

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 17th January – Second Sunday of Epiphany

Today's Services

Public worship is currently suspended in our churches.

An online service of Morning Prayer from the Marden Vale Team is available on YouTube [here](#)

There is also a short service of Morning Prayer via Zoom from Derry Hill Vicarage at 10am - link available via email.

Also available:

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

9am [Church of England online](#)

1.15pm Songs of Praise on BBC1 'Faith in Action'

Bells

Tune in to 'Bells on Sunday' on Radio 4 at 5.43am. Or listen later [online](#) From Holy Trinity, Ossett.

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 who are affected by coronavirus, all who work on the frontline to keep us safe, to help the sick, to keep us fed...
 - the vaccination programme in this country and across the world
 - for the people of the US, for the peaceful and orderly inauguration of Joe Biden on 20th January
 - all those affected by storm, flood, fire and earthquake, especially following the landslide in Norway and earthquake in Indonesia
 - shelter for the homeless and rough sleepers
 - fighting to cease and peace to prevail in all the places in the world marked by conflict and violence
 - 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 those learning online and those in the classroom, that everyone will be kept safe and healthy.
 - 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
 - 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, Barbara Starr, Elizabeth Hannah and Sarah Green.**
 - All who have died in recent weeks, the bereaved, and all whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We remember especially John Bevan and John Philip who have died in recent days.
 - **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for The Anglican Church of Australia
- Light a Candle** May I encourage you to continue this practice of praying, and placing a lit candle in a window as a sign of hope each Sunday evening.

Jacob's Ladder and Nathanael under the Fig Tree

Window in Christ Church, Derry Hill



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Private Prayer (1 individual or household at a time)

Christ Church, Derry Hill

Thur to Sat 10am-3pm Sun 12-3pm

St Martin's, Bremhill Daily 9am-4pm

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Readings for Second Sunday of Epiphany

Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You mark out my journeys and my resting place
and are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
so high that I cannot attain it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I thank you that I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;
already in your book were all my members written,

As day by day they were fashioned
when as yet there was none of them.

How deep are your counsels to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Revelation 5: 1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood you
ransomed for God

saints from every tribe and language and people
and nation;

you have made them to be a kingdom and priests
serving our God,

and they will reign on earth.'

John 1:43-end

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

To pray:

Dear Lord, I hear you calling: 'Come and see.'

I accept your challenge: 'Follow me.'

Open my eyes to see heaven,

Open my ears to hear your word,

Open my mouth to proclaim your glory. Amen.

To listen to:

['O God, you search me and you know me'](#) Ps 139

['Fearfully and wonderfully made'](#) Ps 139

['Listening'](#)

['Lion of Judah'](#)

1 Samuel 3
Revelation

