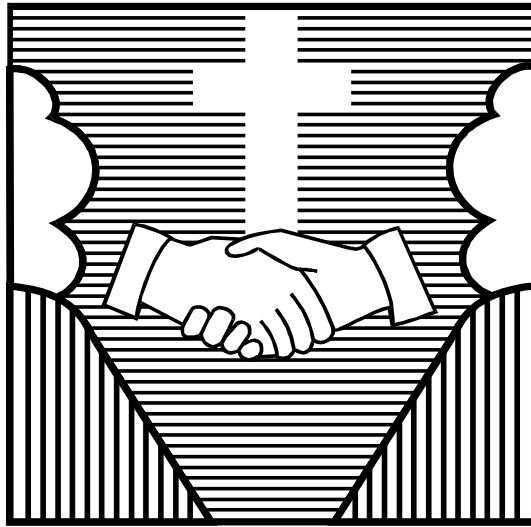


The Valley



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

5th November 2017 – Last Sunday after Trinity

09.30 Baptism of Isla Hicks with Graham Watts
11.00 Lantern in the Chapel with Graham & Sami Watts

Services – November 2017

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| 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 TODAY, SUNDAY, at 5.30pm. 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.

There will be an opportunity to meet together to pray at 165 Marlow Bottom tomorrow (Monday) evening 8 - 9pm.

Marlow Refugee Action Group – WINTER APPEAL – collecting good quality winter coats, jumpers, blankets, sleeping bags, gloves, scarves & hats. **EVENT THIS AFTERNOON at Christ Church URC 1-4pm**, please bring along donations and help us pack them ready for transit. We would love to see you! We will also have a cake stall to raise money – contributions welcome. Full details on the posters and leaflets in church or contact Vanessa Faulkner 07810 366657 vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and support.

Pray for Our World on Wednesday 8th November

At a time of trouble and uncertainty, come and join with others at Marlow Bottom Methodist Chapel between 8-9pm to pray for our country and our world as Remembrance Sunday approaches. You are most welcome to come along for all or part of the time.

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

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. Thank you! *Liz Ferris*

PHOENIX CARDS FOR LIGHTHOUSE:

Come & buy some lovely cards, wrapping paper, bunting, advent calendars & lots more - all profits go to Marlow Lighthouse 2018!. 30 Trinity Avenue, SL7 3AL 9am til 10pm

Thursday 9th November - refreshments available all day! Pop in on the school run, pop in during your lunch hour, pop in for the evening - just pop in!!!

HELP WANTED

The Marlow Team Sleepout is on 24th November. For the event to take place we need: **Stewards** who are prepared to be on duty in 2 hour shifts from 11pm until the sleepout finishes about 7:30am

A **catering team** prepared to cook breakfast between 6:30am and 7:30am for our 'rough sleepers'

If you are willing to help to make this event as successful as previous sleepouts please email Muriel at muriel.reynolds@4u-team.org or ring 473020. And don't forget you can always take part in the sleepout by joining others in the churchyard to sleep rough in aid of Wycombe Homeless Connection (advance registration required) or sponsor someone who is.

New York Marathon and Marlow Refugee Action Group Rev David Downing (Christ Church URC) and his wife Jo are running the New York Marathon this Sunday (their first wedding anniversary) to raise money for shipping goods donated to the Marlow Refugee Action Group. If you would like to sponsor them, go to <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/daviddowning1>

**Readings for next week: James 2:1-13
Luke 12:13-21**



four churches,
one vision

TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** 4U Team

Week beginning 5th November

A Prayer for All Souls You can shed tears that they are gone, or you can smile because they have lived. You can close your eyes and pray that they will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that they have left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see them, or you can be full of the love that you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember them and only that they are gone or you can cherish their memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back, or you can do what they would want; smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

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. **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 Pat Reading as we bless and commission her in her new role as Leader of Lighthouse Central and the Lighthouse movement to grow and seed new Lighthouses nationwide.

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 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 creating a constitutional crisis

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 particularly Holy Trinity Church.

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 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