

**The Marden Vale Team Ministry**  
**Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill**  
**Sunday 3rd October – Trinity 18, Creationtide, Harvest**

**Today's Services (3rd Oct)**

Christ Church, DH 10am Said Communion - **Trinity 18**  
followed by 10.30am Family Service for **Creationtide**  
St Martin's, Bremhill 3pm Baptism  
St John the Baptist, Foxham 6pm **Harvest Service**

**Next Sunday (10th Oct):**

St Martin's, Bremhill 10am Parish Eucharist  
St Martin's, Bremhill 2pm Baptism  
St John the Baptist, Foxham 6pm Evening Prayer

**Next week:**

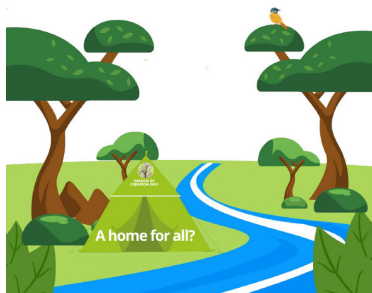
Wed 6th Oct Meditation 6pm Christ Church, DH  
Handbells 7pm Christ Church, DH

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

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Almighty God,  
whose Spirit hovered  
over the waters bringing  
order out of chaos, and  
whose love for all living  
things is everlasting:  
help us to live in such a  
way that we care for  
your creation, marvel at  
its beauty, and share its  
bounty;  
to the glory of your Son  
Jesus Christ  
through whom and for  
whom all things were  
created.



**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, for Ecuador, for families who have lost loved ones to violence
- all those affected by storm, flood, fire and earthquake, and for all rescue workers and emergency services. We pray especially for La Palma
- 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 in Wales

Marriages and Baptisms this weekend

We give thanks for and celebrate with:

Jamie & Clara to be married at Derry Hill on Sat 2nd

Lilly & Isabelle to be baptised at Bremhill on Sun 3rd

**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 Mon & 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 18

### Collect

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

### Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honour.  
You have given them dominion over the works of your  
hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### Genesis 2:18-24

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man  
should be alone; I will make him a helper as his  
partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed  
every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and  
brought them to the man to see what he would call  
them; and whatever the man called each living  
creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all  
cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of  
the field; but for the man there was not found a helper  
as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to  
fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his  
ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that  
the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a  
woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,  
'This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.'  
Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and  
clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

### Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and  
various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he  
has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of  
all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He  
is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of  
God's very being, and he sustains all things by his  
powerful word. When he had made purification for sins,  
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,  
having become as much superior to angels as the name  
he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.  
Now God did not subject the coming world, about  
which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has  
testified somewhere,  
'What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?  
You have made them for a little while lower than the  
angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honour,  
subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing  
outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see  
everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus,  
who for a little while was made lower than the angels,  
now crowned with glory and honour because of the  
suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might  
taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all  
things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should  
make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through  
sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are  
sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is  
not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,  
'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

### Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it  
lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them,  
'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses  
allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to  
divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your  
hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.  
But from the beginning of creation, "God made them  
male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his  
father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two  
shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but  
one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no  
one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about  
this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife  
and marries another commits adultery against her; and if  
she divorces her husband and marries another, she  
commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that  
he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to  
them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and  
said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not  
stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of  
God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive  
the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'  
And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on  
them, and blessed them.

*To ponder...*

*Do we need to feel strong, fearless, full of certainty,  
have an answer for everything...all the time?*

*Can we accept that we are often weak, acknowledge  
our brokenness, know our need of forgiveness, our  
need to be held, ask for help, say we are afraid,  
lonely...sometimes?*

*Today's readings remind us that God is for us, the  
kingdom is for everyone; that relationships and true  
community are what are important. To analyse and  
judge every word and action, the need to draw lines  
which keep 'others' out...isn't that what hardens our  
hearts? But God cares for us, never makes us feel  
that we're interrupting or speaking out of turn or  
getting in the way. God reaches out and scoops us  
up, holds us close and blesses us.*

*May the child in each one of us know how much we  
are loved. May we always welcome the children...as  
we welcome them, we welcome God.*

Come, you thankful  
people, come



## Parochial Church Council (PCC) Guidance

A joint meeting of the PCCs of Bremhill, Derry Hill and Foxham met on Tuesday 21st September to review the COVID measures in our churches. 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 apply to the regular Sunday services. They will be reviewed on 12th October.

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 21st September 2021.