

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

6th March - The First Sunday of Lent

Services

Sunday 6th March

10am Said Communion at Derry Hill
10.30am Family Service at Derry Hill
6pm Zoom Evening Prayer
(Link available from lindac@mardenvale.org.uk)



Continuing our theme of caring for creation we'll be making some bug hotels and hearing about our very important pollinators and how to "Bee Aware".

Join Pip on **Sunday 6th March at 10.30am** to find out more and give thanks to God for our wonderful world

Sunday 13th March

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

Sunday 20th March

10am Parish Eucharist at Derry Hill
12.30pm Baptism at Derry Hill
6pm Zoom Evening Prayer

Diary for March

Wed 9th 6pm Meditation at Christ Church DH
7.30pm Handbells at Christ Church DH
Fri 11th 4pm DH Worship & Ministry Meeting

Dates of Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Christ Church, Derry Hill 3rd April
St. John the Baptist, Foxham Wednesday 20th April
St. Martin, Bremhill Sunday 24th April

Bremhill Electoral Roll revision begins 13th March

Contact jenniferlamacraft@icloud.com

Foxham Electoral Roll revision begins 6th March

Contact airtrafficker@hotmail.com

Derry Hill Electoral Roll revision ends 4th March

Contact derryhillpccsec@mardenvale.org.uk

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

Keeping in touch

Contact Linda Tel: 01249 817926 or email:

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Website www.mardenvale.org.uk

Derry Hill's [Facebook page](#)

Foxham's [Facebook Page](#)

Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
We pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children,
at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Support:

Click [here](#) to find out how you can support Ukraine
or [here](#) to donate to DEC (Disasters Emergency
Committee)

With Ukraine: is a special fund to provide
humanitarian assistance to Ukraine's civilian population
established by the Embassy of Ukraine in the UK.

UAHELP-Support Ukraine: is coordinating donations
and deliveries of essential goods, medicines, food
products, special, and medical equipment, as well as
volunteer registrations.

Prayer

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

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: remembering especially Brenda Beint,
all who mourn the loss of loved ones; all whose
anniversary of death falls at this time.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Anglican
Church of Korea

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

Giving

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

Getting involved

Ever considered joining the PCC or one of the working
groups? Fresh ideas, energy and skills (practical/
business/computer/administration/fundraising etc)
always welcome. Why not have a chat with Linda or
one of the church wardens? We'd love to hear from
you. Contact details [here](#)

Calne Food Bank

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

4A Mill Street, Calne, SN11 8DP

www.calnefoodbank.co.uk

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Readings for the First Sunday of Lent

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom
and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 91:1-11

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.'
For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;
he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
You will not fear the terror of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,
or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
You will only look with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling-place,
no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Romans 10:8b-13

'The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart'
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if

you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'



Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

To ponder...

Temptation comes in many forms - it is not dressed up in red, with horns and tail, carrying a pitchfork - we would surely find that easy to resist? No, more often it is very plausible, speaking familiar, reasonable words which sound close enough to the truth. Pretending to soothe, it feeds our fears, inflates our ego...you get the picture. A line from 'A Pinnacle' by Malcolm Guite says this:

*"I was not sent to look down from above,
It's fear that sets these tests and proofs, not love."
This Lent, may we take time to listen to the voice of Love speaking into our lives, and see ourselves and each other through the eyes of the One who loves unconditionally.*

Image credit:Koenig, Peter. Temptation of Christ, from **Art in the Christian Tradition** <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58516>

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Guidance

At the joint PCC meeting on 25th February 2022 it was agreed that we will encourage 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 Unless you are exempt, we ask that face coverings are worn if you are moving around the building or joining in with the singing.

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 hymns 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 and will be reviewed on 5th April 2022.

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 25th February 2022.