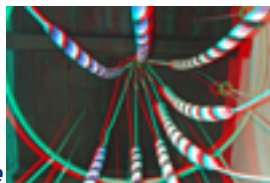
Bells

Tune in to 'Bells on Sunday' on Radio 4 at 5.43am:

from St Nicholas, Sandhurst.

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 until 29th August (see below).

The funeral of Maurice Stokes takes place in

Christ Church, Derry Hill on Tue 25th Aug

The funeral of Yvonne Bailey takes place in Bremhill churchyard on Wed 26th August

Further ahead:

Sun 30th Aug Parish Eucharist 10am at Christ Church, Derry Hill

Christ Church, Derry Hill is open for individual private prayer on Sat 29th Aug 10am - 4pm and Thu 3rd Sept to Sat 5th Sept 10am - 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 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, Barbara Starr, Liesl York**
- 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 Church of the Province of South East Asia, The Most Revd Melter Tais - Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of Sabah.

We also remember the four young men who tragically lost their lives in the car accident in Derry Hill last Sunday. Please pray for the families, friends and colleagues of Ryan, Corey, Matthew and Jordan. Pray too for the householders, neighbours, emergency services responders and all who have been affected.

*God, in our pain and loss
help us to hold one another in love.
Like a loving parent, strengthen us, comfort us.
Enable our tears, hear our cries.
Help us to live through our doubt.
Teach us the truth that the darkness has never
overcome the light of your love.
Help us to care for each other
and to love each other through this grief. Amen.*

Readings for Trinity 11:

*Psalm 138 Isaiah 51: 1-6 Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20*

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Matthew 16:13-20

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.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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.*



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

Foxham - Elizabeth Hannah 01249 740619

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

A reflection on Isaiah 51:1-6 is available [here](#)
You will notice some of it is peaceful, some of it is noisy because of the windy conditions and passing traffic. But I feel this chimes with how life is for us.
“Remember the Rock from which you were hewn”
written by Kate McIlhagga from the Iona Community.
The music is “Together” by Debbie Wiseman, played by Carol Rigby.

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

30th Aug Parish Eucharist at Christ Church, Derry Hill

6th Sept 10am at St John the Baptist, Foxham

13th Sept 10am 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

