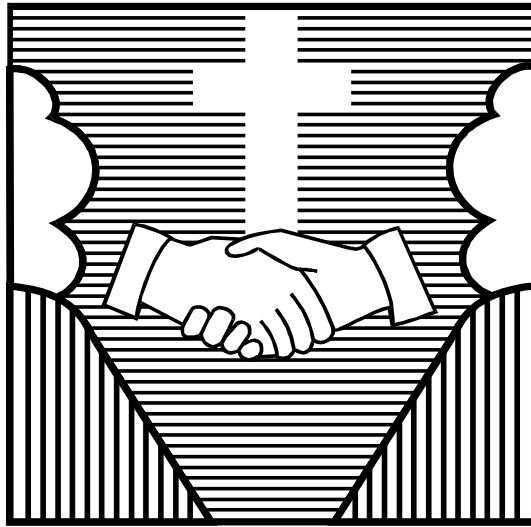


**The Valley**



**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*

**26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Christ the King**

09.30 Holy Communion with Gabrielle Smith & Roland Slade

**Services – December 2017**

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| 03 Dec | 09.30 Holy Communion with Gabrielle Smith & Roland Slade<br>11.00 Lantern Family Service in The Chapel with Graham & Sami |
| 10 Dec | 09.30 Holy Communion with Graham Watts<br>16.00 Lantern Lights Christingle with Graham & Sami Watts                       |
| 17 Dec | 09.30 Holy Communion in the Chapel<br>11.00 Lantern Family Service with Graham & Sami Watts                               |

## NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary Glover following the death of Garry on 10th November. The funeral will be held on Monday 27th November at 1pm at the Milton Chapel, Amersham Crematorium. We also send our condolences to Richard and Ryz (Maria) and the rest of the family at this sad time.

There will be a **Prayer Walk** from 165 Marlow Bottom at 7pm tomorrow (27th November) evening.

This year, our **Christingle service** is going to be slightly different as we are going to combine it with some elements of our 'Lantern Lights' service. So, as well as the traditional Christingle oranges, we are also hoping to provide a sandwich tea for the children who come and mulled wine & mince pies for the adults. If you can help by making cake, sandwiches or preparing the mull, please let Sami know. The service is on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, here at St. Mary's.

As a fun, festive and relaxed way of getting together before Christmas, all the 9.30 congregation are very warmly invited to an **Advent Tea at the Methodist Chapel on Saturday 16th December 3-4.30pm**. For more information, please contact Sue Bartram (472092) or Jennie Lewis (07703 361539).

**Small Groups 4u** We have had a great term with small groups including Alpha, healthy cooking, craft and studying Revelations. We now need to start planning for the Spring term starting in the New Year. So please think and pray about ideas you might have for a small group. We would particularly like to increase the range of activity based groups. If you would like to talk through an idea or have an idea but are unsure about leading a group then do contact the small group leadership team. So we can get things ready for next term before Christmas we need submissions for groups by 4th December. For a form or if you have any questions please email [smallgroups@4u-team.org](mailto:smallgroups@4u-team.org).

**“GODWITHUS”** In the build up to Christmas the Church of England has launched a scheme “GodWithUs” to promote going to church this Christmas and reflecting on the good news of God coming to be with us. There will be a series of videos on social media (filmed at All Saints, Wycombe) and reflections that you can receive by email or text. Do have a look and share with others. For info go to [www.churchofengland.org/Christmas](http://www.churchofengland.org/Christmas) or text GODWITHUS to 88802

### ALL SAINTS MARLOW CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**9<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Marlow Choral “Come & Sing” Workshop at 1.30pm & Informal Concert of Christmas music at 5.30pm . Ring Alison Rae for information 01628 482520

**16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Bucks Symphonic Wind Ensemble

**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.

### Pop Up Cinema

All Saints Marlow are having a Pop Up Cinema over two nights

Tue 19th Dec @ 6:30 pm – The Polar Express

Wed 20th Dec @ 6:30 pm – Sister Act

Tickets are now available via the website: [www.gourmetpicturecompany.co.uk/marlow](http://www.gourmetpicturecompany.co.uk/marlow).

**Readings for next week: Isaiah 64: 1-9      Mark 13: 24-end**

# TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** 4U Team

**Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Jesus preaching good tidings to the poor, proclaiming release to the captives, setting at liberty them that are bound. I adore you. Jesus friend of the poor, feeder of the hungry, healer of the sick. I adore you. Jesus denouncing the oppressor, instructing the simple, going about doing good. I adore you. Jesus teacher of patience, pattern of gentleness, prophet of the Kingdom of heaven. I adore you.

**Pray** for Henry and Emily who will be baptised today and for their families and friends

**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.

**Pray** for those in Wales and parts of north England whose homes and livelihoods have been damaged in the recent flash floods.

**Pray** for the people of Yemen, isolated and facing starvation a cholera epidemic and devastation of crops, homes and livelihoods. **Pray** the embargo will be lifted and aid allowed into the country to bring some relief to the millions at risk.

**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 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 the success of the Alpha courses bringing new people to faith.

**Pray** for all those fleeing from oppression, violence and poverty, in 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 and for Coptic Christians in Egypt facing persecution for their faith.

**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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Marlow  
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four churches,  
one vision