



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

16th January - First Sunday after Epiphany



### Services in January

#### Sunday 16th January

10am Parish Eucharist at Derry Hill

6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

(Link available from [lindac@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto:lindac@mardenvale.org.uk))

#### Sunday 23rd January

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Foxham

6pm Evening Prayer at Bremhill

#### Sunday 30th January

Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

10am United Benefice Eucharist at Derry Hill

6pm Zoom Evening Prayer (see above for link)

### Diary for January

Tue 18th 1pm Funeral at Foxham

(The late Mrs Jenny Timmins)

Fri 21st 11am Funeral at North Wilts Crematorium

The late Mr Christopher Clifford)

2pm Bremhill Worship & Ministry Meeting

Please note that face coverings must be worn at all times in our church buildings. 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](#)

Foxham'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, for the Holy Land

**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; 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; praying especially for all NHS workers 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, especially in the wake of the new variant Omicron and Plan B requirements

**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 Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

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

**The departed:** We remember Jenny Timmins, Christopher Clifford, Tina Millar, and Helen Lewis and all who mourn their loss; all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for The Church of England

#### **Churches open for private prayer**

Bremhill - daily from 9am to 4pm

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

Foxham - Sundays 11am-4pm

The Very Reverend  
Stephen Lake, Dean  
of Gloucester,  
nominated for  
election as new  
Bishop of Salisbury.  
Click [here](#) for more  
details.



### Calne Food Bank

Open 12pm-4pm Mon & Fri, 10am-1pm Wed

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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 the Second Sunday after Epiphany

### Collect

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Psalm 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgements are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

### Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

### 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

### John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They

have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



The Wedding at Cana by the art project [JESUS MAFA](#)

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on 18th January.** Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople (1886-1972) worked tirelessly to encourage positive dialogue among Christians and is remembered for his landmark meeting with Pope Paul VI in 1964. May we be encouraged by his words to work for the unity of humankind, beginning with ourselves:

*I have waged this war against myself for many years.  
It was terrible.*

*But now I am disarmed.*

*I am no longer frightened of anything  
because love banishes fear.*

*I am disarmed of the need to be right for  
and to justify myself by disqualifying others.*

*I am no longer on the defensive,  
holding on to my riches.*

*I just want to welcome and to share.*

*I don't hold on to my ideas and projects.*

*If someone shows me something better -  
no, I shouldn't say better but good -*

*I accept them without any regrets.*

*I no longer seek to compare.*

*What is good, true and real is always for me the best.*

*That is why I have no fear.*

*When we are disarmed and dispossessed of self,  
if we open our hearts to the God-Man*

*who makes all things new,*

*then He takes away past hurts*

*and reveals a new world*

*where everything is possible.*

## **Parochial Church Council (PCC) Guidance**

At the joint PCC meeting on 8th December (and subsequent consultation via email in January 2022) it was agreed that the current COVID measures should remain largely unaltered, with the exception that face coverings must be worn at all times in our church buildings. 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.

**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** We ask that face coverings are worn at all times unless you are exempt.

**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 as the national situation changes as necessary.

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 6th January 2022.