

THE OTHER SIDE

All Saints
Marlow



**10th September 2017 – Thirteenth Sunday
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

Sami Watts
Mieke Gaynor & Gabrielle Smith
Pat Reading & Sami Watts
Gabrielle Smith
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

The Autumn series of concerts start today Sunday 10th September with a performance by Berkshire Brass at 3pm followed by tea & cake. There will be a retiring collection.

Congratulations to Mu & Peter Reynolds who celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday 9th September.

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
If Tuesdays are not convenient there is a course running in Marlow Bottom on Thursdays

Stem Cells: Medical Dream or Ethical Nightmare? On 21st September, Professor Paul Fairchild from Oxford University is coming to Marlow to give a presentation and host a discussion on medical ethics. "Stem Cells: Medical Dream or Ethical Nightmare?" will be held in the function room at the Two Brewers pub on St Peter's Street on Thursday 21st September at 7.45pm. No need to book, just come along and join the discussion!

Informal Evening Service - tonight 7pm

Come along tonight for worship, prayer, times of sharing and an optional trip to the pub! All welcome :- Speak to Gill Taylor for more details

Prayer in Schools Our weekly prayer meeting at Holy Trinity School starts this coming week on **Wednesday (13th Sept) from 8:45-9:30pm**.

Come along for some or all of this time and join us as we pray for our CofE schools and beyond. Also please note our next prayer time for William Borlase will be hosted in the school itself on **Monday 25th September from 7:30-9pm**. Join us to pray for the students and staff and our growing links with the school. For more information on either of these prayer meetings please speak to Gill Taylor.

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

Harvest Lunch - 24th September. To hold our traditional harvest lunch we need someone to organize it. This involves 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.kendall-jones@4u-team.org

CONCERT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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.

Oxford/Kimberley and Kuruman Link Summit Conference 14-18th September South Africa

I am delighted to have been invited to be part of the delegation from Oxford participating in this conference led by Bishop Stephen and Bishop Ossie. This will be the first conference of its kind celebrating the success of the Link over the past 20 years and working together for a vision for the future. Most of the link parishes will be represented and a group of young people will be leading one session. It will be an exciting time. Please pray for the success of the summit, for safe travel and for God's blessing on this wonderful initiative. *Anne Morse*

Sierra Leone

Many thanks for your generous contributions to last week's retiring collection. In total we collected £358.89 (including gift aid). This is being sent via the Marlow based charity Build on Books who have volunteers on the ground and ready to give aid to traumatised survivors.

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

We will be decorating the church for HARVEST FESTIVAL on Saturday 23rd Sept from 10am. Donations towards the cost of flowers will be warmly welcomed. Thank You. Heather

Wycombe Homeless Connection Update

Shelter Volunteers – Have you thought of volunteering for this worthwhile and rewarding role? Last year All Saints' ran two Saturday shelter sessions during the season. We had enough volunteers to take over the evening and overnight sessions. It would be good to extend this to the breakfast session too. Interested? Speak to Muriel for more information. If you volunteered last year, renew your interest on the website from about mid-September.

Marlow Sleepout – This year will be **Friday 24th November** in our Churchyard. Last year we raised over £14000. Can we beat this? Sign up with Muriel. Muriel.Reynolds@4uteam.org

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

In the coming week

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 the **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

Sat 16th September An opportunity to pray in an informal setting in the Prayer Space. The group will be led and there will be opportunity to contribute as you feel prompted. Do join us at 9.00am for half an hour to start your day.

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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.*

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

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday: 10.30 Holy Communion

Wednesday: 08.15 Morning Prayer

Friday: 19.00 Evening Prayer

Next Sunday 17th September - 14th after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion (said)

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10.59 Informal Service with Communion

17.30 Evensong

Readings: Psalm 8

Matthew 6: 25-34

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four churches,
one vision

TOGETHER IN PRAYER AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 10th September 2017

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.