

THE OTHER SIDE

9th July 2017 – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

All Saints
Marlow



08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung) with choir
10.59 Informal Service
17.30 Evensong
19.00 Informal Evening Service

John Smith & Pam Fawcett
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Graham Watts/Sami Watts
Dave Bull
Gill Taylor

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

Informal Evening Service - Tonight

Informal Evening Service tonight at 7pm. Join us for a worship special; bring instruments and voices and join in. All welcome at church and afterwards at the pub too. See you there. *Gill*

Audio System Training

Training for use of the audio system will be available on Monday 10th and 17th July. The sessions will start at 3.00/4.00/5.00/6.00 and 7.00pm Please contact Richard to book a slot. Places in each time slot will be limited and will last no more than an hour. If you would like to know more about and/or be able to operate the system please book in for a session by contacting richard.powell@4u-team.org or call on 01628 486502

Choral Evensong & Choir BBQ

We have one of the great social occasions of the year on **July 16th**. The final Choral Evensong with the combined girls, boys and men's choir at 5.30 followed by a BBQ in the church grounds. So we can cater correctly please do get your tickets in advance from the parish office (£6) or email me nearer the time if you think you can come! It's a great celebration occasion and a chance to meet all of the choirs, parents and congregations - definitely not to be missed!
music@4u-team.org

Connect 6: Year 5 TASTER Session, Wed 12th July, 5.30pm-7pm

On Wednesday 12th July all year 5s are invited to join our CONNECT 6 taster session. This will take place at ChristChurch URC (Oxford Road, next to Platts Garage) from 5.30pm-7pm. From September this will be a weekly club (based at All Saints Church Hall) for year 6s ONLY so if you're in year 5 now then come along in July to try it out! For more details, contact: anna.clarke@4u-team.org

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.

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.

In the coming week...

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.

Sat 15th July An opportunity to pray for our community; our parish and our church in an informal setting in the Prayer Space. Do join us at 9.00am for half an hour to start your day.

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

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

Other notices

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.

Churches Together in Marlow

Copies of the summer issue of the newsletter are on the table at the back of church, or an email version can be obtained from tony.threlfall@live.co.uk. The newsletter includes a report on Love Marlow and details of upcoming events. The launch service for Lighthouse 2017 takes place in the main tent on the field at Holy Trinity School on Sunday, 30th July at 6.45 pm.

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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

Next Sunday 16th July - 5th Sunday after Trinity
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal Service with Communion
17.30 Choral Evensong

**Readings for
next week:**

**Revelation 21:1-8
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

TOGETHER IN PRAYER AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 9th 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, 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