

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 11th April– Second Sunday of Easter

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 from the Marden Vale Team is available on YouTube [here](#). Our preacher today is Canon Jeremy Cresswell.

Also available:

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

9am Church of England online

1.15pm BBC1 Songs of Praise - Newstead Abbey Bells

Tune in to 'Bells on Sunday' on Radio 4 at 5.43am. Or listen later [online](#) from The Church of St Peter & St Paul, Shiplake in Oxfordshire.

Giving

You can find out how to support your local church on our [Giving](#) page.

QR Codes are available for Christ Church, Derry Hill for one-off donations or regular giving 'Give A Little' Parish Giving Scheme



This facility will also be available for Bremhill and Foxham in due course.

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)

Derry Hill Tue to Sat 9am-4pm Sun 12-4pm
Bremhill Daily 9am-4pm

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:

- the Queen and all members of the Royal Family
- 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 rest and refreshment for all the children and staff
- local shops and businesses
- Kingston House residents and all who work there
- Lucy Ayles 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 Doreen Hooper, Ruth Diccox, Roger Steele and HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.
- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

A prayer on the death of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh:

God of our lives,
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
for his love of our country,
and for his devotion to duty.

We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.



You may like to submit a message of condolence on the Church of England website [here](#)

Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Psalm 133

Behold how good and pleasant it is
to dwell together in unity.

It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard.

Even on Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing.

It is like the dew of Hermon
running down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has promised his blessing:
even life for evermore.

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 20:19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his

side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

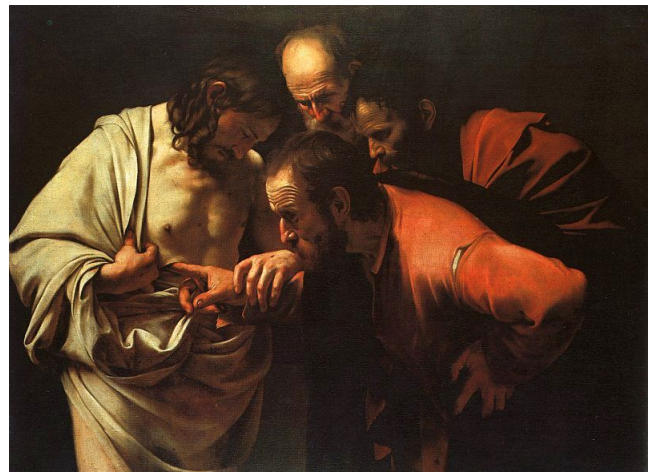
To ponder...

In his letter, John writes simply and clearly in terms of the human senses: they heard, they saw, they touched.

This is the 'word made flesh' - not some abstract idea or impenetrable theological explanation. In the gospel account John helps us again in terms which are familiar to us. We too understand that seeing is believing, we can stand with Thomas who, despite hearing the eye witness accounts of the other disciples, will not allow himself to believe and asks for proof.

Yet what we actually find is that believing leads to seeing. By handing on this story, we are included. Although we will never be eye witnesses like the first disciples, it is as if Jesus addresses us over Thomas' shoulder, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." John goes on to tell us that through believing we will have life.

We have a Saviour who is risen and alive. Through him we will find the perfect freedom to live meaningful lives. Perhaps we will find the courage to aspire to the bold fellowship and community described in Acts 4 above?



Surrexit Christus - listen [here](#)