

THE OTHER SIDE

All Saints
Marlow



5th November 2017 – All Saints Day

08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung) with Baptism
10.59 Informal Service with Baptism
17.30 All Souls' Service

Bill Townsend
Dave Bull
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All clergy

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

ALL SOULS SERVICE TODAY 5th November 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.

Saturday 18th November There will be an opportunity to pray for the life and work of our church and Parish at 9.00am for 30 mins. As we consider the way forward and our vision priorities what a great opportunity to come together and pray! Do come and join us.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: OCTOBER 23rd

Lady Chapel altar - Following a visit from the DAC, we are now awaiting faculty approval to purchase the new altar.

- **Charitable giving** - We have set up a team to manage the funds available for charitable giving. We approved a new document which explains what charitable giving is and an application form for anyone wishing to approach the church council to put forward a charity or mission that we may like to consider to contribute towards.
- **Narthex development** - This continues to move forward. The formal application to the DAC has been submitted. We are also preparing tender documents ready to approach contractors and obtain price quotes.
- **Finance** - Details of our finances at the end of quarter 3 (Q3) were reviewed. Pledged giving continues to be down compared to expectations in the budget. We currently have a deficit of £3.1k which is £2k behind our plan.

Marlow Refugee Action Group – WINTER APPEAL – collecting good quality winter coats, jumpers, blankets, sleeping bags, gloves, scarves & hats. **EVENT THIS AFTERNOON at Christchurch 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.

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.

Churchyard A big big thank you to Steve and around 20 helpers plus some junior family members that turned up for the autumn clear up last Saturday. Over 10 bulk bags of trimmings were taken to the tip following the activity and the churchyard has been left in great condition for the winter. Thank you to everyone that contributed time and effort to make this happen!

Pop Up Cinema

We are planning to hold a Pop-Up Cinema in the church on 19th and 20th December, which is being run by Brand Events. Liz Kendall-Jones has very kindly agreed to Project Manage this for us and we will share further details as soon as we have them. We see this as a very positive way for our church to engage in the community by inviting a large number of people into our building for a social event; we think this will certainly prompt a reappraisal of the church by people who never come across the church normally; we will also be raising £1,000 for church funds. Please contact Dave, Julie or Ruth if you would like to discuss this further.

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

In the coming week

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>

Other notices

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!!!

Race Night at St. Mary's Marlow Bottom

On Saturday November 25th 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

Romania Mission Trip

If you want to meet the team, see photos from their trip and hear more about the Smiles Foundation, there is a presentation on **Saturday 18th November at 7pm (in the church).**

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday: 10.30 Holy Communion
Wednesday: 08.15 Morning Prayer
Friday: 19.00 Evening Prayer

Next Sunday 12th November
Remembrance Sunday
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.45 Service of Remembrance in The Causeway
17.30 Evensong
19.00 Informal Evening Service

Readings: James 2:1-13
Luke 12:13-21

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four churches,
one vision

Together **PRAYER** 4U Team

Week beginning 5th November 2017

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