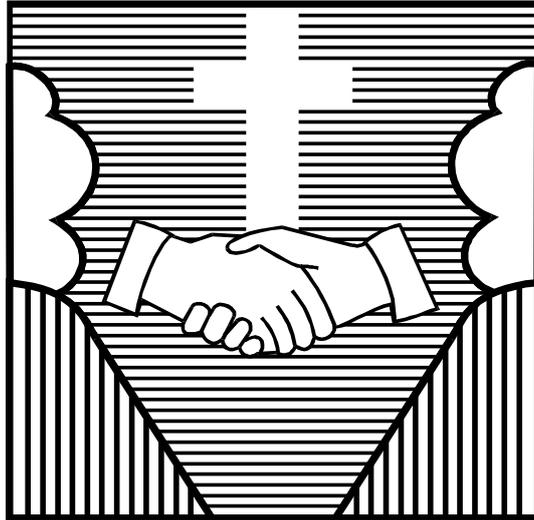


The Valley



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

10th September 2017 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

09.30 Holy Communion with Roland Slade & Dave Bull

Services – September/October 2017

17 Sept	09.30	Lantern Holy Communion in The Chapel
	11.00	Lantern at St. Mary's with Graham & Sami Watts
24 Sept	09.30	Holy Communion with Sami Watts
01 Oct	09.30	Holy Communion with Graham & Sami Watts
	11.00	Lantern in The Chapel with Graham & Sami Watts

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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 Thursday 28th September 7.30-9.30pm at 165 Marlow Bottom. More details can be found here <http://4u-team.org/alpha/>

Should Thursday not be convenient there is a course starting Tuesday 26th September from 7.45-9.45 at All Saints Church Hall, Marlow, and lasting for 10 weeks, including a break for Half Term. Each evening includes a delicious meal. Please take a form to sign up or speak to any of the clergy.

Smallgroups4U for autumn term Signing up for the Autumn programme of small groups continues this week. 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

Youth Intern 2017/18

As some of you will know, we really enjoyed having Hannah Fitzgerald as our youth intern and 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.

CONCERTS AT ALL SAINTS MARLOW

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

14th Oct Cantorum Choir

21st Oct Wooburn Singers

28th Oct Marlow Town Band & Wycombe Orpheus

THE OSILIGI MAASAI WARRIORS Sun 1st October at 7.30pm at All Saints' Marlow

After their thrilling sell-out concert in 2013, The Osiligi Maasai Warriors return to All Saints' Marlow 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!!**

ALL INCLUSIVE: Working with Children and Young People with Special / Additional Needs or Disabilities We are hosting a seminar with Mark Arnold, Additional Needs Ministry Director at Urban Saints in Luton. The seminar is open to everyone, but will be particularly useful for parents, teachers, church leaders, youth and children's leaders, & anyone wanting to know more about special and additional needs. The seminar will be in All Saints Church Hall on Friday 15th September, 8-10pm. It is free but we will take a retiring collection to cover the costs of the event. Please RSVP to inclusion@4u-team.org

Readings: Psalm 8
Matthew 6: 25-34

Please send any items of news to the Parish Office
parish.office@4u-team.org
by 9am on Wednesday
Tel: 01628 481806



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one vision

TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** 4U Team

Week beginning 10th September

A Prayer for New Beginnings Lord Jesus Christ, just as you brought new out of old through your fulfillment of the Law and the prophets, so also continue to make us new, taking our old self and refashioning it by your grace into a new creation. Help us to let go of everything in our past that denies and destroys, separating us from your love. Take what we are and recreate us by your power,
So that we may be the people you would have us be, for we ask it in 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 for the first time, those preparing for university, especially for those still uncertain of their future.

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 for all those fleeing from oppression, violence and poverty, and coming to Europe they may find a welcome and a safe haven offering hope, security and love for the future. **Pray** for those fleeing violence in Myanmar resulting from religious intolerance.

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 the islands in the Caribbean devastated beyond our understanding by hurricane Irma and facing the threat of further storms and for the people of Sierra Leone following floods and mudslides, and for the people of Bangladesh, India and Far East countries also facing the effects of serious flooding. **Pray** for African countries facing famine.

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