

THE OTHER SIDE

All Saints
Marlow



3rd September 2017 – Twelfth Sunday after
Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal Service (inc Thanksgiving & Blessing)
17.30 Evensong (said) with hymns

Bill Townsend
Roland Slade & Dave Bull
Dave Bull
John Smith

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

Across the 4u team of Churches we run **THE ALPHA COURSE**. This is a **community** of people **open** to thinking, sharing and **questioning** God, Life and the big questions that go with them. This could be for you or it could be for a friend you could invite.

Alpha has a great website with information about the course, videos that give you a taste of what goes on and stories of people who have done the course and how it has helped them. Do have a look at www.alpha.org

Our next course starts on Tuesday 26th

September from 7.45-9.45 at All Saints Church Hall, Marlow. It lasts for 10 weeks, including a break for Half Term. Each evening includes a delicious meal. Invitations are at the back of the church. Please take one to sign up or ask a question speak to any of the clergy, *Marilyn Clarke* 01628 472774,

marilyn.clarke@ntlworld.com or The Parish Office 01628 481806 parish.office@4u-team.org

Should Tuesdays not be convenient there is also a course starting on **Thursday 28th September** in Marlow Bottom **7.30-9.30pm at 165 Marlow Bottom** More details of this can be found here <http://4u-team.org/alpha/>

Catering Team for Saturday November 11th, 10am and 3.30pm. The Alpha Team need extra hands for the Away Day catering. It would involve preparing, cooking, serving and clearing away a meal for the Alpha guests and team at the Church of Christ the Servant King, Cressex. Tea and coffee would also be offered at the beginning of the day and at break time. Please contact Linda Cassidy on 01628 485087.

Sanctuary 8.00pm 7th September, Bisham Church. Space for peace and stillness drawing on the Christian heritage of meditation, prayer, music and art. New leaflet listing future dates available at the back of church.

Smallgroups4U for autumn term We are pleased to announce the new programme of Small Groups for the autumn term goes live today! Please pick up a brochure from church or go to the website at 4u-team.org/smallgroups to see what we have on offer this term. There is a great variety so hope you find something that interests you to help you grow in relationships and faith and have fun! If you wish to continue in an existing group that is one of the ones advertised, you will still need to sign up, but your group leader may have done this for you so check with them. If you have any questions please email smallgroups@4u-team.org

Retiring collection today: for the people of Sierra Leone. It is estimated that more than 1,000 people have died from the mudslide and flooding that hit its capital, Freetown, nearly two weeks ago. Our donation will be made through the Marlow based charity Build on Books who have volunteers on the ground and ready to give aid to traumatised survivors. ALL donations will be spent on helping the victims with food, water, clothing & whatever is needed.

The Autumn Series of Sunday afternoon concerts will be starting on Sunday 10th September at 3pm followed by tea and cake. They are free to enter but donations are much appreciated and help to cover the cost of the concerts and support the music at the church. The Berkshire Brass are getting the season off to a wonderful start with a programme which will delight and entertain.

Harvest Lunch - Harvest Festival is 24th September. We would like to hold our traditional harvest lunch that day but to do so we need someone to organise it. This involves organising the preparation of the hall for lunch and gathering a team of willing volunteers to prepare food which usually consists of a sit-down buffet of cold meat and salads, followed by fruit pies etc. If you are willing to do this please speak to Liz Kendall-Jones or email liz.kendal-jones@4u-team.org

CONCERT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

30th Sept Ascot Brass & Choir in aid of Rotary charities.

THE OSILIGI MAASAI WARRIORS

Sunday 1st October at 7.30pm

After their thrilling sell-out concert in 2013, The Osiligi Maasai Warriors return to perform on Sunday 1st October at 7.30pm. ENTRY IS FREE, with A RETIRING COLLECTION. The concert is part of their 2017 UK tour and as our audience last time will confirm, the troupe are stunning performers. Their performances are a sensation to watch, with all audiences, aged 5-95, being enthralled and excited by their natural rhythm and song. Their jumping too is really something to behold! All performances are narrated. It's an unforgettable unique event, NOT TO BE MISSED!!

URGENT: Volunteers needed!

Anna desperately needs more people to help with the following children's groups if they are to run in September.

Connect 6: Year 6 club on Wednesdays 5pm-7pm

Teeny Saints: 0-3s + Parents group on

Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am

If you are at all interested please contact Anna (anna.clarke@4u-team.org) to find out more about what is involved.

We would love some more helpers for the youth team, either to join our Sunday morning team, which would be a once a month commitment or join our Wednesday night youth club team for 'Game On' 7-8.30pm. We could especially do with some men. If you would like to find out more, please email Helen on helen.godwin@4u-team.org

We are putting together a list of **possible babysitters** from church congregations. We need people who would be willing to be asked (on an ad hoc basis) to offer free babysitting for the children of parents who would like to attend a church event - Alpha, baptism prep, small groups etc. No regular commitment, no need to always say yes when asked. Please speak to Liz Ferris if you're interested, or phone 07799 854 535

Marlow Refugee Group – during September we are appealing for toiletries and newborn baby care items to go to refugee camps in Syria and Greece, please see our leaflet or the poster on the noticeboards for more details. Maybe you could add a few items to your weekly shop for us? Contact Vanessa Faulkner for more information 07810 366657

vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com

In the coming week

Afternoon Garden Tea for Romania

The dedicated team of volunteers heading to Romania in October are looking to raise the funds needed for the trip and a donation to The Smiles Foundation. They will be holding an afternoon tea on **Saturday 9th September between 3-6pm**; expect delicious cakes, a

fabulous raffle; great company; and a chance to admire this lovely garden! Venue is 1 Westminster Close, High Wycombe, HP11 1QR. Or visit their page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mission-romania-2017> Thank you for all the donations so far!

Other notices

Thanks to Elaine Stacey, only **two** fresh new recruits are now needed to join our wonderful **church cleaning team**. Each one will adopt just one section of the church. Keeping it clean and tidy should not need more than an hour or so a week. Which day and which hour is yours to choose. We are also short of a brass polisher for the month of July, beginning in 2018. Please speak to me at church or ring for more information or to offer help. Many thanks. *Sally Drury 01628 781419/07876 042478.*

Churches Together in Marlow. There will be a **Men's Breakfast** meeting at Harleyford Golf Club at 8.30 am on Saturday 9th September. Vaughan Wickins (accompanied by his wife Virginia) will speak on the Refugee crisis in the Middle East. Enjoy good company, a bacon bap and coffee, and an uplifting message - £5 pay on arrival. To avoid clashing with the men's meeting, the **monthly prayer meeting has been brought forward to Saturday 2nd Saturday** (9 am at Christ Church URC).

Toilet Twinning We are grateful for the gift of twinning our toilet with one in Kagera, Tanzania. We would like to say a big 'thank you' to the donors for making this possible. Whilst we struggle with our existing toilet facility 1 in 3 people worldwide don't have access to somewhere safe, private and hygienic to go to the toilet. The human and economic impact of this is enormous. Investing in sanitation is one of the most cost-effective forms of aid. "For every £1 spent on water and sanitation, £8 is returned through saved time, reduced health costs and increased productivity." Our toilet twinning will help to 'flush away' poverty! For more information go to www.toiletwinning.org

Accommodation for Interns

We are still looking for accommodation for some of our interns for the next academic year. Please speak to Gill Taylor or Anna Clarke if you can help; or come and have a chat to find out more. Thank you. *Gill & Anna*

If you are a keen photographer you may wish to enter the Marlow Conservation Area Photo Competition. There are two age categories – under 16 and over 16 and the closing date is 7th September. More details can be found at www.marlowsociety.org.uk. Perhaps a photo of our beautiful church could be the winner!

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

Next Sunday 10th September - 13th after Trinity
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal Service
17.30 Choral Evensong
19.00 Informal Evening Service



four churches,
one vision

PRAYER

TOGETHER IN **AT ALL SAINTS**

Week beginning 3rd September 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

Give thanks for summer holidays, time to rest and refresh, catch up with friends and family and give thanks to God for all the blessings we have. **Pray** now for all teachers and pupils returning to school, those starting school for the first time, those moving up to a new year group, those moving to a new school and to university and those still uncertain of their future. Pray that they will all be excited and eager with new things to learn and discover and may they grow in love and understanding.

Pray for the young people receiving exam results, may they be rewarded for their work and application, but may they also remember when one door closes God will open another.

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. Help us to be tolerant and respectful to each other and all whom we meet.

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 exciting potential opportunities for growth will be discerned by prayer and careful consideration with God's guiding hand

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 the people of Yemen, whose war ravaged country is now facing famine and the worst outbreak of cholera in recent history; pray for those working in the most challenging conditions to bring relief. **Pray** for all those victims and survivors of recent tragic events in Spain, that the support they need will be forthcoming, and they will slowly heal and know they are not forgotten. **Pray** for all those whose lives have been lost, those who mourn their loss and whose homes devastated. Pray for all people in Houston and other areas, whose lives, homes and livelihoods have been changed forever as a result of the devastation of the hurricane and escalating floods. Pray for those risking much to bring rescue, relief and support, comfort and strength to heal and rebuild broken lives.

Pray for all whose lives continue to be broken by the effects of escalating terrorist attacks in Afghanistan, Syria, and Mosul. **Pray** for the people of Venezuela and Columbia at this time of unrest

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.