

The Marden Vale Team Ministry

Christ Church, Derry Hill St. John the Baptist, Foxham St. Martin, Bremhill

3rd April - The Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passiontide begins

Services

Sunday 3rd April

10am Said Communion at Derry Hill
10.30am Family Service at Derry Hill
Caring for Creation - Sowing flower seeds
6pm Zoom Evening Prayer
(Link available from
lindac@mardenvale.org.uk)



Sunday 10th April - Palm Sunday

10am Bremhill Service for All Ages
(Interactive Service beginning in the Square)
10.30am Derry Hill Service for All Ages
(Interactive Service beginning in the churchyard)
6pm Foxham Evening Prayer
(Dramatic reading of Christ's Passion)

Mon 11th, Tue 12th, Wed 13th

7.30pm Compline at Christ Church, DH

Maundy Thursday - 14th

7.30pm Holy Communion (followed by Watch for an hour)

Good Friday - 15th

12pm The Good Friday Liturgy at Bremhill
2pm At the Foot of the Cross at Derry Hill

Sunday 17th April - Easter Day

9.30am Family Communion at Foxham
11am Family Communion at Bremhill
11am Family Communion at Derry Hill

Diary for April

Sun 3rd 3pm APCM at Christ Church, DH with Tea & Cake

Tue 5th 11am Funeral at Bremhill

(The late Mrs Margaret Dolman)

2.30pm Interment of Ashes at Bremhill

(The late Mrs Irene Payne)

7.30pm Gardening Club at Christ Church, DH

Wed 6th 2.30pm MU P&F Group at Christ Church, DH

6pm Meditation at Christ Church DH

7.30pm Handbells at Christ Church DH

Fri 8th 9.15am School Easter Service at Christ Church, DH

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

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](#)

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](#)

Support Ukraine

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.

I have registered the parishes with [Sanctuary Foundation](#)

More information from the Church of England and Salisbury Diocese about how you can help is available [here](#)

Update: Currently, the government's **Homes for Ukrainians scheme** means people can only seek refuge here if they have a sponsor. This can be difficult and people are being advised not to use Facebook or other social media for linking up because of safeguarding concerns. Two reputable charities are currently working on linking refugee families with UK accommodation providers and can also give advice on organising transport - a responsibility that otherwise lands solely on the shoulders of the refugee and sponsor. These two charities are:

Reset communities and refugees is helping to register and match refugees

Citizens UK is supporting group sponsorship which a community group or group of churches might think about

Christian Aid and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, with its 23 sponsoring denominations, are inviting churches across Britain and Ireland to join together in an act of witness to pray and light candles for Ukraine on **Sunday 3rd April**, for an end to the conflict and for all those affected by the terrible impact of war. See prayer below
More details [here](#)

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, Sonia Strange, Margaret Bell, Rev. Jim Scott

The departed: remembering especially Richard Paget, 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 Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

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

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Readings for Lent 5

Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God



based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the



fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

We light a candle for Ukraine today and pray:

God of all peoples and nations,
who created all things alive and breathing,
united and whole,
show us the way of peace that is your overwhelming presence.
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia,
every child and every adult.
We long for the time
when weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares,
when nations no longer lift up sword against nation.
We cry out to you for peace;
protect those who only desire and deserve to live
in security and safety.
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives
of their loved ones.
Be with those who are bereaved.
Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression
and fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace.
Kindle again in us a love of our neighbour,
and a passion for justice to prevail
and a renewed recognition that we all play a part in peace.
Creator of all hear our prayer
and bring us peace.
Make us whole. Amen.

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.