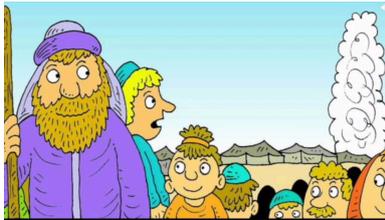


The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 13th September – Trinity 14

Today's services in the Marden Vale Team:
10am Harvest Thanksgiving at Christ Church,
Derry Hill
9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's, Calne

For our younger folk this week, the story of Moses - in the desert



Also available:

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

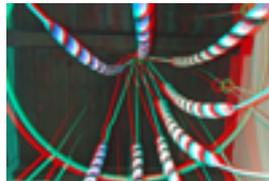
9am [Church of England online](#)

1.15pm Songs of Praise on BBC1

Bells

Tune in to 'Bells on Sunday' on Radio 4 at 5.43am: from St Thomas', Norbury in Hazel Grove, Stockport
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

Also this week:

Christ Church, Derry Hill will be **open** for private prayer on:

Thu 17th & Fri 18th Sept 10am to 4pm

Tue 22nd to Sat 26th Sept 10am to 4pm

Further ahead:

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

Sun 27th Sept 10am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church, Derry Hill

Sun 4th Oct 6pm Harvest Evensong at St John the Baptist, Foxham



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 storms and flooding
- the Amazon region affected by fire
- regions of the US affected by wildfires
- 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 South America, and The Most Revd Gregory James

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?

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

Today's Readings for Harvest: Genesis 1:9-13, 29-31a John 6:1-13

Collect

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Genesis 1:9-13,29-31a

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

John 6:1-13

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

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@mardenvale.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



Sunday worship in our churches

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

27th Sept 10am at Christ Church, Derry Hill

4th Oct 6pm Harvest Evensong 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/reflections from the Marden Vale Team