

The Marden Vale Team Ministry  
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill  
Sunday 29th August – Trinity 13 (Proper 17)

**Today's Services in the Marden Vale Team:**

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

Next Sunday:

**10am Christ Church, Derry Hill - All Age Service.** Teddy Bears' Picnic in the churchyard. Bring your teddy & a picnic - click on the picture for details



**4pm Zoom Evening Prayer**

Email for Zoom link here:  
[lindac@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto:lindac@mardenvale.org.uk)

**6pm Evensong at Bowood Chapel**

**Next week:**

Tue 31st Aug PCC 7pm at Christ Church, Derry Hill  
Wed 1st Sept MU P&F 2.30pm Christ Church, DH  
Meditation 6pm Christ Church, DH  
Handbells 7pm Christ Church, DH  
PCC 7.30pm Reading Room, Foxham  
Thu 2nd Sept PCC 7.30pm Village Hall, Bremhill

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

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Derry Hill's [Facebook page](#)



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

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](http://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, and all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**Weddings 28th August** We pray for Richard and Beth, and for Rupert and Eleanor and for their families and friends as they celebrate their marriages, and for God's hand on their lives in the years to come.

**Diamond Wedding Anniversary** We give thanks for Jim & Judy Scott as they celebrate their anniversary (26th August).

**Baptism 29th August** We pray for Harrison being baptised at Derry Hill and welcome his family and friends.

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

## Readings for Trinity 13

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Psalm 45:1-7

My heart overflows with a goodly theme;  
I address my verses to the king;  
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

You are the most handsome of men;  
grace is poured upon your lips;  
therefore God has blessed you for ever.  
Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,  
in your glory and majesty.

In your majesty ride on victoriously  
for the cause of truth and to defend the right;  
let your right hand teach you dread deeds.

Your arrows are sharp  
in the heart of the king's enemies;  
the peoples fall under you.

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever.  
Your royal sceptre is a sceptre of equity;  
you love righteousness and hate wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

### Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—

### James 1:17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'



*"People look on the outward appearance but the Lord looks on the heart"*

1 Samuel:7

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## Calne Food Bank

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

4A Mill Street, Calne, SN11 8DP

Website: <https://www.calnefoodbank.co.uk/>

## Christian Aid

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

## 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.

## **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 - 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/>