

THE OTHER SIDE

11th February 2018 – Next Sunday before Lent

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

Gabrielle Smith & Roland Slade
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Dave Bull
John Smith
Gill Taylor & Jonathan Chaffey

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

Informal Evening Service tonight at 7pm

Jonathan Chaffey will be looking at **Thanksgiving** as we continue with Prayer and Worship in the Psalms. Join us for fantastic teaching, worship, testimony and prayer. For more information, speak to Gill Taylor.

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 was presented at the Church Forum.

Narthex - the faculty has been received and a contract appointed. Work is due to commence 12th February, 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

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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.

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 **8pm** at St. John the Baptist Little Marlow.

Are you free on Thursday mornings 10-12?

Our baby and toddler group, **TEENY SAINTS**, is going really well but we could do with more helpers! Come along to visit - sign up for a date on the creche window or speak to Anna - she will love you very much! anna.clarke@4u-team.org

Marlow Parking

Despite overwhelming support for Marlow Town Council's 'Say No to Paid Parking' campaign, all 7,500 votes in the petition only count as one, according to Bucks County Council (BCC), which wants to push on with the plan. There's still time to stop this plan - by coming out in force to give the reasons WHY we're against it. The Town Council is calling on everyone who voted - and more - to participate in the consultation and give their reasons for saying no. The Consultation on paid-for parking on the High Street and surrounding roads is planned to take place from 9th Feb - 10th March, with a drop-in session at Sir William Borlase's on Thursday, 15th February from 1.30 - 7.30 pm. The online link for people to have their say will be made public on Friday, 9th February. Keep an eye out on www.marlow-tc.gov.uk. This is likely to also impact parking around the church.

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

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.

The next Church Lunch is on Sunday 25th February at 12.30pm in the Church Hall. Please contact Eve Bunt for details tel 07850 594229 or email evebunt@aol.com

Handy Cross roundabout in High Wycombe will be completely closed for three weekends in February and March, starting with the 17/18th February. No traffic will be able to access it from M40 junction [4, A404, A4010](#) and Wycombe Road from Marlow; and there will be major diversions in place. This will inevitably mean that roads in Marlow will be much busier than normal, so please leave extra time when travelling to church on affected Sundays.

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!.

In the coming week

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

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.

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.

Saturday 17th February 9.00am
We will be praying for the life and work of our church, the Parish and our Community from 9.00 to 9.30am. Do come and join us as we gather together for an informal time of prayer.

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

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

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

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.

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

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday	10.30 Holy Communion	Next Sunday 18th February 1st Sunday of Lent
Wednesday	08.15 Morning Prayer	08.00 Holy Communion (said)
	12.00 Imposition of Ashes	09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
Friday	19.00 Evening Prayers	10.59 Informal Service with Communion
		17.30 Compline
		Readings: 1 Peter 3: 18-end Mark 1: 9-15

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four churches,
one vision

Together **PRAYER** 4U Team

Week beginning 11th 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.

Give thanks for our schools, teachers and pupils, for the many children's activities we offer and **pray** that all will enjoy a brief respite to refresh and renew this half term week.

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. **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. Guide us to use our resources wisely.

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 treatment; those coming to terms with disability or changed lifestyles. **Pray** for those who have recently died and those who are still missed and give thanks for their lives; may those who mourn them know the peace and love of Christ and his healing presence in their lives.