

THE OTHER SIDE

4th February 2018 – 2nd Sunday before Lent



08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung) with Baptism
10.59 Informal Service
13.00 Newcomers Welcome Event
17.30 Choral Evensong

Bill Townsend
Dave Bull
Roland Slade & Sarah Fitzgerald

Gabrielle Smith

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

CHURCH FORUM

Our next Church Forum is taking place tonight 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*

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 12th February at 8pm** and a leaflet is available at the back of the church or you can email refugeevolunteervisit@gmail.com.

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th March 7.30pm Chiltern Concert Band with SWBGS Choir.
17th March 7.30pm Rotary hosted concert with music from Chiltern Music Academy. Tickets Marlow Information Centre.

WELCOME LUNCH TODAY

If you are new to All Saints, we would like to invite you to our Welcome Lunch TODAY, 12.30-2.30pm in the main church building. This is our way of saying "Welcome to All Saints, Marlow". Come and meet members of the clergy and staff team, the welcome team and other newcomers over a light buffet lunch. Children are welcome, and we will have a creche. If you are part of the All Saints family, you are also welcome to join the lunch and meet our newcomers, but please bring some food with you to eat and share with others.

Ash Wednesday 14th February There will be a service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes at **12 noon**. There will also be a service at **8 pm** at St. John the Baptist Little Marlow.

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 at 2pm**. The service has been prepared by the Christian ladies of Suriname and the theme is ;All God's Creation is Very Good!.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 22ND JANUARY 2018

New wine interns - we have advertised for 3 interns to start in the next academic year (18/19) and plan to interview in April. If we don't appoint all 3 interns during this round of applications, we will carry out a second round in the summer. We have also been asked to be a new wine 'intern hub'. Roland and Gill are going to find out more about what this would entail and will report back next month.

Holy Trinity Building Committee - the committee's comprehensive report was read and discussed at length, considering the various options available to us, and the pros and cons of each. An update of this will be presented at the Church Forum.

Narthex - the faculty has been received and a contract appointed. Work is due to commence soon, and is likely to continue until April.

Finance - the year end report shows an actual deficit of £4.4k, which is better than the expected £10k deficit. Book keeping has now been taken over by Judith Keeves and we appreciate the work she, and all the finance team put in to managing the Church finances. A new Church of England planned giving scheme called the 'Parish Giving Scheme' was proposed and unanimously voted in favour of. Further information on this will follow in due course.

Grand piano - we have had been offered the opportunity to buy a 2002 Yamaha grand piano to replace our old one at a very reasonable price. Most of the funds to buy it are already available, and the balance is thought to be possible to raise with fund raising events.

Informal Evening Service

Thanks to all of you who came to our last Informal Evening Service about Lament. The next service in our series looking at Prayer and Worship in the Psalms is next week (11th February) where **Jonathan Chaffey** will be looking at **Thanksgiving**. Join us for fantastic teaching, worship, testimony and prayer. For more information, speak to Gill Taylor.

**NEXT WOMENS 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

A note from our Director of Music

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*

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

In the coming week

Churches Together in Prayer

The CTM Prayer Group has been meeting monthly for over 20 years. It has been decided to change the pattern so that in future, meetings will take place quarterly at different churches on a rotating basis. The first of these meetings will be at **All Saints' Church Marlow on Saturday 10th February, from 9-10 am**. Please support this meeting, especially as we are the host church.

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 (07810 366657) or Sara Edwardes saraedwardes@yahoo.co.uk (07758

Other notices

“Footprints” A service for those who have lost a child at any stage of life, from pregnancy to adulthood. **Friday 2nd March 7.30pm St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Medmenham.**

Refreshments after the service. Details
Revd.Sue Morton 01491 639286 or
suemorton131@gmail.com

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 Tuesdays, 27th Feb, 6th, 13th and 20th 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) 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 15th 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 13th 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 5th February.

WYCOMBE DEANERY RETREAT DAY

Wed 23rd May 10-3pm @ The Mill House Turville. Lunch & refreshments provided. £5pp
Contact suemorton131@gmail.com tel:01491 639286

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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

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Readings: 1 Corinthians 11: 20-29 John 6: 47-58

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four churches,
one vision

Together **PRAYER** 4U Team

Week beginning 4th February 2018

A Prayer for Guidance Living God, you do not compel us to serve you but you invite us rather to respond to your love; you do not impose your will upon us or dictate the course we should take, but instead you offer your guidance, giving us signposts to walk by, yet ultimately leaving the decisions we must make in our hands. We thank you for this wonderful expression of trust, this freedom to choose and discover for ourselves and we ask that you will help us to use it wisely; trusting you in return, and seeking, so far as we understand it, to honour your will. Give us wisdom and courage to make the right decisions at the right time and in the right place, to the glory of your name. 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.

Pray for Eloise who will be baptised today and for her family and supporters, as she starts her Christian journey 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. **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