

**The Marden Vale Team Ministry**  
**Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill**  
**Sunday 6th September – Trinity 13**

**Today's services in the Marden Vale Team:**  
10am Parish Eucharist at St John the Baptist, Foxham

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's, Calne

**Prayer** Join 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:***

- the farming community, all food producers
- all those affected by 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
- our local schools: 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, Sonia Strange, Barbara Starr, Liesl York, Averil Davis**
- 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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa, and The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba - Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa.

**Also this week:**

Christ Church, Derry Hill will be **open** for private prayer on Sun 6th Sept midday to 4pm and from Tue 8th to Sat 12th Sept 10am to 4pm

**Further ahead:**

Sun 13th Sept 10am Harvest Service at Christ Church, Derry Hill  
Sun 20th Sept 10am Morning Prayer at St John the Baptist, Foxham  
Sun 27th Sept 10am at Christ Church, Derry Hill

**Keeping in touch**

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

Contact Linda on 01249 817926 or email [lindac@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto:lindac@mardenvale.org.uk)

**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?



Also available:

**8.10am** Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

**9am** [Church of England online](#)

**1.15pm** Songs of Praise on BBC1

**Bells**

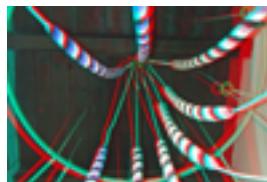
Tune in to 'Bells on Sunday'

on Radio 4 at 5.43am:

from Tavistock Parish Church

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

**Readings for Trinity 13:** Psalm 119:33-40   Ezekiel  
33:7-11   Romans 13:8-14   Matthew 18:15-20

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### Matthew 18:15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

*Just a thought...*

*What difference would it make if we remembered that Jesus is in the midst of everything we do as a church community, everything we talk about, every decision we make? What would our church meetings be like if we remembered that Jesus is among us, as we make decisions about the money we spend, what we spend it on, how much we give, who we should give to. And Jesus is among us as we decide what kind of services to have, what our preferences are. And Jesus is among us when we talk about our vision for the future...? And what do you think it means to "let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector." Is this about exclusion or restoration? What does Paul say about love..?*

### 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.*

### Harvest Services:

Christ Church, Derry Hill: 13th Sept at 10am

St John the Baptist, Foxham: 4th Oct 6pm

St Martin, Bremhill: to be confirmed

Although we will not be able to receive offerings of food or produce in our churches this year, may we encourage you to take any food donations directly to the Food Bank in Calne or by making a financial donation to them via their website (see details above).

We will of course be giving thanks to and asking for God's blessing on our farming communities and food producers. Even though congregational singing is not permitted there will be music for the Harvest season. Numbers in church will be limited so you will need to book a place if you wish to attend. Please ring Linda on 01249 817926 or email [lindac@mardenval.org.uk](mailto:lindac@mardenval.org.uk)

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

We were unable to hold the scheduled APCMs at Bremhill and Foxham due to the lockdown restrictions. It is now planned to hold the APCM for Foxham in church on Sunday 18th October after the 10am service, and for Bremhill in the Village Hall on Tuesday 20th October at 7pm. We hope to make it possible for those who are unable to attend the Bremhill meeting in person to participate online.

If you would like to serve as a member of the PCC please contact the PCC Secretary for the relevant forms:

Foxham PCC Jenny Wilton 01249 740279

Bremhill PCC Thelma Cox [thelmacox46@outlook.com](mailto:thelmacox46@outlook.com)

*Click here to listen to Ubi caritas sung by Kings Return*

*Translation:*

*Where charity and love are, God is there.*

*Christ's love has gathered us into one.*

*Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.*

*Let us fear, and let us love the living God.*

*And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

## **Sunday worship in our churches**

13th Sept 10am Harvest at Christ Church, Derry Hill  
20th Sept 10am Morning Prayer at St John the Baptist,  
Foxham  
27th 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> 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/reflections from the Marden Vale Team

