

The Marden Vale Team Ministry  
Christ Church, Derry Hill St. John the Baptist, Foxham St. Martin, Bremhill  
13th March - The Second Sunday of Lent

### Services

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

#### Sunday 27th March (Mothering Sunday)

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

### Diary for March

Tue 15th 2pm Funeral at Derry Hill (*The late Mrs Brenda Beint*)  
Wed 16th 6pm Meditation at Christ Church DH  
7.30pm Handbells at Christ Church DH  
Fri 18th 7.30pm St. Patrick's Day Supper, Bremhill VH

### 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](mailto:jenniferlamacraft@icloud.com)

Foxham Electoral Roll revision begins 6th March

Contact [airtrafficker@hotmail.com](mailto:airtrafficker@hotmail.com)

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

### Keeping in touch

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Website [www.mardenvale.org.uk](http://www.mardenvale.org.uk)

Derry Hill's [Facebook page](#)

Foxham's [Facebook Page](#)

Here are the Bug Hotels we made last Sunday. Join us on 3rd April to plant wild flower seeds.



### 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](#)

### Ukraine

#### A prayer from Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy, UK

*God of peace, your prophet Isaiah promised swords would be turned into ploughshares, and your Son's mother, Mary, proclaimed the mighty would be put down and the humble exalted: visit the people of Ukraine; deliver them from fear, violence, attack, injury, destruction, death; and give them courage, solidarity and allies in their hour of vulnerability and sorrow.*

*Turn the hearts of those bent on war and invasion.*

*Strengthen the hand of all seeking to halt conflict, restore order, and pursue justice. And make this moment of peril an occasion for your Holy Spirit to show your world the cost of conflict and our dependence on one another.*

*In Christ our Lord, who went to his death because of our hatred, and rose again because our hatred is never stronger than your indomitable love. Amen.*

#### Support:

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

**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.

See also Bishop Karen's letter (attached)

**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

**The departed:** remembering especially Brenda Beint, Peggy Doddington, Alan Holder, Irene Payne and Margaret Dolman, 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 Melanesia

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.

### Calne Food Bank

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

4A Mill Street, Calne, SN11 8DP

[www.calnefoodbank.co.uk](http://www.calnefoodbank.co.uk)

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Email: [calnefoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:calnefoodbank@gmail.com)

## Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent

### Collect

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
may we come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me  
to devour my flesh—  
my adversaries and foes—  
they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me,  
yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'  
Your face, Lord, do I seek.  
Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!  
If my father and mother forsake me,  
the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.  
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord!

### Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look



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towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

### Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

### Luke 13:31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to



it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

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

At the joint PCC meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022.