

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill
Sunday 5th September – Trinity 14 (Proper 18)

Today's Services (5th Sept)

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

6pm Evensong at Bowood Chapel

Next Sunday:

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

Next week:

Wed 8th Sept Meditation 6pm Christ Church, DH
Handbells 7pm Christ Church, DH

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

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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 Aylen (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 continuing efforts to bring people to safety
- all those affected by storm, flood, fire and earthquake, especially in Haiti, the US in the aftermath of Storm Ida, 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
- our schools, for all children and staff, that they will be kept safe
- local shops and businesses, especially the Village Shop which has re-opened in Derry Hill
- Kingston House residents and all who work there
- Lucy Aylen 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 Joan Townsend, and all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

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

Wedding 4th September We pray for Ben and Becky, and for their families and friends as they celebrate their marriage, 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 14

Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith for ever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!'

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are

convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Be opened...to the possibility that God's purposes for us are so much bigger and wider than we imagine.

Be opened...to the kingdom of God which embraces all-comers.

Be opened...to be nourished by the faith and wisdom of those we least expect it from.

Be opened...to the outrageous grace which God pours into our hearts and share it with others.



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.

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 on 21st September.

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/>