

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 22nd August – Trinity 12 (Proper 16)

Today's Services in the Marden Vale Team:

**Christ Church, Derry Hill - 10am Eucharist
Zoom Evening Prayer at 6pm**

Email for Zoom link here: lindac@mardenvale.org.uk

Next Sunday:

St. John the Baptist, Foxham 10am Parish Eucharist
St. Martin's, Bremhill 6pm Evening Prayer

Please click [here](#) or see below for COVID measures

5th September 10am

Teddy Bears' Picnic in the churchyard at Derry Hill.

Bring your teddy & a picnic.

Click on the picture for details:



Also available:

8.10am Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

9am Church of England online

1.15pm BBC1 Songs of Praise with Claire McCollum

'Bells on Sunday' on Radio 4 at 5.43am

Or listen later [online](#) from St. Francis Xavier's



This year's event takes place on **Saturday 11th September**

David Stevens (Bremhill) is planning to ride on 5th September and will be happy to hear from you if you would like to sponsor him (815337).

Richard & Mary Ayles (Derry Hill) :

"Normally we would be eyeballing people in church with our clipboards and asking you to support us in our annual cycle from church to church to raise money for Christ Church Derry Hill and the Wilshire Historic Churches Trust. Sadly, for us, meeting you in church is not so easy at the moment.

All being well we will be doing a sponsored ride from church to church in the area to raise money for these two causes on or about Saturday 11th September. We will take photos of all the churches we visit and hopefully have some interesting experiences on the way.

If we could ask you to sponsor us via the specially set up page on JustGiving, that would be grand: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/richard-aylen1>

Or please put your pledge through our door (1, Redhill Close Derry Hill) or give us a bell (01249 814632) and we're sure we can find a way to relieve you of your pennies!

If you are feeling energetic and want to join in either walking or cycling, please contact us. We do hope you can help us raise money for these two worthwhile charities. Thank you in advance."

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:

- fighting to cease and peace to prevail in all the places in the world marked by conflict and violence. We pray especially for the people of Afghanistan and all military service personnel working to keep people safe
- the people of Keyham, Plymouth in the aftermath of the tragic events and loss of life
- all those affected by storm, flood, fire and earthquake, especially in Haiti, and for all rescue workers and emergency services
- shelter for the homeless and rough sleepers, safety for refugees
- wisdom and guidance as we move into the next phase of living with COVID
- 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 every nation
- those who are anxious, exhausted, isolated. May those whose mental health is fragile be able to access counselling, medication and support
- families during the summer holiday; for rest and refreshment, for those going through difficult times.
- local shops and businesses, especially the Village Shop which has re-opened in Derry Hill
- Kingston House residents and all who work there
- Lucy Ayles in her work with YWAM
- the work of Christian Aid, especially in Haiti and Afghanistan
- our brothers and sisters in Sudan & South Sudan, Yemen, the Middle East
- all participating in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics
- 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, Liz Kinch, Doreen Williams, Bill Norman, Brenda Beint, Sonia Strange, Sarah Green, Margaret Bell, Robert Pegler, Rev. Jim Scott
- all who have died in recent weeks, remembering especially Bridget Parke and all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of South America.

Wedding 21st August at Christ Church, Derry Hill
We pray for Lucy and David and for all their family and friends as they celebrate this joyous occasion, and for God's hand on their lives in the years to come.

The churches in Bremhill and Derry Hill are open for private prayer from 9am to 4pm (Sundays 12-4pm)

Christian Aid

Click here to give to the [Haiti earthquake appeal](#)

Click here to find out how you can support the people of [Afghanistan](#)

Readings for Trinity 12

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 34:15-end

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord rescues them from them all.
He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.
Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be
condemned.

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

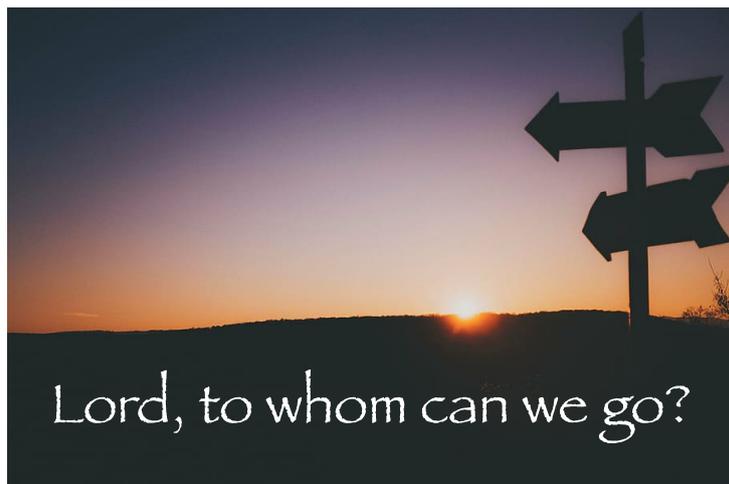
Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to

me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6:56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'



Calne Food Bank

Open 12-4pm Tue & Fri, 10am-1pm Wed at:

4A Mill Street, 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.

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

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Guidance

A joint meeting of the PCCs of Bremhill, Derry Hill and Foxham met on Friday 13th August to review the guidance published on 19th July. We are continuing to take a cautious approach while working towards reintroducing elements of worship in church which so many have missed.

In common with many other churches and retail and hospitality settings we are asking people to continue to observe the “Hands, Face, Space, Ventilation” measures which are currently in place. There will also be some easing of other requirements.

Booking will no longer be required

Social distancing remains in place. Please feel free to sit with members of your household or regular social ‘bubble’ in any pew where there are Orders of Service. To indicate your preference for space, place a kneeler on the pew.

Face coverings may be removed when you are seated (except when singing- see below). We ask that face coverings are worn whenever you are moving around the building.

Communion (intincted wafers) may be received at the high altar (standing). To reduce queuing this will be conducted row-by-row.

Congregational singing of two hymns will take place in church during services. Please remain seated and wear a face covering if you wish to join in.

Zoom services will continue

These measures take effect from 15th August and apply to the regular Sunday services. They will be reviewed every four weeks.

An amended set of measures will apply to baptisms, weddings, funerals and other groups meeting in church subject to the requirements of separate risk assessments.

Our Christian calling is to care for all our brothers and sisters, particularly those who are vulnerable; and there are times in our lives when every one of us (and those we have close contact with) is vulnerable. We want everyone to feel welcome, comfortable and cared for. Thank you for your understanding.

Rev. Linda Carter on behalf of Bremhill, Derry Hill and Foxham PCCs 13th August 2021.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (DBE)

New Trustees – may God be calling you to this role?

As we move into a new Triennium in the autumn the Trust Board of the Diocesan Board of Education will be joined by up to five new trustees. Might you be called by God to serve Him in this way?

We have an exciting three years ahead working with schools, academies and importantly, multi-academy trusts to shape our service to meet their needs. We will be working to help every church school fulfil their deeply Christian vision; schools at the heart of the parish communities to which they belong. If you would like to learn more about serving God and the children and young people of our diocese please click on this link:

<https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/schools/diocesan-board-of-education-new-trustees-2021/>