

**The Marden Vale Team Ministry**  
**Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill**  
**Sunday 9th May – Rogation Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

**Today's Services in the Marden Vale Team**  
**St John the Baptist, Foxham 10am Eucharist**  
**St Martin's, Bremhill 6pm Evening Prayer**

**To book a place email (by 6pm Saturday please):**  
[lindac@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto:lindac@mardenvale.org.uk)

Also available:

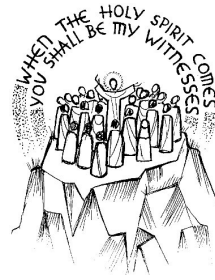
**8.10am** Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

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

**1.15pm** BBC2 Songs of Praise - Swansea

**Bells**

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



**Ascension Day - Thur 13th May**

8am Marden Vale Zoom service

6pm Zoom service from Derry Hill Vicarage

7.30pm Zoom Deanery Synod  
Bishop Nicholas will be speaking in his capacity as lead bishop in the CofE, on the church and the environment. This is his last 'visit' to the deanery before he retires in July. All welcome to attend.

Email [lindac@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto:lindac@mardenvale.org.uk) for links to the above events

**Private Prayer in church this week:**

Derry Hill Sun 12-4pm and Tue to Sat 9am-4pm Bremhill Daily 9am-4pm (1 individual or household at a time)

**This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

We come before you our God and Sustainer,  
remembering that you are our Creator  
and the source of all being.

You have put this world into our hands:  
may we recognise your Spirit within it,  
disturbing and challenging us to care for creation,  
for the weak and the deprived.

Lord we remember that we are called by you  
to nourish the earth and its diversity of life,  
to share the gifts you have given,  
with one another and the poor of the world. Amen.

**Find out about our Sudans Link [here](#).**

See below for prayers during May



**#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](#)



**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 click here if you would like to give a donation: [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

Thanks. **Belinda Tanner, Colette Som**  
**and Mary Aylen - Coordinators**

**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)

## Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Collect for Rogation

Almighty God,  
whose will it is that the earth and the sea  
should bear fruit in due season:  
bless the labours  
of those who work on land and sea,  
grant us a good harvest  
and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have gained him victory.  
The Lord has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the  
nations.  
He has remembered his steadfast love and  
faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.  
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.  
Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy  
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

### Acts 10:44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon  
all who heard the word. The circumcised believers  
who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift  
of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the  
Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and  
extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold  
the water for baptizing these people who have  
received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he  
ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus  
Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

### 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has  
been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent  
loves the child. By this we know that we love the  
children of God, when we love God and obey his  
commandments. For the love of God is this, that we  
obey his commandments. And his commandments are  
not burdensome, for whatever is born of God  
conquers the world. And this is the victory that  
conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers  
the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the  
Son of God?  
This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus  
Christ, not with the water only but with the water and  
the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for  
the Spirit is the truth.

### John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide  
in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will  
abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's  
commandments and abide in his love. I have said  
these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and  
that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as  
I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to  
lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if  
you do what I command you. I do not call you servants  
any longer, because the servant does not know what the  
master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I  
have made known to you everything that I have heard  
from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you.  
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will  
last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask  
him in my name. I am giving you these commands so  
that you may love one another.

**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... 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
- the people of Israel (Mount Meron)
- the people of Mexico
- 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.  
See below for prayers during May for the Sudans
- 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 and Margaret Bell**
- All who have died in recent weeks, the bereaved,  
and all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.  
We remember especially Daphne Pegler.
- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Anglican  
Church of Kenya.

### 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.

**Keeping in touch** Contact Linda 01249 817926 or  
email [lindac@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto:lindac@mardenvale.org.uk)  
Website [www.mardenvale.org.uk](http://www.mardenvale.org.uk)  
Derry Hill's [Facebook page](#)

## **May 2021 - Prayers for the Sudans Link**

**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.