

# THE OTHER SIDE

14<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

All Saints

Marlow



08.00 Holy Communion (said)  
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)  
10.59 Informal Service  
17.30 Evensong  
19.00 Informal Evening Service

Sarah Fitzgerald  
Mieke Gaynor & Gabrielle Smith  
Dave Bull & David Clarke  
Gabrielle Smith  
Gill Taylor

*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*

## ALPHA

Asking questions about faith?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. The local Alpha Course ([alpha.org](http://alpha.org)) starts with a taster session on Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 at 10 am. The course will run on Monday mornings for 10 weeks 10am-12 noon (no session on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – half term). Refreshments will be served. Creche provided for babies and pre-school children.

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or The Parish Office [parish.office@4u-team](mailto:parish.office@4u-team)  
(01628 481806) to register

There is also a course running on Thursday evenings in Marlow Bottom. Please contact Graham or Sami Watts for details.

## CHURCH FORUM

Our next Church Forum is taking place on **Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 pm** in the church hall and we do hope that you will be able to join us. We will be providing an update on progress regarding the purchase of Holy Trinity Church (near to Holy Trinity School) and other options that are being considered. *We are also looking at the possibility of becoming a New Wine Intern 'Hub' and we would like to describe this in more detail and get your feedback on this.* And of course we will be listening to any other matters that you wish to discuss. We look forward to seeing you there! *Dave, Ruth and Julie*

**The next Church Lunch is on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30pm in the Church Hall.**  
Please contact Eve Bunt for details tel 07850 594229 or email [evebunt@aol.com](mailto:evebunt@aol.com)

**Our Informal Evening Service restarts tonight at 7pm** and is now twice a month! The service will run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. We will be continuing our series on Prayer and Worship in the Psalms. Come and join us for extended worship, prayer and a chance to share what God has been doing in our lives, and maybe a pub trip afterwards too. Hope to see you there! *Gill Taylor*

**You are invited to join MISSION ROMANIA 2018** and be part of our next team doing a week long mission trip with The Smiles Foundation in Romania. Our next trip will run in October half-term (20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>) to allow any youth interested to be able to join the team. Whether you are just a tiny bit interested or 100% for it, come along to our first meeting to find out more: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 4-5pm, 2 Glade View (access off Wycombe Road). For more details, contact: [anna.clarke@4u-team.org](mailto:anna.clarke@4u-team.org)

Sadly **Iris Raven** died peacefully at Parkfield House on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a Memorial Service for her at All Saints on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. All are welcome to the service and afterwards to Harleyford Golf Club. A private committal will take place this week. Please keep Iris's family in your prayers.

## Narthex (Toilet) Development Project

At the very last moment before full approval was due to be granted, an objection has been received from a national society. They have raised understandable concerns and the Diocese have asked us to try to resolve them with the society concerned. Please pray for a peaceful settlement to be speedily reached - and for wisdom for all involved.

**Marlow Refugee Action Group** - Thank you for all the generous donations to our winter appeal - they have been amazing and most have already been delivered to Calais or dispatched to Syria. **The collection bin (and the folk who empty it) are going to take a break for a while during the church building work.** We will let you know when the next appeal is launched. In the meantime please come along to the CTM Unity Supper where Vanessa Faulkner will be speaking about 'Stepping out in faith alongside refugees.

### **CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> February Chiltern Arts Festival – Russian Choral Music. Further information from [naomi.taylor@nltevents.com](mailto:naomi.taylor@nltevents.com)

**The Marlow Healing Rooms** is run by a team of Christians from local churches led by River Church Marlow. We offer trained teams to pray for your healing. All are welcome. There is no charge and no need for an appointment. Everything is confidential. Both adults and children can receive prayer, although children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult. Please note we do not offer a counselling service. **The next one takes place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018 10am-12noon** at Christ Church URC, Oxford Road, Marlow SL7 2NL. For further information please visit our web site [www.marlowhealingrooms.org.uk](http://www.marlowhealingrooms.org.uk), email [healing@marlowhealingrooms.org.uk](mailto:healing@marlowhealingrooms.org.uk) or call 01628 330110—leave a message and we'll return your call

### **In the coming week**

#### **Saturday 20th January**

We will be praying for the life and work of our church, the Parish and our Community at 9.00am for 30 mins. Why not take up Dave's challenge and come to pray together at the start of this New Year? Do come and join us.

**On Saturday 20th January**, Gary Brown and Jodie Hall will marry at All Saints Church Marlow. They would love to welcome all of their friends from the congregation to join the wedding service. Guests have been asked to arrive at 12:30 for a 1:00 pm start.

#### **CTM Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Prayer meetings, led by ministers from different churches, will be held at Marlow Methodist Church on **18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January**, starting at **12.30 pm** and lasting for 30 min. A short AGM followed by a Service of Celebration will take place at Great Marlow School on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 6.45 pm**

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

### **Other notices**

#### **Churches Together in Marlow**

The Unity Supper will be held at St Peter's School on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.30 pm**, when the speaker will be Vanessa Faulkner. Admission is by ticket at £5 available from Liz Ferris and Tony Threlfall (Tel. 471610). Please let us know if you could kindly provide a quiche, salad or dessert for the Supper.

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

## SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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

Next Sunday 21st January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany  
08.00 Holy Communion (said)  
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)  
10.59 Informal Service with Communion  
17.30 Evening Prayer (Be Still)

Readings: Revelation 19: 6-10    John 2: 1-11

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four churches,  
one vision

# Together **PRAYER** 4U Team

**Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**A Prayer for Epiphany:** O God our Father, Creator of the universe, whose son, Jesus Christ, came to our world, pour your Holy Spirit upon your Church, that all the people of the world, being led through the knowledge of your truth to worship you, may offer the gold of intellect, the frankincense of devotion and the myrrh of discipline to him who is with you and the Holy Spirit who lives and reigns forever one God, world without end. Amen (Church of Sri Lanka)



## **Pray for peace, hope and faith in the New Year**

**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, to use our gifts in service to you and to all.

**Pray** that we will grow good habits of prayer, learning more of your word and growing in faith.

**Give thanks** for the quiet moments to reflect on the magnitude of God's gift of his son and the impact that should have on our lives and how we need to respond as a church and individually. Pray for forgiveness of those who wilfully ignore this message of love and peace to all men and women.

**Pray** for all those at home and abroad whose lives have been altered by violence, terrorist acts, severe weather and tragic accidents, especially the people of California, hardly recovering from devastating wild fires and now victims of destructive mudslides. Pray that all those fleeing from oppression, violence and poverty, may find a welcome and a safe haven offering hope, security and love for the future.

**Pray** for those in our neighbourhood facing financial hardship and homelessness, adults and children. **Pray** for those who provide food, warmth and comfort for those in need. **Pray** for the Wycombe Shelter and the many volunteers who make it work, those coming for shelter and succour.

**Pray** for the opportunities to move forward in the power of a new Spirit in the New Year 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 and all voices are heard.

**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. **Pray** for those recovering in hospital or at home; those waiting for further treatment; those coming to terms with disability or changed lifestyles.

**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 healing presence