

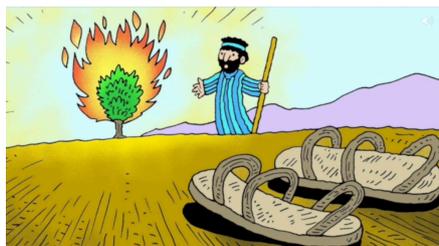
The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 30th August – Trinity 12

Today's services in the Marden Vale Team:

10am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church, Derry Hill.

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

For our younger folk this week, the story of Moses & the Burning Bush



Also available:

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

9am [Church of England online](#)

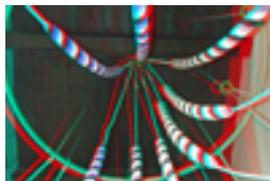
12.25pm Songs of Praise on BBC1

Bells

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

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



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](#)

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 farming community, all food producers
- all those affected by Hurricane Laura, storms and flooding
- the Amazon region affected by fire
- 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 preparations for returning to school for teachers, children and parents
- local shops and businesses
- 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, Barbara Starr, Liesl York**
- All who have died in recent weeks, remembering especially Ryan, Corey, Matthew and Jordan, the bereaved, and all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.
- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the united Church of South India, The Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam - Moderator of CSI & Bishop of South Kerala.

Also this week:

Christ Church, Derry Hill will be **open** for private prayer from Thu 3rd to Sat 5th Sept 10am to 4pm
There will be access to the church porch Tue 1st and Wed 2nd 10am-4pm

Further ahead:

Sun 6th Sept 10am at St John the Baptist, Foxham
Sun 13th Sept 10am Harvest Service at Christ Church, Derry Hill
Sun 20th Sept 10am Morning Prayer at St John the Baptist, Foxham

Readings for Trinity 12:

Psalms 105:1-6,23-26 Jeremiah 15:15-21

Romans 12:9-end Matthew 16:21-end

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 12:9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

We are pleased to welcome you to pray in church

Christ Church, Derry Hill is open for individual, private prayer (maximum 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.*

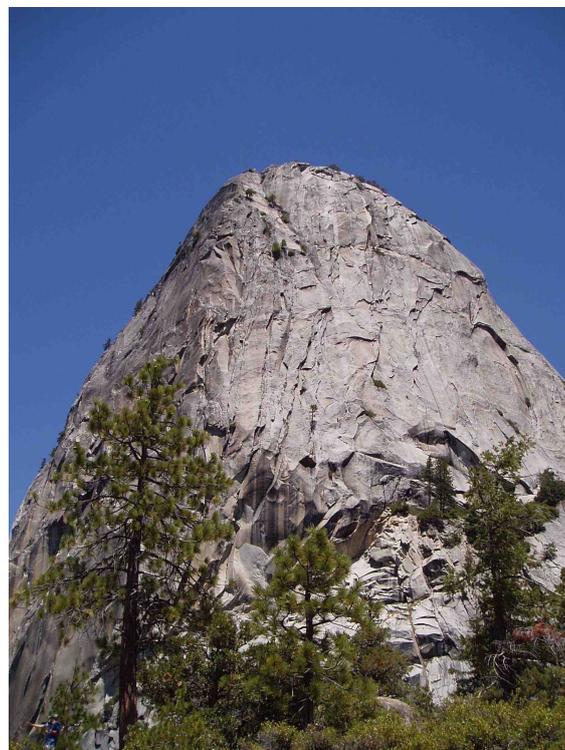
From The Vicarage: A meditation on Matthew 16:21-28

'Rock and Stumbling Block' by Jan Sutch Pickard of the Iona Community.

'Gabriel's Oboe' by Ennio Morricone played by Carol Rigby

Images: Yosemite by Richard and Linda Carter

Another perspective: Tenth Avenue North



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

6th Sept 10am at St John the Baptist, Foxham
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20th Sept 10am Morning Prayer at St John the Baptist,
Foxham

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 online services from the Marden Vale Team

