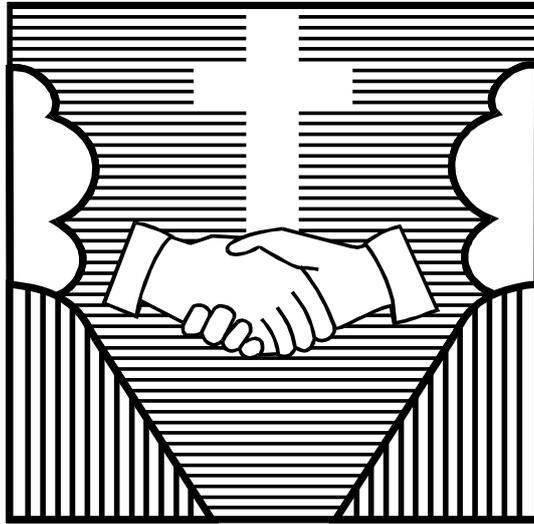


The Valley



Church

**One church of all ages, with a vibrant, dynamic, worshipping heart,
reaching out with the love of Christ to Marlow Bottom and beyond**

21st January 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

**09.30 Holy Communion in The Chapel
11.00 Lantern at St. Mary's with Graham & Sami Watts**

Services – January/February

**28 Jan 09.30 Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry with
Roland Slade & Sami Watts
16.00 Lantern Lights with Graham & Sami Watts
18.30 Be Still (lay led)**

**04 Feb 09.30 Holy Communion with Roland Slade & Graham Watts
11.00 Lantern in The Chapel with Graham & Sami Watts**

11 Feb 09.30 Holy Communion with Duncan Cronchey & Dave Bull

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a Prayer Walk from 165 Marlow Bottom at 7.00pm **tomorrow** (22nd January).

'**Be Still**' is a lay-led reflective service with prayer. All are welcome on 28th January at 6.30pm at St Mary's. This is the first of a series of services which will also take place on 25th March (at the Chapel), 25th May (St Mary's) and 29th July (the Chapel).

ALPHA

There is a daytime Alpha course running at All Saints' Marlow on Monday mornings starting tomorrow - 22nd January. It will run for 10 weeks 10am-12 noon (no session on Monday 12th February – half term)

Refreshments will be served. Creche provided for babies and pre-school children.

Contact: Vanessa Faulkner vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com (01628 477685) or The Parish Office parish.office@4u-team (01628 481806) to register

CTM Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

A short AGM followed by a Service of Celebration will take place at Great Marlow School **tonight Sunday 21st January at 6.45 pm.**

Prayer meetings, led by ministers from different churches, will be held at Marlow Methodist Church on **22nd, 24th and 25th January**, starting at **12.30 pm** and lasting for 30 min.

Churches Together in Marlow

The Unity Supper will be held at St Peter's School on **Tuesday 23rd 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.

Have you ever thought about being confirmed? The next Confirmation Service in our area is on Sunday March 4th in the evening at St Mark's Church in Bourne End. There will be Confirmation classes run for adults and young people in preparation for the Service, please speak to Graham or Sami if you are interested.

Smallgroups4U for spring term We are pleased to announce a new programme of Small Groups for the spring term. Please pick up a brochure from church or go to the website at 4u-team.org/smallgroups to see what we have on offer this term. There is a great variety so hope you find something that interests you to help you grow in relationships and faith and have fun! If you wish to continue in an existing group that is one of the ones advertised, you will still need to sign up, but your group leader may have done this for you so check with them. If you have any questions please email smallgroups@4u-team.org

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 All Saints 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.

At any time in the life of a church, there are people who are struggling - through illness, bereavement or other circumstances. There is a lot of care that already goes on in our congregations, but there is also a need for others to get involved. If you would be interested in finding out more about this, Sami will be running **2 more training evenings** in **January - Tuesdays 23rd and 30th, 8-9.30pm at 165 Marlow Bottom**. Please contact her if you are interested Sami.watts@4u-team.org or 01628 440106

Another way we can be involved in supporting others is through prayer. Alan Greening, from the chapel, sends out regular emails updating prayer requests and prayer needs. If you are not on Alan's circulation list and would like to be, again, please contact Sami.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Women's World Day of Prayer service will be held at St Mary's on Friday 2nd March. More details to follow.

CONCERT AT ALL SAINTS MARLOW

Sat 3rd February Chiltern Arts Festival – Russian Choral Music. Further information from naomi.taylor@nltevents.com

Readings for next week: Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40

***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***

Together **PRAYER** 4U Team

Week beginning 21st January 2018

Prayer for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity God of unity, Trinity of the Three, you call your people to be one that the world may believe. Grant us your Spirit that we might act and speak with one voice so that our world's pains and divisions may be transformed by healing, hope and reconciliation. Our Lord's Prayer be answered, and your name glorified and hallowed Amen.

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, and for 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 as we take time to review the last year and plan for the year ahead. Grant all members, patience discernment and tolerance give each respect for other's opinions and grace to reach a consensus that will enable all our congregations to feel part of 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