

The Marden Vale Team Ministry
Christ Church, Derry Hill St. John the Baptist, Foxham St. Martin, Bremhill
20th February - Second Sunday before Lent

Services

Sunday 20th February

10am Parish Eucharist at Derry Hill
6pm Zoom Evening Prayer
(Link available from lindac@mardenvale.org.uk)

Sunday 27th February

10am Parish Eucharist at Bremhill
6pm Evening Prayer at Foxham

Ash Wednesday 2nd March

7.30pm Eucharist + Imposition of Ashes at Derry Hill

Sunday 6th March

10am Said Communion at Derry Hill
10.30am Family Service at Derry Hill
6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

Diary for February

Wed 23rd 6pm Meditation at Christ Church DH
7.30pm Handbells at Christ Church DH
Fri 25th 12pm Interment of Ashes at Christ Church DH
(The late Mr Raymond Hazell)
Sun 27th 1pm Baptism at St. Martin's, Bremhill
(Tillie Spreadbury)

Diary for March

Tue 1st 7pm Derry Hill PCC at Christ Church
Wed 2nd 11.30am Interment of Ashes at St Martin BH
(The late Mr Alan Holder)
2.30pm MU P&F at Christ Church DH
6pm Meditation at Christ Church DH
7.30pm Handbells at Christ Church DH

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

Foxham Electoral Roll revision begins 6th March

Contact airtrafficker@hotmail.com

Derry Hill Electoral Roll revision began 7th Feb

Contact derryhillpccsec@mardenvale.org.uk

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

Keeping in touch

Contact Linda Tel: 01249 817926 or email:

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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, for Ukraine

Those in need: in storm, flood, fire and earthquake, for all rescue workers and emergency services, praying especially for all affected by Storms Dudley & Eunice; 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 a good half-term break for all the children & staff; local shops and businesses; Kingston House residents and all who work there; Lucy Ayles in her work with YWAM & future plans

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, Peggy Doddington

The departed: We remember Sarah Green, Keith Blackmore and Ken Hayhurst and all who mourn their loss; all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

Churches open for private prayer

Bremhill - daily from 9am to 4pm

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

Giving

You can find out how to support your local church on our [Giving](#) page.

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Lent Calendar for 2022

The beginning of March heralds the season of Lent this year. To accompany our 40 days of Lenten Bible readings I would love to include your contributions on the theme of healthy eating - feeding body and soul again. So, if you garden, what are you growing this year, do you have any cultivation tips? Or, which fruit or vegetable dishes do you love - any recipes to share? Pictures of your vegetable patch, allotment or window box would be great too. Send to lindac@mardenvale.org.uk Thank you.

Readings for the Second Sunday before Lent

Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 65

Praise is due to you,
O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed,
O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.
By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.
Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by
your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening
shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.
You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

Genesis 2:4b-9,15-25

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.'

So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

'This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

Luke 8:22-25

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

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.