

**The Marden Vale Team Ministry**  
**Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill**  
**Sunday 1st November – All Saints' Day**

**Today's services for All Saints' Day:**

10am Parish Eucharist St John the Baptist, Foxham  
6pm Evening Prayer St Martin's, Bremhill

**Keeping All Souls' Day at Christ Church, Derry Hill today between 10am-4pm**

The church will be open 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 (or Porch if it is very wet and windy). There will also be some wooden crosses available to hang on the yew arch as a symbol of remembrance.

If you are unable to attend we will light a candle in church for your loved one.

Also a virtual [All Souls' Service](#) from the Marden Vale Team

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

Also available:

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

**9am** Church of England online

**1.15pm** Songs of Praise on BBC1 from Dundee

**Bells**

Tune in to 'Bells on Sunday' from St Nicholas, Cuddington, Bucks., on Radio 4 at 5.43am. Or listen

**Forthcoming Remembrance Services**

**8th Nov** 9.30am St John the Baptist, Foxham  
10.45am Christ Church, Derry Hill

**11th Nov** 10.45am St Martin's, Bremhill

Please contact Rev'd Linda Carter to book a seat

**Prayer at Christ Church, Derry Hill**

Please note that during the winter months the church will be open for prayer each week from:

**Thursday to Saturday, 10am-3pm.**

When there is no Sunday service, the church will be open from midday to 3pm on those Sundays.

Would you like to join a Zoom Group to explore The Bible? Using material from the Pilgrim Course, but most of all your questions and observations, the aim is exploration in an informal gathering. Meeting on **Thursday evenings 7-8.30pm from 12th November**. All welcome.

I will send out a Zoom link next week. Linda.

**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:**

- all who are affected by coronavirus, all who work on the frontline to keep us safe, to help the sick, to keep us fed...
- all those affected by storm, flood, fire and earthquake - especially Greece & Turkey
- the people of Nice after another horrific attack
- an end to the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan
- the people of Nigeria
- 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 as children and staff return after half-term
- 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, 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
- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa, The Most Revd Dr Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart - Primate & Metropolitan, Church of the Province of West Africa; Archbishop of the Internal province of West Africa and Bishop of Liberia

**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** at Church House, 30 Church St., Calne: 12-4pm Tue & Fri, 10am-1pm Wed  
Visit [Calne Food Bank](#) for more information.

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

**Keeping in touch** Contact Linda 01249 817926 or email [lindac@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto:lindac@mardenvale.org.uk)  
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Derry Hill's [Facebook page](#)

**Readings for All Saints' Day: Psalm 34:1-10 Revelation 7:9-17 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12**

### **Collect**

God of holiness,  
your glory is proclaimed in every age:  
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,  
inspire us to follow their example  
with boldness and joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Psalm 34:1-10**

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.  
O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
Look to him, and be radiant;  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,  
and was saved from every trouble.  
The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.  
O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him have no want.  
The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

### **Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,  
'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'  
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,  
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'  
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.'  
Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.  
For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

### **1 John 3:1-3**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should

be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### **Reflection**

People tell me: "I'm not good enough or brave enough to be a saint. And I certainly haven't performed any miracles." But I wonder? What do you think it means to be a saint? Perhaps we confuse saints with heroes. In this week's Church Times Angus Ritchie writes: 'Heroes are always the central figure in the story of their deeds. The saint, on the other hand, "is just a small character in a story that is always fundamentally about God" (Samuel Wells in Rupert Shortt's *God's Advocates*).' And the late Thomas Merton once said: "For me to be a saint means to be myself. Therefore the problem of sanctity and salvation is in fact the problem of finding out who I am and of discovering my true self."

Our vocation, our calling as Christians is surely to reflect God's great love, so that the world may see God. Not spectacular, just being our true self.

### **A last beatitude (Malcolm Guite)**

And blessed are the ones we overlook;  
The faithful servers on the coffee rota,  
The ones who hold no candle, bell or book  
But keep the books and tally up the quota,  
The gentle souls who come to 'do the flowers',  
The quiet ones who organise the fête,  
Church sitters who give up their weekday hours,  
Doorkeepers who may open heaven's gate.  
God knows the depths that often go unspoken  
Amongst the shy, the quiet, the kind,  
Or the slow healing of a heart long broken,  
Placing each flower so for a year's mind.  
Invisible on earth, without a voice,  
In heaven their angels glory and rejoice.

A hymn for All Saints' Day [For all the Saints](#)

A hymn for All Souls' Day [Be still my soul](#)

