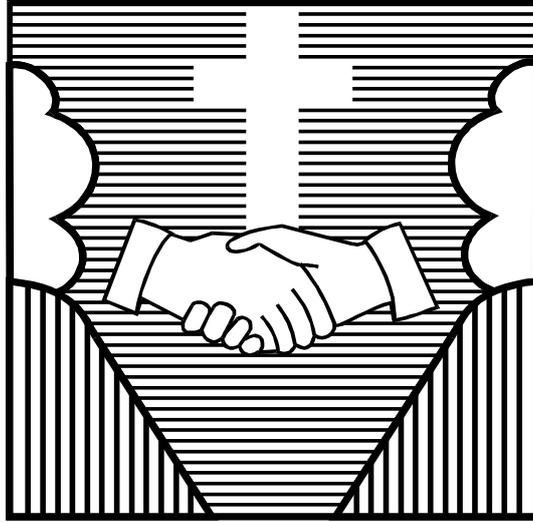


The Valley



Church

We are ordinary people led by an extraordinary God, whose love inspires us to welcome everyone, serve our communities and grow as we follow Jesus together

25th June 2017 – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

09.30 Holy Communion with Graham Watts

Services – July 2017

2 July	09.30	Lantern Holy Communion with Graham/Sami Watts
	11.00	Lantern in the Chapel with Graham & Sami Watts
9 July	09.30	Holy Communion with Graham & Sami Watts
16 July	09.30	Lantern Holy Communion in The Chapel
	11.00	Lantern at St. Mary's with Graham & Sami Watts
23 July	09.30	Holy Communion with Jonathan Chaffey
30 July	09.30	Holy Communion with Sarah Fitzgerald
	18.45	Lighthouse Dedication Service @ Holy Trinity School

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Vicarage Telephone - Graham & Sami have a new telephone number - 01628 440106

Congratulations to John Smith on his ordination as priest yesterday at St Mary's, Aylesbury. We wish him every blessing for his ministry.

COMPASSION - Louise from Compassion will be attending the **8am, 9.15am and 10.59am services at All Saints' Marlow TODAY June 25th** to talk about the new project in Tanzania. This has replaced the one in India and there are still children looking for a sponsor. We are sorry it hasn't been possible to arrange for Louise to visit all our churches, but if anyone is interested in sponsoring a child please contact Liz Kendall-Jones for more information, either by phone or e mail – 07774 436383 or lizziekj@btinternet.com

Sanctuary at All Saints Bisham Thursday 6th July at 8pm - space for peace & stillness. Contact Mieke Gaynor (487012) or mieke.gaynor@btopenworld.com for further information.

Saturday 8th July St. Mary's pre-school will be celebrating it's 50th Anniversary!

There will be a summer fair with games, crafts, refreshments, bbq, bar and bouncy castle, so it should be a fun day! It would be great if we as a church can celebrate the pre-school. there are a couple of ways we can do this: first, if you like to bake or could provide a bottle for the tombola, then all donations would be very gratefully received. Second - the pre-school want to put up a little exhibition with memories of the past, so if you have any photos that would be relevant - whether of your children, grandchildren or any event with pre-school, they would love to borrow them. And finally, of course, let's go along to support them 12-3!

Small Groups leaders meeting

Our new small groups have been going really well- nearly 300 people signed up for a group! The current programme of groups will finish at the end of July and a new programme will start in September. So we need leaders to think now about whether their groups will continue, what they will do and what new ideas we might have for the autumn. We will hold a meeting on 10th July, 7.30pm in the Church Hall for existing and prospective leaders to review groups and discuss ideas. Do come along to find out more. Deadline for submitting group proposals will be 30th July.

Christian Aid Week

A huge thank-you to everyone who responded to this year's appeal in support of refugees around the world. The total amount raised in the Marlow house-to-house collection (including Marlow Bottom and Little Marlow), was £7460 excluding gift aid. Sue and Kathy would like to thank their sponsors who helped to raise £385 for their efforts on the Christian Aid walk.

Thank you - to all in our Team Churches

I have been overwhelmed by your generous support for my retreat in the Holy Land. My heartfelt thanks to you all, for your great kindness and enormous generosity. The retreat was a time of so many blessings - refreshment for body and soul, in a unique and wonderful place. Thank you all so very much. You were all in my prayers in Galilee. Every blessing, Gabrielle

Youth Intern 2017/18

As some of you will know, we have really enjoyed having Hannah Fitzgerald as our youth intern over the past six months. Sadly, Hannah's time comes to an end in July, but we hope very much that we might find another intern for September 2017 - July 2018. One issue, though, is that we would need to find accommodation for such a person. There would be a small financial allowance for a host household and the practicalities, of course, would have to be carefully worked out. But maybe this is something you could prayerfully consider? - If you think YOU could be that host, then please do let us know. Many thanks. Sadly we have to announce the death of **Marjorie Chisholm**. Her husband David used to be a vicar in the team. There will be a Memorial Service on **Friday 7th July at 3pm at All Saints Marlow**

**Readings for next week: Romans 5: 12-17
Matthew 5: 17-20**

***Please send any items of news to the Parish Office
parish.office@4u-team.org
by 9am on Wednesday
Tel: 01628 481806***

TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** 4U Team

Week beginning 25th June

A Prayer for Trinity God the Father, God beyond us, we adore you. You are the depth of all that is; you are the ground of our being. We can never grasp you, yet you grasp us, and your love comes to us through Jesus. God the Son, God beside us, we adore you. You are the perfection of humanity. You have shown us what human life should be like. In you we see divine love and human greatness combined. God the Spirit, God around us, we adore you. You draw us to Jesus and the Father. You are the power within us. You give us abundant life and can make us the men and women we are meant to be. Father, Son and Spirit; God beyond, beside and around us; we adore you.

Give thanks for our friends, families and carers, all who support and nurture us; for the joy of sharing worship together and for a shared hospitality. Help us to be an open and welcoming church to all and any who seek to know our Lord better and to draw closer to God.

Pray for all who have lost family and friends, their homes and all their belongings as a result of the tragedy of Grenfell Tower. May they know that God weeps with them but shows his love and compassion through the wonderful community support and genuine concern that has been so evident. **Pray** for those in the fire and emergency services who have had to cope with the heartbreaking and horrific scenes. **Pray** that those in authority will work to implement whatever is needed to ensure this will never happen again. **Pray** also for the many people who have lost loved ones and their homes in the fires in Portugal, still burning and destroying all before them

Pray for the families and friends of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks in London and in Manchester, for those who have suffered life changing injuries, and all who are fearful, that they may be strengthened and upheld. **Pray** for the perpetrators of violence and crime that they may be guided to see a wider vision and be open to negotiation, compassion, reconciliation and forgiveness.

Pray for Christians who are persecuted for their faith **Pray** that the authorities in those places will be guided to see the value of religious tolerance and mutual respect. **Pray** for refugees fleeing from oppression, violence and poverty, that they may find a welcome and a safe haven offering hope for the future. **Pray** for all whose lives continue to be broken by the effects of escalating terrorist attacks in Afghanistan, Syria, and wider.

Pray for guidance and tolerance for all involved in the Brexit negotiations.

Pray for the opportunities to move forward in the power of a new Spirit as we grow in new and exciting directions as ordinary people with our extraordinary God. **Pray** for our Team Council that there will be new ways to include all our congregations in a generous and inclusive church community, where all are valued and loved equally.

Pray for those who are sick in body mind or spirit and all those who have asked for our prayers, give thanks for those who are healing.

Pray for those who have recently died, all who are still missed, may those who mourn all know the peace and love of Christ, and his promise of eternal life.