

**The Marden Vale Team Ministry**  
**Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill**  
**Sunday 10th October – Trinity 19**

**Today's Services (10th Oct)**

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

**Next Sunday (17th Oct):**

Christ Church, Derry Hill 10am Parish Eucharist  
Christ Church, Derry Hill 12.30pm Baptism  
Zoom Evening Prayer at 6pm  
(Email [lindac@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto:lindac@mardenvale.org.uk) for link)

**Next week:**

Tue 12th Oct Joint PCCs COVID Review (Zoom)  
Wed 13th Oct Meditation 6pm Christ Church, DH  
Handbells 7pm Christ Church, DH

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

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Derry Hill's [Facebook page](#)

**All Souls**

*31st October at 3pm*



If you would like a loved one to be remembered during the All Souls' Service at Christ Church, Derry Hill, please add their name to the list (available at the back of each church) or contact Linda (details above).

**Calne Deanery Treasurer**

We're looking for someone to work with the Rural Dean, Lay Chair and other members of the Deanery Standing Committee with regards to deanery financial matters. Activities include looking after the modest deanery account, serving as the first port of call for parish treasurers with any queries or problems regarding Share or parish finances, working with other deanery officers in reviewing the Fairer Share returns, and liaising with diocesan colleagues. Want to know more? Please contact the Rural Dean, the Revd Canon Jane Curtis, on 01793 977395 or [jane@chelmsworth.com](mailto:jane@chelmsworth.com).

**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.
- all those affected by storm, flood, fire and earthquake, and for all rescue workers and emergency services. We pray especially for La Palma and Pakistan
- shelter for the homeless and rough sleepers, safety for refugees
- all who are struggling to pay bills and put food on the table
- women and girls who do not feel safe
- 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 West Africa

Baptisms this weekend

We give thanks for and celebrate with:

Isla Rose to be baptised at Bremhill on Sun 10th

**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 19

### Collect

Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord

### Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.  
Turn, O Lord! How long?  
Have compassion on your servants!  
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
Make us glad for as many days  
as you have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have seen evil.  
Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!

### Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph  
like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.  
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!  
They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.  
Therefore, because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.  
For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.  
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.  
Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.  
Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

### Hebrews 4:12-end

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

### To ponder...

*What is the significance of the phrase "in the gate" which Amos uses? The gates were points of entry and exit through the outer and inner walls of a city, where there was a constant flow of people. These areas served as meeting places where agreements and contracts were negotiated in the presence of witnesses, where justice was administered and wisdom imparted.*

*In Genesis 23 we see land passing to Abraham "in the presence of all who went in at the gate of the city"; in Ruth 4 the marriage contract between Ruth and Boaz was agreed between kinsmen at "the gate"; in 2 Chronicles 18 we see councils of state taking place at the gate of Samaria. And here in the reading from the prophet Amos we hear his demands for justice.*

*The gate was a platform for prophets proclaiming words of wisdom and words of warning. We all recognise that justice must be seen to be done, and the city gate ought to guarantee transparency. Yet even here there are corrupt officials, as Amos points out that there are those who "hate the one who reproves...trample on the poor...take a bribe...push aside the needy." Amos calls for justice to be established in the gate, to seek good and not evil.*

*I wonder how the prophet's words resonate with us today?*

*And how do we hear today's gospel reading from Mark? Imagine Jesus, looking at you with love, saying: "You lack one thing..." What does he say to you next?*

*Lord, remove from my hands the obstacles that prevent me receiving you into my heart. May I seek good and work for justice for all. May I follow you, and by your grace and your love, come to eternal life. Amen.*

## 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.