

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 28th March – Palm Sunday

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 for Palm Sunday from the Calne Partnership of Churches is available on YouTube [here](#)

Also available:

5.45am BBC Radio 4 Lent Talks

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

9am Church of England online

11am BBC1 Sunday Worship - Rev Kate Bottley

1.15pm BBC1 Songs of Praise - Aled Jones meets a scientist from the Oxford team to celebrate hope.

Bells

Tune in to 'Bells on Sunday' on Radio 4 at 5.43am. Or listen later [online](#) from St James' Church, Castle Acre in Norfolk.

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](#)

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

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

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

Keeping in touch Contact Linda 01249 817926

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Website www.mardenvale.org.uk

Derry Hill's [Facebook page](#)

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 all the children and staff
- 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 Ruth Diccox and Doreen Hooper who have died in recent days.
- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

Holy Week and Easter

Sadly, there are no services in church but there will be services online:

29th, 30th, 31st March and Maundy Thursday
Compline at 7pm via Zoom

2nd April Good Friday Service at 2pm via Zoom

4th April Easter Day 10am Service via Zoom

Email lindac@mardenvale.org.uk for link

There will be an Easter scene in the churchyard at Derry Hill and Bremhill where folk may visit and pray or reflect. Decorated pebbles may be left at the foot of the Cross or in the Easter Garden. Easter Sunday - folk may decorate the Cross with flowers.

The church will be open 10am to 4pm for private prayer at Derry Hill and Bremhill.

Tower repair work at Foxham means the church will not be open.

Readings for Palm Sunday - Liturgy of the Palms

Collect

True and humble King,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Psalm 118:1-2,19-end

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

Open to me now the gates of righteousness,
that, I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God; he has given us light;
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.

You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

'Hosanna' is a Greek word which most scholars believe is the transliteration of two Hebrew words meaning 'Please save us'. Does this make a difference to how you read this passage?

In his book 'Sounding the Seasons', Malcolm Guite sonnet for Palm Sunday asks important questions about our outer, day-to-day life and our inner life. What would happen if we invited Jesus into that place, that deepest, inner core of who we really are? What impact would it have on our outer life and the decisions we make?

As we begin our journey through Holy Week, Jesus approaches the city gate to Jerusalem and the gate to our hearts.

Palm Sunday by Malcolm Guite

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The Saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus, come
Break my resistance and make me your home.

Lord, we tell your story
We follow in your footsteps

Lead us into Holy Week

We walk towards the city
We wait in the garden

Lead us onto Holy Ground

We journey towards death
We hope for resurrection

Lead us into Holy Joy. Amen.

As we honour Jesus as King today
May our praising hearts
and obedient lives bring him glory;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be with us always. **Amen.**



Readings for the Liturgy of the Passion

Psalm 31:9-16 Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1 - end of 15

Hymns

[All glory laud and honour](#)

[My song is love unknown](#)

[Ride on, ride on in majesty](#)

Songs

[Hosanna](#)

[Hosanna \(Praise is rising\)](#)

