

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 16th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Today's Services in the Marden Vale Team

Christ Church, Derry Hill 10am Eucharist

To book a place email **(by 6pm Saturday please):**

lindac@mardenvale.org.uk

Zoom Evening Prayer at 6pm - link available from the above email

Please click [here](#) for further details and Worship FAQs

Also available:

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

9am [Church of England online](#)

1.15pm BBC1 Songs of Praise - Exeter Cathedral

Bells

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

Private Prayer in church this week:

Derry Hill Thursday to Saturday 9am-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



#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.

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

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.



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

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

To mark the end of Christian Aid Week why not make a cup of tea and pray this prayer?

*God of all of life,
waiting for the water to boil
we confess and lament
the rise of temperature
that has led to a climate crisis
across this beautiful planet.
We wait, impatient for change.*

*Pouring out hot water
on loose-leaf or tea bag,
into teapot or favourite mug,
we pour out our intercessions
for a change of heart by
politicians
to put planet and people first.*

*Stirring teabag, leaves or sugar
we ask that you would stir in us
a passion to take action,
to do all we can at this critical hour
to take care of our common home
and amplify the call for climate justice.*

*Drinking that first satisfying sip
we give thanks for the day when
'they will hunger no more,
and thirst no more'*
Infuse us with a strongly brewed
vision
of your creation healed and
restored. Amen.*

*Revelation 7:16



Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth
with power and compassion
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm 1

Blessed are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.
Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in
due season, with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand
in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’ So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 17:6-19

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you

sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Prayer Join the Church of England Daily Prayer by visiting our website: www.mardenval.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...
- peace in the Middle East (Israel/Gaza)
- 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.
- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea.

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May 2021 - Prayers for the Sudans Link

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.