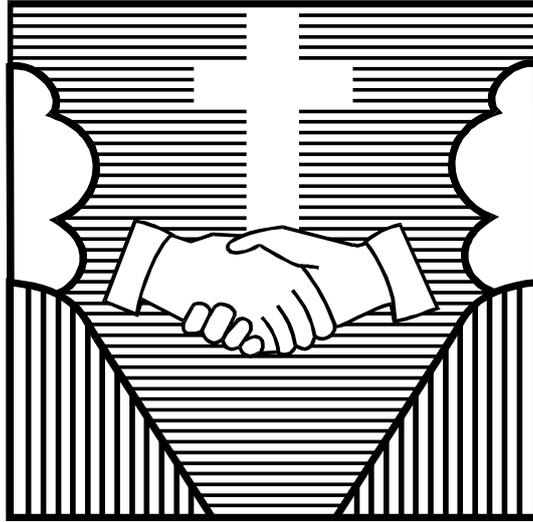


# The Valley



# 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*

## **9<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

09.30 Holy Communion with Graham Watts

### **Services – July 2017**

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

### **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.

**With August coming up**, we will be using a similar pattern of services to last summer. There will also be a number of social occasions to get together with those from the Chapel and from the 11am service.

**August 2nd** Drop-In cream tea at Mike and Joan Gilbert's 36 Marlow Bottom

**August 6th** 10.30 Holy Communion at the Chapel

**August 13th** 9.30 Holy Communion at St Mary's ; 12.30pm Barbecue at the vicarage;  
6.30pm Holy Communion at the Chapel

**August 20th** 10.30 Service of the Word at the Chapel;

**August 27th** 9.30 Holy Communion at St. Mary's; 12.30 Barbecue - venue to be confirmed!

### **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.

**Readings for next week:** Revelations 21:1-8  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

***Please send any items of news to the Parish Office***

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***by 9am on Wednesday***

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# TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** 4U Team

**Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> July**

**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, may their 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. **Pray** that the areas of concern in our growing and multifaceted church will be resolved with love, patience and prayer.

**Pray** all those fleeing from oppression, violence and poverty, 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 and 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, 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