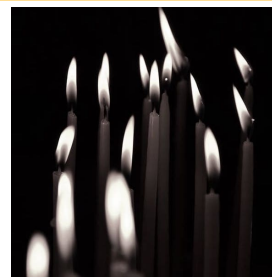


The Marden Vale Team Ministry  
Christ Church, Derry Hill  
St. John the Baptist, Foxham  
St. Martin, Bremhill

30th January - Candlemas  
(Presentation of Christ in the Temple)



### Services

#### Sunday 30th January

#### Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

10am United Benefice Eucharist at Derry Hill

6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

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

#### Sunday 6th February

10am Said Communion at Derry Hill

10.30am Family Service at Derry Hill - see Pip below

6pm Zoom Evening Prayer (See above for link)

#### Sunday 13th February

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Foxham

6pm Evening Prayer at Bremhill

### Diary

#### February

Wed 2nd 2.30pm MU Prayer & Fellowship at  
Christ Church DH

6pm Meditation at Christ Church DH

7.30pm Handbells at Christ Church DH

Thu 3rd 10.30am Fabric Cttee at Christ Church, DH

Wed 9th 6pm Meditation at Christ Church DH

7.30pm Handbells at Christ Church DH

7.30pm Foxham PCC

Thu 10th 7.30pm Bremhill PCC

#### Dates of Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Christ Church, Derry Hill Sunday 20th March

St. John the Baptist, Foxham Wednesday 20th April

St. Martin, Bremhill Sunday 24th April

Further details, including Electoral Roll revision, will be published in the Notices, Parish Magazines and Newsletters, on church noticeboards and websites in the coming weeks.

We ask that face coverings are worn in our church buildings. Please click [here](#) or see below for COVID measures

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[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, for Ukraine

***Those in need:*** in storm, flood, fire and earthquake, for all rescue workers and emergency services, especially in Tonga at this time; 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 as restrictions are eased

***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, Margaret Bell, Rev. Jim Scott

***The departed:*** We remember Sarah Green and all who mourn her loss; all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

***Anglican Cycle of Prayer:*** Pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

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

### Calne Food Bank

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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 Candlemas

### Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.

### Psalm 24:7-end

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle.  
Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.

### Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

### Hebrews 2:14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God,

saying,  
'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all  
peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.



'Simeon's Song of Praise' Rembrandt (1669)  
National Museum, Stockholm

### *The Offering (A Song of Simeon) by Eve Forti*

*Old Man, you've sown the years  
longing for the harvest, hoping  
for the green shoot to appear.  
Fragrant with perfection, He is here:  
wanting to be purified, waiting  
to be crucified.*

*And His mother, offering her Lamb,  
gives Him to your open arms  
so you can finally die in peace  
knowing that the Promised One is born.  
In gratitude you will whisper  
that her heart will break.*

## **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.