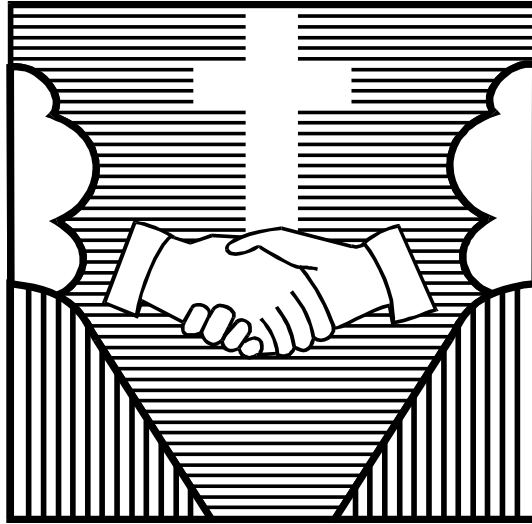


The Valley



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

16th July 2017 – 5th Sunday after Trinity

09.30 Lantern Holy Communion in the Chapel
11.00 Lantern at St Mary's with Graham & Sami Watts

Services – July/August 2017

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
06 Aug	10.30	Holy Communion in the Chapel
13 Aug	09.30	Holy Communion with Graham Watts followed by Lantern BBQ

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

What the Papers say Sermon Series

Starts 23rd July and runs for seven weeks

In this series we shall be taking a story from the "Papers" (or TV/Tablet/Interweb!) and looking at it through the 'lens' of the Bible. A Bible passage will be chosen by the preacher to look at and use, as together we ask what God has to say about the media story. How should we respond as God's people? How can we articulate our response such that it gets others thinking? God's love for us shown in Jesus isn't a distant love but a getting the hands dirty love. He cares passionately what is going on in the world and he wants his people to as well. That's why we are doing this series together.

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.

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 16th 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 all teachers and pupils as they celebrate the last term and prepare for the relaxation and refreshment of the Summer break.

Pray for Lighthouse Marlow as the many helpers and children prepare for an exciting week of fun and friendship as we learn about Peter and how he was transformed by the Holy Spirit pray for the success of Lighthouse Clubs everywhere which start this week.

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 that this evening's forum will be a place of discussion and sharing.

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** for all whose lives continue to be broken by the effects of escalating terrorist attacks in Afghanistan, Syria, and Mosul

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. **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