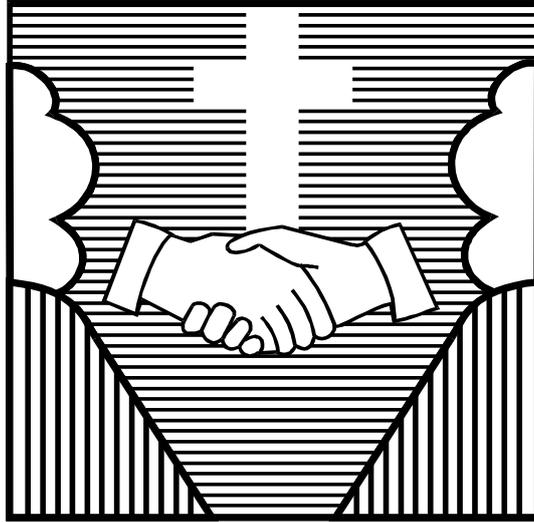


The Valley



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

12th November 2017 – Remembrance Sunday

10.30 Service of Remembrance (Burford School) with Graham & Sami Watts
16.00 Lantern Lights with Graham & Sami Watts

Services – November/December 2017

19 Nov	09.30	Lantern Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00	Lantern at St Mary's with Graham & Sami Watts
26 Nov	09.30	Holy Communion with Gabrielle Smith & Roland Slade
03 Dec	09.30	Holy Communion with Gabrielle Smith & Roland Slade
	11.00	Lantern in The Chapel with Graham & Sami Watts

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be an opportunity to meet for prayer 1-2pm at the Chapel tomorrow (13th November).

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

Marlow Refugee Action Group – THANK YOU for all the goods and money donated to our winter appeal at Chris Church URC on Sunday 5th November. We had a wonderful response – over 110 boxes of sorted and packed aid were transferred up to the High Wycombe store. These will be on the way to Calais and Syria within the next two weeks. And we raised over £200 towards our Winter Boots appeal, which has now reached over £1000 in total. It was lovely to see many faces from ASM and the 4U team dropping to help, we really appreciate your support. We are taking a bit of a breather now and will be back with news of our next appeal in a few weeks. For more info vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com

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*

BARCLAY'S BANK MARLOW have very generously offered to collect food for needy families in Lane End and, if successful, 4 more branches will also launch the appeal in the run up to Christmas. If you are passing Barclay's at the top of the High Street, any food items dropped into the shopping trolley in the Bank will be gratefully received.

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.

**Readings for next week: James 3: 12
Mark 7: 14-23**

TOGETHER IN PRAYER 4U Team



Week beginning 12th November

A Prayer for Remembrance Father of mercies and God of all comfort, whose Son ministered to those in need: remember for good all those who suffer through war, by loss of home or faculties, by loss of friends and loved ones, by loss of security or freedom. Grant peace and eternal rest to all the departed, especially the millions known and unknown, who died as prisoners in many lands, victims of the hatred and cruelty of man. Look upon our world, still torn apart by violence and fighting, and grant success to those who work for peace; through him who reconciled men with God, and men with men, the Lord Jesus Christ. Give us the grace so to spend ourselves for those who are still alive, that we may prove most truly that we have not forgotten those who died.

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. Remember those who have none of these things

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 Prime Minister and all those in government at this time of confusion and unrest. **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 in the matter of 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

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one vision