

Welcome to The Marden Vale Team Ministry

(Christ Church, Derry Hill; Holy Trinity, Quemerford;
St. John the Baptist, Foxham; St. Martin, Bremhill;
St. Mary the Virgin, Calne; and St. Peter, Blacklands.)

10 March 2024 Mothering Sunday (Purple)

Services around the Benefice

08:00 St Mary's Holy Communion
09:30 St John the Baptist Foxham Holy Communion
10:00 St Mary's Holy Communion
10:00 St Martin's Bremhill Morning Praise
11:00 Christ Church Derry Hill Holy Communion
18:00 Bowood Chapel Evensong

Sunday 17 March Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)

08:00 St Mary's Holy Communion
10:00 St Mary's Parish Eucharist
10:00 Holy Trinity Quemerford Family Service
11:00 Christ Church Derry Hill Parish Eucharist

Today's Collect: God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Collect: Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A special Event

Sunday 24th March 2024 3pm at St Mary's Church.

Come and celebrate David Bevan's 45+ years of service as our Musical Director and Organist.

Regular events:

Tuesdays

Church House 10:00-11:30 SMUFs (St. Mary's Under Fives) Term time only.

Derry Hill church 14:00 – 16:00 Handbells

Wednesdays

St Mary's church: 10:00 Holy Communion

Church House: 15:30 - 17:30 Wednesday Club for children aged 4-11. Term time only

Derry Hill church: 18:00 Meditation

Thursdays

Derry Hill church 10:30 coffee & chat **St Mary's church:** 18:30 – 19:00 Christian Meditation

Fridays

Bremhill Village Hall 10:00 coffee & cake **Derry Hill church** 14:00 Crafternoon

St Mary's church: 19:00 choir practise 19:30 Bellringing

Other Notices:

Monday 11 March – Church House 08:30 Electric wiring and PAT Testing

Christ Church Derry Hill 11:00 Funeral Service for the late Mary Love

Church House 19:30 Lent Group meeting

Tuesday 12 March - St Mary's 08:30 Electric wiring and PAT Testing today, Wednesday and Thursday

Church House 14:00 C&B Mothers' Union – Talk "Lent Reflections" by Revd Annie Church

7 Bream Close 14:00 Lent Group meeting

Wednesday 13 March - Church House 11:00 Lent Group meeting

Thursday 14 March – Zoom 19:30 Lent Group meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7771993235?pwd=NFFBMUVXTGQ4UjZXSllWTmw3MVB6UT09&omn=81164787526>

Meeting ID: 777 199 3235 Passcode: 819097

Church House 19.30 C&B Standing Committee meeting

Friday 15 March – Holy Trinity 08:30 Electric wiring and PAT Testing

Church House 12:30 – 13:30 Lent lunches – soup, bread and cheese followed by CAMEO 2pm-4pm – tea and cake

Saturday 16 March St Mary's 10:30 – 12 Bellringing practice

This year's revision of the **Calne & Blackland Church Electoral Roll** will begin on Sunday 24th March and end on Weds 10th April 2024; application forms need to be returned by this date if you want to vote at this year's APCM (on 5th May). If you are already on the roll, you do not need to do anything as your name will remain on it. Copies of the roll will be available in the back of St. Mary's, Holy Trinity and St. Peter's churches if you want to check. Please contact Liz Roberts (e.are@btopenworld.com) with any questions or talk to a Church Warden.

This Maundy Thursday (28th March) at 7pm St Mary's is hosting a slightly different event to mark this really important moment in the church year, and anyone in the benefice is welcome to join in. We will be having a meal together - not a Seder meal as such, but simply lamb casseroles (with veggie alternatives) and puddings at tables at the back of church. The meal will be interspersed with the different stages of a special service, including foot or hand washing, and holy communion at the tables. When the meal has ended we will go to the other end of church for the traditional altar stripping, and as much vigil as you would like to stay for. Look out for further details of how you could help with this, and how to book a place.

A folding wheelchair has been donated to the Benefice and is stored at the back of St Mary's church. It is available to anyone who has need of a short-term loan for hospital visits, shopping, garden visits etc. Please contact the office if you would like to make use of this 01249 816522.

The Town Council have specifically asked us whether the churches might be interested in entering a float (walking or on a lorry) in the 2024 town carnival on Sat 29th June at 4.30pm. The theme this year is influential people through history.

If you would be interested in this (especially anyone who might take a lead in organising!) do please have a word with Caspar.

Zoom morning prayer for the whole benefice is at **8.30am every Friday morning**. Click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86707029064?pwd=MTlnaGM2bnNBRStYN3Q0Vi9STWxudz09>
Meeting ID: 867 0702 9064 Passcode: 123456

Prayer Diary 2024

Please pick up a copy of the updated Weekly Prayer Diary 2024, available in all the Benefice churches during Lent. It's a useful tool to support our prayers for the Benefice with a different focus each day. It folds concertina style into a small booklet easy to keep in a handbag or pocket. Thanks to Alex Grenfell for our new and improved design!

Please pray for: Goff Morris, Jane Coleman, Henry Wonham, Ken Goodship, Rex Hitchens and Nicola Rigby
All those in need of God's healing.

Please pray for the family and friends of: Mary Love and Sonia Ryder.

All who have recently died; all who mourn the loss of a loved one; all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Pray too for:

The people of Afghanistan, East Africa, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Morocco, Myanmar, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, Yemen and especially those who have become refugees because of conflict.
Israel & the people of Palestine in Gaza.

The victims of violence.

For those who have lost their homes because of natural disaster, extreme weather conditions or famine.

For those helping people and families in poverty.

We pray for all the children, young people and staff of our local schools.

Today's readings are:

I Samuel 1.20-28

Colossians 3.12-17

John 19.25-27

If you would like to receive a Gluten Free wafer at Communion please let the Churchwardens or priest know before the service.

Our Churches are open for private prayer:

Bremhill - daily from 09:00-16:00

Derry Hill – Tues-Sat 09:00 -16:00 and Sundays 12:00-16:00

Foxham – Sundays 11:00 – 16:00

St Mary's – Wed 11:00 – 13:00 and Fri 14:00 – 16:00

Contact us: Church House - 30, Church Street, Calne, SN11 0HU,

(Open – 09:00 – 13:00 on Mon., Weds., & Fri. only) Tel. 01249 816 522. (excluding bank holidays)

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