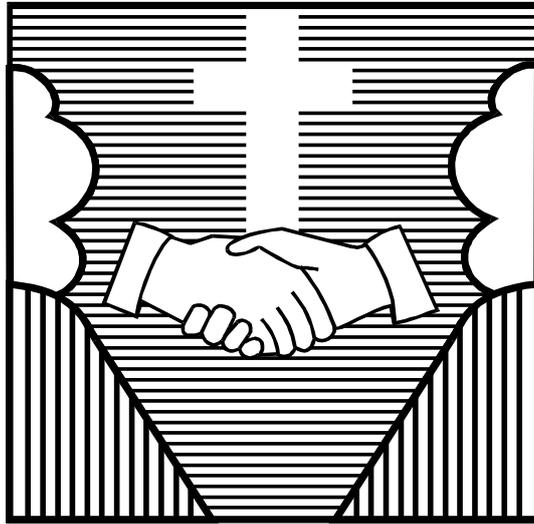


# The Valley



# 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*

## **29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Last Sunday after Trinity**

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

## **Services – November 2017**

05 Nov	09.30 Baptism of Isla Hicks with Graham Watts 11.00 Lantern in the Chapel with Graham & Sami Watts
12 Nov	10.30 Service of Remembrance (Burford School) with Graham & Sami Watts 16.00 Lantern Lights with Graham & Sami Watts
19 Nov	09.30 Lantern Holy Communion in the Chapel 11.00 Lantern at St Mary's with Graham & Sami Watts
26 Nov	Holy Communion with Gabrielle Smith & Roland Slade

## NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**ALL SOULS SERVICE** is to be held on Sunday November 5th at 5.30pm at All Saints' Marlow. A service of remembrance of those dear to us who have died. All very welcome. Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after the service.

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 Flannerys, 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

### **Sanctuary**

Space for peace and stillness. All Saints' Bisham Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 8pm.

### **Women's Breakfast Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:parish.office@4u-team.org)

**Sierra Leone** A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed either a rucksack or cash to the appeal to send school supplies & gifts to Lori Spragg's orphaned children of Sierra Leone. If you still have a half-filled rucksack sitting at home, please finish filling it & deliver it to 30 Trinity Avenue before 31st October!!

Thank you! *Liz Ferris*

### **Wycombe Homeless Connection**

**Marlow Sleepout** – This year will be **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** in All Saints Marlow Churchyard. Last year we raised over £14000. Can we beat this? Sign up with Muriel.

[Muriel.Reynolds@4uteam.org](mailto:Muriel.Reynolds@4uteam.org)

**Marlow Refugee Action Group – WINTER APPEAL** – collecting good quality winter coats, jumpers, blankets, sleeping bags, gloves, scarves & hats. We have an event on the afternoon of the 5<sup>th</sup> November at Christ Church URC, please bring along donations and help us pack them ready for transit. We are also planning a cake stall to raise money to buy winter boots if there are any bakers out there who would like to contribute – bring along to the event. Contact: Vanessa Faulkner 07810 366657  
[vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> October** For further information, please contact Keith Johnson on 01494 257569 or 07772 642393 and for an application pack email [juliagrants46@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:juliagrants46@yahoo.co.uk) or go to our website: [hughendenparishchurch.org.uk](http://hughendenparishchurch.org.uk)  
An Enhanced DBS disclosure is required.

**Readings for next week: James 1:19-27 & 2:14-26  
Matthew 7:24-27**

St Mary's  
Marlow  
Bottom



four churches,  
one vision

# TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** 4U Team

**Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> 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.