

**The Marden Vale Team Ministry**  
**Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill**  
**Sunday 28th February – The Second Sunday of Lent**

**Today's Services in the Marden Vale Team**

**Public worship is currently suspended in our churches.**

There is a short service of Morning Prayer via Zoom from Derry Hill Vicarage at 10am - email [lindac@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto:lindac@mardenvale.org.uk) for link.

An online service of Morning Prayer from the Marden Vale Team is available on YouTube [here](#) with a reflection from Rev Teresa Michaux.

Also available:

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

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

**11.15am** Sunday Worship with Rev Kate Bottley on BBC1

**1.15pm** Songs of Praise from Tintern Abbey on BBC2

**Bells**

Tune in to 'Bells on Sunday' on Radio 4 at 5.43am. Or listen later [online](#) from Truro Cathedral.

**Midweek Service**

There is a short service of Evening Prayer via Zoom from Derry Hill Vicarage every Wednesday at 5pm - link available via email as above.

**#Givethanks Coronavirus Appeal.**

Salisbury Diocese is partnering with Christian Aid to help people give thanks for their Covid-19 vaccine and help others in crisis across the world. The idea is to give people in our Diocese an opportunity to pass on the sense of relief and blessing at being vaccinated by making a donation to Christian Aid's **#Givethanks Coronavirus Appeal**.

More details [here](#)

The Calne Partnership of Churches is running a Lent Course - see details below. To order a book and to book a place please contact: Rev Sam King

[revsamking@talktalk.net](mailto:revsamking@talktalk.net)

Zoom meetings on Thursdays at 7pm, beginning 18th February.

**Calne Food Bank**

Open 12-4pm Tue & Fri, 10am-1pm Wed at:

4A Mill Street (previously Marden Cafe)  
Calne, SN11 8DP

Website: <https://www.calnefoodbank.co.uk/>

Tel: 07752 213029 Email:

[calnefoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:calnefoodbank@gmail.com)

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

**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...
- the vaccination programme in this country and across the world
- all those affected by storm, flood, fire and earthquake,
- 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 schools, for the children and staff as learning resumes after the half term break
- local shops and businesses
- Kingston House residents and all who work there
- Lucy Aylen in her work with YWAM, offering assistance with the vaccination programme in Papua New Guinea
- 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 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 Peter Harwood and Gillian Davis.
- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

**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.

**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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Derry Hill's [Facebook page](#)

**During Lent this year the Marden Vale Team is using a series of readings and symbols. Last week we focused on the wilderness. This week the theme is 'Hope' and the symbol is a flowering bulb or seeds.**

Watching a bulb grow reminds us of the miracle of hope and transformation that is the promise of Easter. The bulb changes, decaying as it transforms into a new life that we can't even really imagine when we plant it. Where is hope in your life? Where is mystery? What transformation do you hope for during the season of Lent? What things can you think of that change? Read the Parable of the Mustard Seed and the Parable of the Leavened Bread. (Matthew 13: 31-32, 33) Rev. Teresa Michaux offers a reflection on this theme in the online service noted above. If you have some seeds or flowering bulbs you might like to plant them to remind you of the hope which Jesus offers us.

### **Matthew 13:31-32, 33**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

### **Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent**

#### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
may we come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Psalm 22:23-end**

You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me,  
but heard when I cried to him.  
  
From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live for ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations

shall worship before him.  
For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow  
down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.  
Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

#### **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations

of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

#### **Mark 8:31-end**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.** For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

#### **To ponder...**

Dutch Catholic priest, Henri Nouwen met trapeze artists 'The Flying Rodleighs' who explained: "A flyer must fly, and a catcher must catch, and the flyer must trust, with outstretched arms, that his catcher will be there for him..."



A song by Tenth Avenue North '[Let it go](#)' explores this sense of letting go. Have a listen and see what you think.

But You say let it go, You say let it go  
You say life is waiting for the one to lose control  
You say you will be, everything I need  
You said if I lose my life it's then I'll find my soul  
You say let it go.