

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 7th March – The Third 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 for link.

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

Also available:

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

9am [Church of England online](#)

11.30am Sunday Worship with Rev Kate Bottley on BBC1

1.15pm Songs of Praise with Katherine Jenkins on BBC1

Bells

Tune in to 'Bells on Sunday' on Radio 4 at 5.43am. Or listen later [online](#) from St Mary's, Amersham.

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

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

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 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 they all return to school
- 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 Adrian Baker. Also Millie who died tragically in a road accident in Calne last Wednesday.
- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

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. This week the symbol is a stone or rock. While in the wilderness, Jesus was invited to transform stone into bread. Though he resisted the temptation there and then, he became justly renowned for feeding people who were hungry for food, or for love, or for a word of encouragement, or for simple acceptance. Might there be a stony place in you that needs transforming? Some attitude or habit that, with a little attention, might even become a gift for you and others?" Read the story of Zacchaeus. (Luke 19:1-10) Jesus transforms us and helps us make better choices. Is there a place in your life you could make better choices? Enid Powell offers a reflection on this theme in the online service noted above.

Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 19:7-end

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:
I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the
land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall
have no other gods before me.
You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the
form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on
the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the
earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship
them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God,
punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the
third and the fourth generation of those who reject
me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth
generation of those who love me and keep my
commandments.
You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the
Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone
who misuses his name.
Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six
days you shall labour and do all your work. But the
seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you
shall not do any work—you, your son or your

daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the
alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord
made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the
sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days
may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving
you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not
covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or
ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up
to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle,
sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at
their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them
out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also
poured out the coins of the money-changers and
overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the
doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my
Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered
that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'
The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us
for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this
temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then
said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-
six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he
was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was
raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he
had said this; and they believed the scripture and the
word that Jesus had spoken.

To ponder... Temple

(Augustine 354-430 Expositions of the Psalms)

God's temple is holy, and you are that temple: all you who
believe in Christ and whose belief makes you love him.

Real belief in Christ means love of Christ: it is not the
belief of the demons who believed without loving and
therefore despite their belief said: *What do you want with
us, Son of God?*

No; let our belief full of love for him we believe in, so that
instead of saying: *What do you want with us,* we may
rather say: *We belong to you, you have redeemed us.*

All who believe in this way are like the living stones which
go to build God's temple, and like the rot-proof timber
used in the framework of the ark which the flood waters
could not submerge. It is in this temple, that is, in
ourselves, that prayer is addressed to God and heard by
him.

**"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the
Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God?"
1 Corinthians 6:19**

*How do you hear God's commandments and John's
gospel in this light?*

