

THE OTHER SIDE

2nd July 2017 – Third Sunday after Trinity

All Saints
Marlow



08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung) with Baptism
10.59 Informal Service
17.30 Evensong

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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

Roland, our new curate, and his wife Caroline have arrived in Marlow. Please come and meet them at our morning services today and at our **Bring & Share Picnic** which takes place in **Higginson Park at 1pm**

John Smith would like to thank everybody who has been so generous in giving him their best wishes on the occasion of his ordination. He is overwhelmed and very appreciative.

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.

COMPASSION

Following the presentation by Louise from Compassion on Sunday June 25th, we now have a further 7 children sponsored from the project in Tanzania bringing our total to 28 which is amazing. Thanks to everyone who attended the services on Sunday to hear Louise and especially to those people who decided to sponsor a child. This one small act makes such a difference in the life of one of these children. If anyone is still interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Liz Kendall-Jones on 07774 436383 or e mail liz.kendall-jones@4u-team.org.

Church Council Mon 26th June

Time was spent reflecting on the vision and priorities for the next three years. There was a focus on reaching out to our communities and the impact of doing this not forgetting the people that already find their way to us on a daily basis. Finances. The second quarter position will be available for the July meeting. It was noted that 'planned' giving is fairly static and that we need to provide more teaching on the blessings that come from regular and committed giving. Toilets. The work on the updated plans following the DAC visit were supported were supported and work on the project continues. It was agreed to seek to release some old bequest funds that have been in existence for many years. Further information was provided to support the request to appoint a replacement for Amelia along with two other interns for next year. One of them to be part funded by St Johns, Little Marlow. Whilst there was strong support for this a final decision has been left for July when there will be greater clarity on finances and the initial budget for 2018 as funding is a challenge. A proposed design for a new table in the Prayer space was supported and will now be offered for wider comment and consultation including the open session with Dave and the Wardens on 16th July before coming back to the July meeting.

Urgent: volunteers needed!

In September our year 6 club will be rebranded as CONNECT 6 and will run on Wednesday evenings from 5.30pm-7pm. On 12th July we are running a taster session for any current year 5s. I am looking for a few individuals who could join our current team to help run this. If you're interested or can help please contact Anna as soon as possible: anna.clarke@4u-team, 07492788704. Thank you.

In the coming week...

SMALL SAINTS BAND - OPEN SESSION, 3rd JULY If you have a child currently in school years 3-6 who might be interested in joining our children's worship band then bring them along to All Saints after school on Monday 3rd July. We will be having an open session for any children interested to come along and have a go! Contact gill.taylor@4u-team.org for more details

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.

Memorial Service for Marjorie Chisholm on Friday 7th July at 3pm here at All Saints. Marjorie's husband David used to be a vicar in the team and she was a very much loved member of the 10.30am Tuesday communion service.

The Marlow Healing Rooms
The next session is on **Saturday 8th July** 10am-12noon at Christ Church URC, and this will be the last Healing Rooms before the autumn. As before, the Team is led by Patrick and Suzy Nivelles and Nigel and Jean Stock, all four are established members of River Church Marlow. The team members are fully trained to provide Christ-centred prayer for healing and restoration and have the approval of their church leaders. We're one of the UK's 100+ registered Healing Rooms, a full member of the National Association of Healing Rooms England (NAHRE) and follow the guidelines of the International Association of Healing Rooms.

Other notices

CHURCH FORUM
Our first Church Forum will take place in the Church Hall at 7.00 pm on Sunday 16th July. Please come along to listen and contribute to an open discussion about the things that are happening in our church – including things going well and things that you are concerned about. This is an opportunity to make a very real contribution to the life of our church. We very much look forward to seeing you there!
Dave, Julie and Ruth

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 raised in the Marlow house-to-house collection (including Marlow Bottom and Little Marlow), was £7460 excluding gift aid. In addition, £1220 was raised by sponsored walkers from Marlow, and £825 by the concert at Christ Church URC.

ASM Music Trust Choral Awards:
We are delighted to report that the following Choristers were successful in the recent auditions for All Saints' Marlow Music Trust Choral Awards, which take effect from September 2017:
Lauren Bull - Choral Scholarship
Abbie Ball and Emily Morris - Choral Bursaries
Well done, girls! *Clem Virgo*

Please could any information for The Other Side be sent to the Parish Office by 9am on Wednesdays. Many thanks

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday: 10.30 Holy Communion
Wednesday: 08.15 Morning Prayer
Friday 19.00 Evening Prayer

Readings for next week: Acts 2:37-47
Matthew 16:13-19

Next Sunday 9th July - 4th Sunday after Trinity
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal Service
17.30 Evensong
19.00 Informal Evening Service

TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** **AT ALL SAINTS**

Week beginning 2nd July 2017

A Prayer for Guidance Living God, you do not compel us to serve you but you invite us rather to respond to your love; you do not impose your will upon us or dictate the course we should take, but instead you offer your guidance, giving us signposts to walk by, yet ultimately leaving the decisions we must make in our hands. We thank you for this wonderful expression of trust, this freedom to choose and discover for ourselves and we ask that you will help us to use it wisely; trusting you in return, and seeking, so far as we understand it, to honour your will. Give us wisdom and courage to make the right decisions at the right time and in the right place, to the glory of your name. Amen

Pray for Roland our new curate and his wife Caroline, as Roland joins us today. May his time with us be one of fulfillment and joy.

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 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.

In this week of Prayer for Refugees remember all those fleeing from oppression, violence and poverty, that they may find a welcome and a safe haven offering hope, security and love for the future.

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 investigating the aftermath coping with heartbreaking scenes. **Pray** that those in authority will work to implement whatever is needed to ensure this will never happen again.

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 all whose lives continue to be broken by the effects of escalating terrorist attacks in Afghanistan, Syria, and Iraq.

Pray for guidance and tolerance for all involved as the Brexit negotiations continue.

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 are elderly and housebound, no longer able to get to church and who feel forgotten, that they may know they are still loved and still part of our church family. **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.

Pray for any who are hurting at this time for family or financial reasons, who feel frightened and overwhelmed by their circumstances. **LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS**



four churches,
one vision