

# THE OTHER SIDE

28th January 2018 – 4th Sunday of Epiphany

All Saints  
Marlow



08.00 Holy Communion (said)  
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)  
10.59 Informal Service with Baptism (All Age)  
17.30 Evensong  
19.00 Informal Evening Service

Dave Bull  
Sarah Fitzgerald  
Sami Watts  
Dave Bull  
Gill Taylor & Matt Searles

*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*

**Tonight, Sunday, at our Informal Evening Service we have a Guest Speaker Matt Searles** who is a vicar, worship leader and song writer from Oxford with a special interest in the Psalms. 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.

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*

**NEXT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST, SATURDAY 10th MARCH 9-11am** All Saints Church Hall. Speaker Wendy Bull. Suggested donation £5. To reserve a place, please give names to Parish Office 01628 481806 [parish.office@4u-team.org](mailto:parish.office@4u-team.org)

**Marlow Refugee Action and Churches Together in Marlow invite you to: Come to Calais – an opportunity to give and live for others during Lent**

We are called during the season of lent to revisit Jesus withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Whatever your usual practice for observing Lent, Churches Together in Marlow & Maidenhead encourage you this year to consider a pilgrimage to go and work with the groups that provide for refugees in Calais. There is an information evening at Christ Church URC Marlow on the 12<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm and a leaflet is available at the back of the church or you can email [refugeevolunteervisit@gmail.com](mailto:refugeevolunteervisit@gmail.com).

As I start my 8th year at All Saints Sarah and I are taking a few weeks out to visit my sister in New Zealand whilst our elderly parents' health still allows us to do so. The choirs and the music will continue as normal whilst we are away, in the capable hands of Rhidian aided by Jeremy. I have made contact with Auckland and Wellington cathedrals so will not be totally devoid of church music whilst we're away! *Martin*

## **Narthex (Toilet) Development Project**

Thank you to everyone who prayed for a peaceful settlement to be reached in relation to the objection that was received at the beginning of January from a national society. We are delighted to say that, after discussions led by Richard Powell and our architect, the objection has now been withdrawn and the faculty has been granted. Work is now programmed to start on Monday 12th February. A huge 'thank you' to Richard for guiding us through this process with such grace.

**The Women's World Day of Prayer** service will now be held at Marlow Bottom Methodist Chapel on Friday 2nd March. More details to follow.

## **CONCERT**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February Chiltern Arts Festival – Tenebrae perform Russian Choral Music from a variety of composers, which will include Rachmaninov's celebrated All Night Vigil. . Further information from [naomi.taylor@nltevents.com](mailto:naomi.taylor@nltevents.com)

## 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 **It's not too late to join the daytime Alpha course running at All Saints' Marlow** on Monday mornings 10am to noon. It's a very informal session accompanied by coffee, cake and great conversation, we would love you to join us. Creche can be provided for babies and pre-school children. Contact: Vanessa Faulkner [vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com](mailto:vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com) (07810 366657) or Sara Edwardes [saraedwardes@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:saraedwardes@yahoo.co.uk) (07758 123452)

**Sanctuary at All Saints Bisham Thursday 1st February at 8pm – space for peace & stillness.**

## 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*

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

## Other notices

**LENT COURSE** - Graeme Slocombe will be running a Lent course this year, based on a booklet written by the Bishop of Oxford, entitled Abundant Life, reflections on the raising of Lazarus. The course will run on 4 Tuesdays - 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 to 9pm. Venue [3 Badgebury Rise, Marlow Bottom, SL7 3QA](#). Booklets cost £2.50. Please let him know as soon as possible if you want one 07785 262078 or email [graeme\\_slocombe50@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:graeme_slocombe50@hotmail.co.uk)) You are welcome to join for all 4 weeks, or whichever evenings you can make.

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

There will be a **Memorial Service for Iris Raven** at All Saints Marlow on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. All are welcome to the service and afterwards at Harleyford Golf Club. If you have space in your car please consider offering lifts to those without transport. Meanwhile, please keep Iris's family in your prayers.

## Churches Together in Marlow

Pancake Day will be celebrated at Marlow Methodist Church on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February with soup, pancakes and drinks from 11.30 am – 2 pm. Volunteers are needed to provide soups and help on the day. Please sign-up on the notice at the back of the church.

Lent study groups are being set-up to meet over the five weeks leading up to Holy Week. Full details are given on the registration forms at the back of the church. These are to be returned to Tony Threlfall by 5<sup>th</sup> February.

## SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday 10.30 Holy Communion  
Wednesday 08.15 Morning Prayer  
Friday 19.00 Healing Service

Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent  
08.00 Holy Communion (said)  
09.15 Holy Communion (sung) with Baptism  
10.59 Informal Service  
17.30 Choral Evensong

Readings: Romans 6: 1-11 Mark 1: 4-18

# Together **PRAYER** 4U Team

**Week beginning 28<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)

**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.

**Pray** for Sarah, Henry and James who will be baptised today and for their families and supporters, as they start their Christian journeys of faith and love in Jesus.

**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 struggle to make sense of their lives, 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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one vision