

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 18th October – Luke the Evangelist

Today's service:

10am Morning Prayer - St John the Baptist, Foxham

Also this week:

Private prayer at Christ Church, Derry Hill
Sun 18th Oct 12-4pm
Tue 20th - Sat 24th Oct 10am - 4pm
Church - 4 people at any one time

See our COVID-19 [Worship FAQs](#) here

Also available:

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4 from Croydon Minster

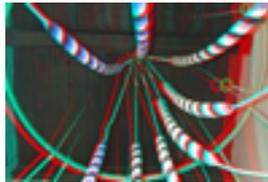
9am Church of England online

1.15pm Songs of Praise on BBC1 from Cheddar Gorge

Bells

Tune in to 'Bells on Sunday' from St Thomas the Martyr in Oxford on Radio 4 at 5.43am. Or listen later online

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Forthcoming Services

25th Oct 10am Morning Prayer with Baptism at Christ Church, Derry Hill

1st Nov 10am Parish Eucharist at St John the Baptist, Foxham
10am Evening Prayer at St Martin's, Bremhill

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**

Bremhill via Zoom on Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm.

If you would like to serve as a member of the PCC, Deanery Synod or as Church Warden please contact the PCC Secretary for the relevant forms:

Foxham PCC Jenny Wilton 01249 740279
Bremhill PCC Thelma Cox

Keeping in touch

Website www.mardenvale.org.uk

Derry Hill's [Facebook page](#)

Contact Linda on 01249 817926

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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:

- all those affected by storm, flood and fire
- the people of Paris and the family of Samuel Paty
- the people of Lebanon in the wake of another explosion, and Belarus as unrest continues
- an end to the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan
- 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 staff, children and parents
- local shops and businesses
- 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, Helen Lewis, Jackson Goodship, Jane Jordan, Angela Barker, Liz Kinch, Doreen Williams, Bill Norman, Brenda Beint, Sonia Strange and Barbara Starr.**
- All who have died in recent weeks, the bereaved, and all whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We remember especially Tom George who died last week and keep Rosemary in our prayers
- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Episcopal Church, and The Most Revd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

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.

Calne Food Bank is currently based at Church House, 30 Church St., Calne: 12-4pm Tue & Fri, 10am-1pm Wed
Visit [Calne Food Bank](#) for more information on how to donate.

You can find out how to support your local church through the [Parish Giving Scheme](#)

**Readings for Luke the Evangelist: Psalm 147:1-7
Isaiah 35:3-6 2 Timothy 4:5-17 Luke 10:1-9**

Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 35:3-6

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

Luke 10:1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Reflection

Luke the Evangelist. What pops into your head when you hear the word 'evangelist' or 'evangelism'? Do you think "I'd like to know more" or are you running for the hills? Or maybe you're thinking "I'll leave that to others who have more experience of these things"?

There's a story about the angels having a meeting in heaven at the first Christmas:

"So, run that past me again Gabriel. The great holy one, creator of all that is, will enter the world as a helpless baby. He will preach and teach and heal the sick and raise the dead and be killed. And after he is

raised to life he will return to heaven. And some uneducated fishermen and assorted 'characters' will chat to people about him...that's the 'strategy'?"

Not exactly a slick campaign, or foolproof. Lord Sugar would be apoplectic. And yet...

Today, Luke tells us in his gospel account that Jesus sent the disciples out into the harvest, to tell that the kingdom of God has come near. No fanfare, just themselves and the story they had to tell.

More often than not, we practise a quiet evangelism of presence and conversation: sitting with those who are sad, reading to someone who is sick, making a telephone call, praying with someone, listening to someone's story, a touch of the hand, saying 'I'm sorry', saying 'I forgive you', telling a truth gently, an invitation to supper, sharing how 'good news' came to us. Barbara Brown Taylor calls this gospel medicine. (*The Healing Word*)

Sharing hospitality with people around us, taking care of them when they need it, sharing what we have and what we know, and letting them do the same for us.

Speaking the gospel through and with the one who is for us, makes people whole, and tells them that the kingdom of God is very near to us.



<https://www.wikiart.org/en/guido-reni/saint-luke-1621>

All Souls

The church will be open on **Sunday 1st November from 10am to 4pm**. This will be an opportunity for those who wish to come and light a candle, lay a sprig of rosemary, and spend some time in prayer to remember a loved one. Our COVID-19 protocols will apply (face covering, hand sanitiser, 2m social distancing) and there will be safe space for 6 individuals at any one time in church.

For those who would prefer not to come into the building, you will be able to do these things in the churchyard. There will also be some wooden crosses available to hang on the yew arch as a symbol of remembrance.

There will also be a recorded service online and I will send a link nearer the time.

If you are unable to attend we will light a candle in church for your loved one. Please pass names of loved ones to be remembered to Linda as soon as possible.

