

THE OTHER SIDE

21st January 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

All Saints
Marlow



08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal Service with Communion
17.30 Evening Prayer (Be Still)

Sami Watts
Dave Bull
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Roland Slade

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

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 (20th-27th) 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: **Tonight Sunday 21st January, 4-5pm, 2 Glade View (access off Wycombe Road)**. For more details, contact: anna.clarke@4u-team.org

We have been reviewing the Christmas services and reflecting on how much so many of you did to make them possible. We would like to say a big **'thank you'** to you for giving up your time over the Christmas period, as well as all the time you give throughout the year. *Dave, Ruth and Julie*

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

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Informal Evening Service - Guest Speaker

Matt Searles Our Informal Evening Services are now twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays; and are all at 7pm. At our next evening service on the 28th January we will have a guest speaker. **Matt Searles** is a vicar, worship leader and song writer from Oxford who has a special interest in the Psalms. He'll be coming to speak to us and share some of the songs he's written. This will be an excellent evening and I do encourage you to come along and invite your friends. For more information, speak to Gill Taylor.

CHURCH FORUM

Our next Church Forum is taking place on **Sunday, 4th 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*

Narthex (Toilet) Development

We are pleased to let you know that the national society visited the Church and reviewed its position regarding the proposed work. They have agreed not to object so the faculty application has now been taken to the final stage of the process for formal approval to be granted. An update on when the work will take place will be provided as soon as we have more information.

In the coming week

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) starts with a taster session on **Monday January 22nd 2018 at 10 am**. The course will run on Monday mornings 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

The next Church Lunch is on Sunday 28th January at 12.30pm in the Church Hall.

Please contact Eve Bunt for details tel 07850 594229 or email evebunt@aol.com

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 Christ Church URC on 22nd January and at Marlow Methodist Church on 24th and 25th January, starting at 12.30 pm and lasting for 30 minutes.

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.

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

Other notices

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.

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

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 28th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal Service with Baptism (All Age Service)
17.30 Evensong
19.00 Informal Evening Service

Readings: Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40

Together **PRAYER** 4U Team

Week beginning 21st January 2017

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

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four churches,
one vision