

The Marden Vale Team Ministry  
Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill  
Sunday 17th October – Luke the Evangelist

**Today's Services (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 Sunday (24th Oct):**

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

**Next week:**

Wed 20th 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, praying especially for Norway and Lebanon
- all those affected by storm, flood, fire and earthquake, and for all rescue workers and emergency services. We pray especially for Taiwan
- 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 those on half-term holiday. May they find rest and refreshment
- 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 who are sick, awaiting diagnosis, those in hospital. Especially we pray for: Mark Steele, Christine Gundry, Mark Jennings, Lynne Cottrell, Rob Simons, Jacob Maloy, Paul Crayford, Helen Lewis, Jackson Goodship, Liz Kinch, Doreen Williams, Bill Norman, Brenda Beint, Sonia & Simon Strange, Sarah Green, Margaret Bell, Robert Pegler, Rev. Jim Scott, Harry
- 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 the Province of the West Indies

Baptisms this weekend

We give thanks for and celebrate with:

Harrison to be baptised at Derry Hill on Sun 17th Oct

**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 Luke the Evangelist

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you called Luke the physician,  
whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:  
by the grace of the Spirit  
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,  
give your Church the same love and power to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Psalm 147:1-7

Alleluia  
How good it is to make music for our God,  
how joyful to honour him with praise.  
The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up all their wounds.  
He counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
his wisdom is beyond all telling.  
The Lord lifts up the poor,  
but casts down the wicked to the ground.

### Isaiah 35:3-6

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
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;

### 2 Timothy 4:5-17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.  
As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

### Luke 10:1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."



It is thought that Luke was a Syrian, born in Antioch. According to tradition he was a physician who came to faith in Christ. It is believed that Luke wrote the gospel which bears his name and also documented the Acts of the Apostles. A close friend of the apostle Paul, Luke is mentioned three times in his letters and was with Paul in Rome during his imprisonment (as we see in Paul's second letter to Timothy).

By tradition, the symbol assigned to St. Luke is the winged ox, signifying sacrifice, service and strength. Luke's gospel reflects Jesus' compassion in his care for the poor, the oppressed and the marginalised. As a Gentile, Luke makes clear that the good news of salvation is for everyone.



To ponder...

Which stories and accounts of Jesus' ministry are only found in Luke's gospel?

What do we learn about Jesus from the way Luke tells his story?

Can you see a thread running through today's readings?

What do you think of when someone is described as an evangelist?

Something to pray about...

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few..."

## Parochial Church Council (PCC) Guidance

A joint meeting of the PCCs of Bremhill, Derry Hill and Foxham met on Tuesday 12th October 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. We ask that face coverings are worn whenever you are moving around the building.

**Communion** (intincted wafers/bread) may be received at the high altar (standing). To reduce queuing this will be conducted row-by-row.

**Congregational singing** of two hymns + the Gloria will take place in church during services. We ask that you 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 10th November.

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 12th October 2021.