# The Marden Vale Team Ministry Christ Church, Derry Hill – St. John the Baptist, Foxham – St. Martin, Bremhill Sunday 24th October – Bible Sunday

# Today's Services (24th Oct)

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

# Next Sunday (31st Oct):

Christ Church, Derry Hill 10am Parish Eucharist Christ Church, Derry Hill 3pm All Souls' Service

#### **Next week:**

Wed 27th 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 <u>Facebook page</u>



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). For those who would prefer not to come into the building, candles will be available to light in the church

building, candles will be available to light in the church porch as well as some wooden crosses to hang on the yew arch in the churchyard as a symbol of remembrance.

We will also commemorate all those who have lost their lives to COVID-19.

COP 26 m e e t s from 1st November for 12 days in Glasgow.



Please pray for all who will gather and for all of us to do our part...

Creator God, giver of life, you sustain the earth and direct the nations. In this time of climate crisis grant us clarity to hear the groaning of creation and the cries of the poor; challenge us to change our lifestyles; guide our leaders to take courageous action; enable your church to be a beacon of hope; and foster within us a renewed vision of your purposes for the world;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by and for whom all things were made. Amen.

**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
- 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
- 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-19
- 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 Kingston House residents and all who work there
- Lucy Aylen in her work with YWAM
- the work of Christian Aid
- 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 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. We remember especially Simon Strange who died on Thursday and pray for Sonia.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for The Extra-Provincial Churches

Churches open for private prayer
Bremhill - daily from 9am to 4pm
Derry Hill - Tue-Sat 9am to 4pm, Sundays 12-4pm

# Calne Food Bank

Open12-4pm Mon & Fri, 10am-1pm Wed at:

4A Mill Street, Calne, SN11 8DP

www.calnefoodbank.co.uk 07752 213029 or Email: calnefoodbank@gmail.com

# Giving

You can find out how to support your local church on our <u>Giving</u> page.

QR Codes are available for Christ Church, Derry Hill for one-off donations or regular giving.

# Readings for Bible Sunday

## Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Psalm 19:7-end

The law of the Lord is perfect,

reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

#### Isaiah 55:1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may

have mercy on them,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven. and do not return there until they have watered the earth.

making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

# 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

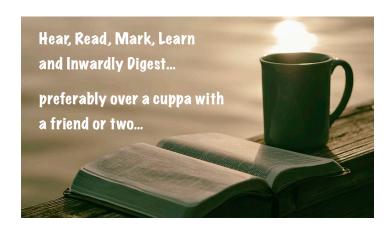
But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

#### John 5:36b-end

The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'



# 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.

#### 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.