



Light in the DARKNESS

JOHN 1:4-5

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill
St. John the Baptist, Foxham
St. Martin, Bremhill

Sunday 28th November
First Sunday of Advent

Today's Services (28th Nov)

St Martin's, Bremhill 10am Parish Eucharist
St Mary's, Calne 6pm United Benefice Advent Svs

Next week:

Tue 30th Nov 2pm Funeral of the late Simon Strange
at Christ Church, DH

Wed 1st Dec Meditation 6pm Christ Church, DH
Handbells 7pm Christ Church, DH

Fri 3rd Dec 2pm Funeral of the late Bill Norman at
St John the Baptist, Foxham

Services in December

Sun 5th 10am Said Communion at Derry Hill
10.30am Family Service at Derry Hill
6pm Zoom Evening Prayer
(Contact Linda for the link to the Zoom service)

Sun 12th 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Foxham
6pm Evening Prayer at Bremhill

Sat 18th 3pm Carols around the Tree at Derry Hill
+ Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Sun 19th 10am Parish Eucharist at Derry Hill
2.30pm Carols in the Square at Bremhill
+ Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
4pm Carols in the Churchyard at Foxham
+ Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Tue 21st 7.30pm Blue Christmas at Derry Hill
For those who would value a quieter, gentler space

Christmas Eve 6pm Carols in the Courtyard at
Bowood
11.15pm Midnight Mass at Bremhill
11.30pm Midnight Mass at Derry Hill

Christmas Day 9.30am Family Communion at Foxham
9.30am Family Communion at Bremhill
11am Family Communion at Derry Hill

Sun 26th 10am United Benefice Eucharist at
St. Mary's, Calne

All our carol services are taking place outside so do
wrap up warm. Feel free to bring a chair to sit on.

Christmas Music in Christ Church, Derry Hill

Tue 21st December 10am to 12.30pm & 2pm to 4pm
An informal morning and afternoon of carols and
Christmas music. Come and listen for as long as you
like, bring a coffee, request a carol, enjoy!

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

Keeping in touch Contact Linda 01249 817926 or

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Derry Hill's [Facebook page](#)

Prayer

Click [here](#) to leave prayer requests or to join the
Church of England Daily Prayer

In the coming week please keep in your prayers:

Peace: fighting to cease and peace to prevail in all the
places in the world marked by conflict and violence; for
our brothers and sisters in Sudan & South Sudan,
Yemen, the Middle East

Those in need: in storm, flood, fire and earthquake, for
all rescue workers and emergency services; shelter for
the homeless and rough sleepers, safety for refugees,
praying especially for those who lost their lives in the
English Channel;

those struggling to pay bills and put food on the table;
for the anxious, exhausted, isolated. May those whose
mental health is fragile be able to access counselling,
medication and support;

women and girls who do not feel safe

Local community: our schools, for all children & staff;
local shops and businesses, Kingston House residents
and all who work there;

Lucy Ayles in her work with YWAM

COVID-19: all who are affected by coronavirus, who
work on the frontline to keep us safe, to help the sick, to
keep us fed;

the vaccination programme in every nation; new oral
antiviral medication for Covid, giving thanks for those
involved in its development;

wisdom and guidance in our continued responses to
the pandemic

Environment: continued momentum from COP 26 and
how we care for God's creation

Charities: the work of Christian Aid, The Children's
Society, The Leprosy Mission

The sick: Mark Steele, Christine Gundry, Mark
Jennings, Lynne Cottrell, Rob Simons, Jacob Maloy,
Paul Crayford, Helen Lewis, Jackson Goodship, Liz
Kinch, Doreen Williams, Brenda Beint, Sonia Strange,
Sarah Green, Margaret Bell, Rev. Jim Scott

The departed: We remember Simon Strange,
Raymond Hazell, Bill Norman and Phoebe Holman and
all who mourn their loss;

all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for for Igreja
Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

Churches open for private prayer

Bremhill - daily from 9am to 4pm

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

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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 Advent 1

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Psalm 25:1-9

Of David.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast
love,

for they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my
transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will
fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the
house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will
cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he
shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In
those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in
safety. And this is the name by which it will be called:
'The Lord is our righteousness.'

1 Thessalonians 3:9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all
the joy that we feel before our God because of you?
Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see
you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your
faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord
Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make
you increase and abound in love for one another and for
all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so
strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be
blameless before our God and Father at the coming of
our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21:25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,
and on the earth distress among nations confused by
the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint
from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the
world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud"
with power and great glory. Now when these things
begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all
the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for
yourselves and know that summer is already near. So

also, when you see these things taking place, you
know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you,
this generation will not pass away until all things have
taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my
words will not pass away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down
with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of
this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly,
like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face
of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that
you may have the strength to escape all these things
that will take place, and to stand before the Son of
Man.'



Parochial Church Council (PCC) Guidance

At the various meetings of the PCCs of Foxham, Bremhill and Derry Hill (3rd, 4th, 9th November) it was agreed that the current COVID measures should remain unaltered 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.

Booking is 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 8th December.

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 9th November 2021.