

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 2nd May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Today's Services in the Marden Vale Team

10am Parish Eucharist - Christ Church, Derry Hill
To book a place by 6pm Saturday email:

lindac@mardenvale.org.uk

There is a short service of Evening Prayer via Zoom from Derry Hill Vicarage at 6pm - email lindac@mardenvale.org.uk for link.

Also available:

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

9am Church of England online

1.15pm BBC2 Songs of Praise - Northern Ireland Bells

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

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. This facility will soon be available for Bremhill and Foxham.

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 in church this week:

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

(1 individual or household at a time)



Find out about our Sudans Link [here](#). See below for prayers during May for the Sudans.

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... Pray for the people of India
- the vaccination programme in every nation
- all those affected by storm, flood, fire and earthquake...pray for the people of St. Vincent
- for the people of Israel (Mount Meron)
- 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 counselling, medication and support
- 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, Sarah Green, Rosemary George, Margaret Bell**
- All who have died in recent weeks, the bereaved, and all whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We remember especially Rev'd Canon Jane Lloyd, The Ven. Hedley Ringrose and Daphne Pegler.
- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East.



Christian Aid Week
10th to 16th May

From severe drought to relentless flooding, in Kenya extreme weather robs Rose of what she needs to survive: a reliable source of water.

The climate emergency is one of the greatest injustices we face. Together we can stop this climate crisis.

Unfortunately, there can be no door to door collection in Derry Hill and Studley this year for Christian Aid week so we hope that as many people as possible donate online. Please search for: www.christianaid.org.uk and donate. Thanks.

[Belinda Tanner, Colette Som and Mary Aylen](#)
Coordinators.



Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm 22:25-end

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that fear you.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever.
All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations.
How can those who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship,
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?
He has saved my life for himself;
my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.
They shall come and make known his salvation,
to a people yet unborn,
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

Acts 8:26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

1 John 4:7-end

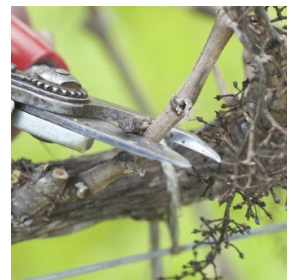
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for

God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15:1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.



Maud Heath Vineyard, Bremhill



May 2021 - Prayers for the Sudans Link

2/5/21 Pray for The Sudanese Government, for health officials and medical staff as Covid 19 cases rise and there are reports of shortage of oxygen and other medical supplies. Pray for sufferers who are not able to access treatment, through poverty or distance from medical facilities.

9/5/21 Pray for the work of Christian schools throughout the Province of Sudan and that through our link we may be able to help with building and teaching materials. Pray that we may be able to identify the most important needs and the best ways to help.

16/5/21 Pray for Christians in Sudan who exercise a ministry to prisons - clergy, evangelists and Mothers' Union workers who have no regular income to support this work. Restrictions on movement due to Covid19 regulations are impacting on this ministry and these workers and the prisoners to whom they have brought much needed moments of comfort are more than ever in need of our prayers.

23/5/21 As we give thanks at Pentecost for the promise and gift of the Holy Spirit let us pray that same Spirit may bring comfort to Christians throughout Sudan and guide them in their lives and ministries during this difficult and dangerous time.