

THE OTHER SIDE

All Saints
Marlow



3rd December 2017 – Advent Sunday

08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal Service
17.30 Advent Carols

Bill Townsend
Sami Watts
Dave Bull & Roland Slade
Gabrielle Smith & Dave Bull

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

A Great big Warm thank you....

- To everyone who took part in the sleepout on a very cold 24th November night.
- To all those who supported the event by stewarding or cooking
- To those who sponsored the sleepers. I have not had a preliminary estimate of what was raised yet but will let you know as soon as I do. You were all wonderful.

On behalf of the trustees of Wycombe Homeless Connection and all the people who come to WHC for help, **THANK YOU we are all very grateful** – *Muriel Reynolds*

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th December: Marlow Choral "Come & Sing" Workshop at 1.30pm & Informal Concert of Christmas music at 5.30pm. Tickets £10 to include mulled wine & mince pie. See poster or ring Alison Rae 482520 for information.

16th December: Bucks Symphonic Wind Ensemble

MANY THANKS FROM THE ONE CAN TRUST

for the very generous response to their Harvest Appeal.

Church Forum

The next Church Forum will take place on Sunday 4th February 2018 at 7 pm. This is a change from the original advertised date. More details coming soon.

Sanctuary for Advent. Our next Sanctuary session is Thursday 7th November 8.00pm at Bisham Church. An opportunity for some quiet, reflection, and space from the hectic activity of this time of year, as we keep Advent and look for the coming of God in our midst.

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.

"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 or text GODWITHUS to 88802

Please join us for coffee in the Church Hall after the 9.15am service

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

In the coming week

This year we are running a Messy Christingle! 3.30pm on 10th December. As usual, we need some volunteers please:

- to help prepare the oranges, the foil & the cocktail sticks on **Saturday 9th 9.30-12 in the Church Hall.** Donations of SOFT sweets & dried fruit always welcome.
- to make/buy cakes/mince pies for after the service
- to help serve the refreshments after the service.

Liz Ferris

Other notices

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

The Pop Up Cinema programme for Marlow has now been published and two different films will be shown here at All Saints:

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.

HELP!!!! FLOWERS IN CHURCH We would welcome anyone who would like to join the flower rota. You need no experience, it's not difficult and help will be given! Why not try it once and see if you would like to join us. It is essential that as some of the ladies on the rota retire, usually after many years service, they are replaced by new volunteers. If you enjoy seeing the flowers in church throughout the year, and would like it to continue, please contact Heather on 01628 485383 or e-mail:

handdmilne@yahoo.co.uk

Rob Mogg

As many of you will know, Rob Mogg is now recovering at home. He and Pam are very grateful for the consideration shown for their request for no visitors at present and thank you for your understanding.

CHRISTIAN BOOKSTALL - Marlow Methodist Church, Saturdays & weekdays 10am to 12 noon, from the Christmas Fayre on Sat 25th Nov to Late Night Shopping Thurs 7th Dec.

Holy Trinity Church - communication

Over the past month, there have been some significant developments concerning the possible purchase of Holy Trinity Church on Wethered Road. A Church Forum has been held and three information emails have been sent out to the church family. If you are not on email or have not received these emails, copies are available at the back of church today. If you would like to be added to the database and included on future emails, please either fill in one of the purple Welcome Cards at the back of church and leave it in the tray marked "Welcome Cards" or email the parish office on parish.office@4u-team.org

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday: 10.30 Holy Communion

Wednesday: 08.15 Morning Prayer

Friday: 19.00 Evening Prayer

Next Sunday 3rd December 2nd Sunday of Advent

08.00 Holy Communion (said)

09.15 Holy Communion (sung)

10.59 Informal Service

15.30 Christingle

17.30 Evensong

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Mark 1: 1-8

Together PRAYER 4U Team

Week beginning 3rd December 2017

A Prayer for Advent Wilderness is the place of Moses, a place of no longer captive and not yet free, of letting go and learning new living. Wilderness is the place of Elijah, a place of silence and loneliness, of awaiting the voice of God and finding clarity. Wilderness is the place of John, a place of repenting, of taking the first steps on the path to peace. Wilderness is the place of Jesus, a place of preparation, of getting ready for the reckless life of faith. We thank you God for the wilderness, wilderness is our place. As we wait for the land of promise. Teach us the ways of new living, lead us to where we hear your word most clearly, renew us and clear out the wastelands of our old lives, prepare us for life in the awareness of Christ's coming, when the deserts will sing and the wilderness blossom as the rose.

Give thanks for the safe and successful "sleep out" last week for those who participated and for those who provided refreshment and security. **Give thanks** for the experiences of those coming to the end of the Alpha courses.

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 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 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, 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 and recently Muslim communities 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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four churches,
one vision