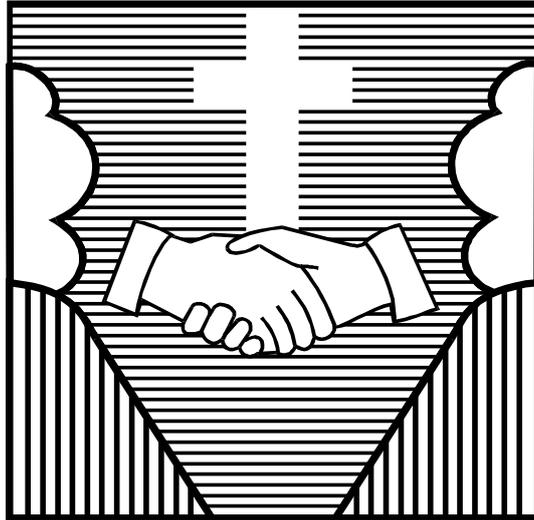


The **Valley**



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

22nd October 2017 – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

09.30 Holy Communion with Gabrielle Smith

Services – October/November 2017

22 Oct 09.30 Holy Communion with Gabrielle Smith

29 Oct 09.30 Holy Communion with Sami Watts & Graeme Slocombe
11.00 Lantern Community Outreach with Graham & Sami Watts

05 Nov 09.30 Holy Communion with Gabrielle Smith
11.00 Lantern in The Chapel with Graeme and Sami Watts

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thank you to everyone who made our **Harvest Festival Sunday** so special. We were delighted with the response in terms of gifts and donations, and it was also a great encouragement to see so many people in the congregations. We were able to send off a very full car to One Can Trust and also £200 in cash. Thank you for your generosity.

We're delighted to announce that we have appointed Mr Alex Nungu as our youth intern for the coming year. Alex will be working mainly in Marlow Bottom, but also in Marlow, and studying one day per week in Ealing. He has moved in with the Flannery's, who live on New Road and is gradually getting to know people. Do please give Alex a warm welcome as he settles in, and think about inviting him round for a meal or a coffee! Thanks be to God for His provision of Alex, and also of Sophie Wood, who is at All Saints Marlow as children's intern for the year.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Saturday 18th November Churches clean up morning - come and show our buildings - both St. Mary's and the Chapel - a little bit of TLC. We will be cleaning up and outside and in from 9-12 - come for all or part of the time. Refreshments will be served. Cleaners will also be offered a first glimpse of proposed plans for our new building - not to be missed!

Race Night!

On Saturday November 25th there will be a Race Night at St Mary's, 7pm, with the first race at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10 per person, which includes food and 5 free raffle tickets, available from Graeme Slocombe on 07785 262078

CONCERT AT ALL SAINTS MARLOW

28th Oct Marlow Town Band & Wycombe Orpheus

Next Women's Breakfast Saturday 4th November 9-11am All Saints Church Hall Marlow. Guest Speaker Christine Perkin who is an associate pastor and leads alongside her husband, Paul, at St. Mark's Battersea which was one of the 1st plants from Holy Trinity Brompton. Suggested donation £5. To reserve a place please ring The Parish Office 01628 48180 or e-mail parish.office@4u-team.org

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARLOW

Today, Sunday, at 7.30pm Christ Church URC has a concert under the title '1517: Luther, Bach and beyond' to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The concert includes organ works by Buxtehude, Pachelbel and Bach and secular music in the form of choral madrigals. The musicians will be Christine Wells, organ, and Waltham Madrigals directed by Simon Shaw.

Rucksacks for Sierra Leone. Instead of doing Christmas shoe boxes this year, I'm trying to gather support for the wonderful work that amazing Lori Spragg is doing in Sierra Leone. (Check out her charity Build on Books). Because of the devastating mudslides last month, money that Lori had to kit out children for school, had to be diverted to the emergency appeal, although she did manage to scrape together enough for uniforms but little else. So, I'm hoping all you lovely people, who have so generously filled shoeboxes in the past, will this year consider filling a rucksack for the children of Sierra Leone. Your rucksack will contain stationery & school items, a solar powered calculator, toothbrush & toothpaste, pants & socks, some sweets & a little gift. A label with age & gender of the recipient would be helpful. Of course you are welcome to donate some cash instead (or as well!) - there's always a need to buy things in SL & that helps the local economy as well. Rucksacks must be ready to be transported **by the end of October**. Please deliver to Lori at 38 Oaktree Road, or to me at 30 Trinity Avenue. Thank you. *Liz Ferris*

Wycombe Homeless Connection

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

Marlow Refugee Action Group – WINTER APPEAL – collecting good quality winter coats, jumpers, blankets, sleeping bags, gloves, scarves & hats for men women and children living in makeshift camps across the Middle East and Europe this winter. We have a donation and sorting event coming up on the afternoon of the 5th November at the URC, please bring along donations and help us pack them ready for transit. If you prefer to donate money, we are raising funds for waterproof winter boots as part of a coordinated project with other groups, you can donate to our fundraiser <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/marlowrag4> or contact Vanessa Faulkner 07810 366657 vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com

Part Time Parish Administrator – Hughenden

9 hours a week Salary: £4,680 per annum

St Michael & All Angels, Hughenden are seeking a competent administrator who is computer literate, has a good standard of typing, knowledge of word & excel and shows excellent attention to detail. 3 mornings a week Monday to Friday with some need for flexibility to cover meetings at other times. The position would suit an individual who is looking for part-time work, is confident, well presented and has an excellent telephone manner coupled with a positive attitude when dealing with the public. We are looking for a self-motivated person with experience of working with church and/or community groups who is sympathetic to the Christian faith. Excellent communication and 'people' skills are essential. **Closing date for applications: Tues 31st October** For further information, please contact Keith Johnson on 01494 257569 or 07772 642393 and for an application pack email juliagrants46@yahoo.co.uk or go to our website: hughendenparishchurch.org.uk
An Enhanced DBS disclosure is required.

Readings for next week: Jonah 4

Matthew 20.1-16

TOGETHER IN PRAYER 4U Team

Week beginning 22nd October

A Prayer for Creation O Glorious God, the whole of creation proclaims your marvellous work: increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it, that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Art, Millie and Rebecca, who will be baptised today as they members of God's family, and for their families and friends

Give thanks for the beauty of our towns and cities for the advantages we enjoy, for the abundant food we can eat, for our homes and gardens, for safety and the many leisure opportunities we have, for the wonderful education our children receive and the hope they can have in their futures.

Pray for the people of Northern Spain and Portugal and California as a new wave of wild fires destroys homes and takes lives. **Pray** for all people whose communities are at risk from high winds and rough seas. **Pray** for the people of Central Africa facing starvation, as high temperatures and no rainfall destroy their crops and livestock and who now face disease and famine.

Pray for the victims and of brutal and indiscriminate violence.

Pray for those involved with the negotiations around Brexit, for patience, grace and generosity. **Pray** for the people of Spain and the consequences of the Catalan vote for independence.

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** especially for the escalating crisis of the Rohingya community fleeing violence in Myanmar resulting from religious intolerance. **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, or living in residential homes with few friends or visitors especially members of our church family. **Pray** for those who have recently died and those who are still missed. May those who mourn them know the peace and love of Christ, and his promise of eternal life.