

The Marden Vale Team Ministry  
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill  
Sunday 19th September – Harvest

**Today's Services (19th Sept)**

Christ Church, DH 10am Parish Eucharist - **Harvest**  
St Martin's, Bremhill 2pm Baptism  
6pm Evening Prayer - **Harvest**

**Next Sunday:**

St John the Baptist, Foxham 10am Parish Eucharist  
12.30pm Baptism  
St Martin's, Bremhill 4pm Creationtide Service

**Next week:**

Wed 22nd Sept Meditation 6pm Christ Church, DH  
Handbells 7pm Christ Church, DH

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

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**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 continuing efforts to bring people to safety
- all those affected by storm, flood, fire and earthquake, 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 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 the Church of the Province of Uganda

**Marriages and Baptisms**

We give thanks for and celebrate with:

Charlotte and Adam to be married at Foxham on Saturday 18th

Harry Seward to be baptised at Bremhill on Sunday 19th

**Churches open for private prayer**

Bremhill - daily from 9am to 4pm

Derry Hill - Tue-Sat 9am to 4pm, Sundays 12-4pm

**Calne Food Bank**

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

4A Mill Street, Calne, SN11 8DP

[www.calnefoodbank.co.uk](http://www.calnefoodbank.co.uk)

07752 213029 or Email: [calnefoodbank@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Readings for Trinity 15

### Collect

God of the heavens and the earth,  
You call us to share in the care of your creation;  
to bring food and fruitfulness from field and farm,  
rivers and sea.  
Hear our prayer for all who make their living on the land  
and in the waters, and make us grateful for the work of  
their hands and for the generosity of your provision.

### Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'  
The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.  
May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.  
Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.

### Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil;  
be glad and rejoice,  
for the Lord has done great things!  
Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
the tree bears its fruit,  
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the Lord your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.  
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people  
shall never again be put to shame.  
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the Lord, am your God  
and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.

### 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined  
with contentment; for we brought nothing into the  
world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we  
have food and clothing, we will be content with these.  
But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and  
are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires  
that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the  
love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their  
eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from  
the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

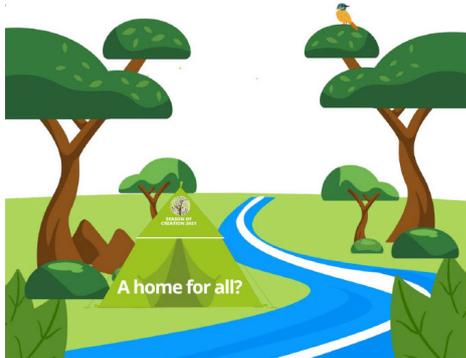
### Matthew 6:25-33

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what  
you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body,  
what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the  
body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air;

they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet  
your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more  
value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a  
single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry  
about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they  
grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even  
Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of  
these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which  
is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will  
he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?  
Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or  
"What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is  
the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed  
your heavenly Father knows that you need all these  
things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his  
righteousness, and all these things will be given to you  
as well.

Come, you thankful  
people, come





**Season of  
Creation 2021  
Prayer**

Creator of All,  
We are grateful  
that from your  
communion of  
love you created  
our planet to be a  
home for all. By  
your Holy  
Wisdom you  
made the Earth to  
bring forth a diversity of living beings that filled the soil,  
water and air. Each part of creation praises you in their  
being, and cares for one another from our place in the  
web of life.

With the Psalmist, we sing your praise that in your  
house "even the sparrow finds a home, and the  
swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her  
young." We remember that you call human beings to  
keep your garden in ways that honor the dignity of each  
creature and conserve their place in the abundance of  
life on Earth.

But we know that our will to power pushes the planet  
beyond her limits. Our consumption is out of harmony  
and rhythm with Earth's capacity to heal herself.  
Habitats are left barren or lost. Species are lost and  
systems fail. Where reefs and burrows, mountaintops  
and ocean deeps once teemed with life and  
relationships, wet and dry deserts lie empty, as if  
uncreated. Human families are displaced by insecurity  
and conflict, migrating in search of peace. Animals flee  
fires, deforestation and famine, wandering in search of  
a new place to find a home to lay their young and live.

In this Season of Creation, we pray that the breath of  
your creative Word would move our hearts, as in the  
waters of our birth and baptism. Give us faith to follow  
Christ to our just place in the beloved community.  
Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your  
covenant and call to care for our common home. In our  
tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know that we  
participate with your Holy Spirit to renew the face of  
your Earth, and safeguard a home for all.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good  
news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## 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/>