

# THE OTHER SIDE

18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 1st Sunday of Lent

All Saints  
Marlow



08.00 Holy Communion (said)  
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)  
10.59 Informal Service  
17.30 Compline

Graham Watts  
Jonathan Chaffey  
Pat Reading & Sarah Fitzgerald  
Roland Slade & Anne Morse

*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*

## Electoral Roll Revision

The electoral roll is to be revised in preparation for the round of Annual General meetings. You must be on the roll to vote at the AGM. If you wish to stand for either the team or the church council your name must have been on the existing roll for at least six months.

To protect your data the existing roll is displayed at the back of the church listing names only. **If your name is on the roll and your address details are unchanged since April last year you need to take no further action.** To be added to the roll or to make changes to your existing entry please fill an application form, found either on the table by the roll or in my grey drawer (at the back of the church by the main door). Either send your completed application to the parish office or put it into my tray. You have until 3<sup>rd</sup> March to do this after which no further names can be added until after the AGM. If you have any queries please speak to Muriel.

## CHURCH FORUM

Many thanks to those who were able to attend another lively Church Forum on Sunday 4th February. We had a number of interesting presentations.

Richard Powell gave an update from the group that are looking into the feasibility of purchasing or leasing **Holy Trinity Church**, together with other options that are being investigated.

Gill Taylor gave an update on our **Intern Program** – it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of interns as part of the staff team – we have budgeted for 3 interns for 2019 & are starting to advertise now. We are also looking at the possibility of becoming a New Wine training hub; there are currently 15 hubs around the country with a 'gap' in our area. Gill and Roland will be visiting the Ealing hub to find out what is involved in setting up & running a hub.

Caroline Slade described our recent initiative

around **Inclusion** – being open to everyone, not just those with disability. The focus is on children at the 1059 service but this can be expanded. The initiative will be expanded to include people who have mobility, sight & hearing disabilities.

Ruth Frost & Peter Reynolds spoke on the **Parish Giving Scheme** a direct-debit system, originally developed by the Diocese of Gloucester and now being rolled out nationally, to provide a professional, effective donation management system to support parishes & fund their mission & ministry. We will be implementing this scheme & more information will be provided soon.

Julie Purves gave an update on the **Prayer Chapel**, where discussions are ongoing with the DAC and the Deputy Chancellor. Liz Kitch, Senior Church Buildings Officer at the DAC, came to visit us a couple of weeks ago and was very supportive of our vision for the Prayer Chapel as a space that can be shared by all styles of worship and prayer and a space that is welcoming to new visitors to the church.

Following discussions she has proposed a number of ways forward & the one we are investigating with a view to presenting to church council is the replacement of the sofas with another style of flexible upholstered seating. There was also a time of open discussion. So you can see that this is a very good opportunity to contribute to all the exciting things that are happening in our church and we hope you will be able to join us for the next Forum which will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. *Dave, Ruth and Julie*

**There will be a Traidcraft Stall on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February** at the back of the church. It's a good opportunity to stock up on the Easter chocolates (and other goodies) whilst helping a really good cause.

## CHILDREN AND COMMUNION

As hopefully you know the Marlow Anglican Team is discussing the admission of children to Holy Communion. The Church of England approx 15 years ago decided that Children could take Communion before they were Confirmed if the Church PCC agreed to the policy and that any Child taking Communion must first go through a time of preparation. As part of this process the Team Council has invited Yvonne Morris, the Diocesan Children's Advisor, to come and talk about the issues involved to anyone in the Marlow Team who wants to find out more. The evening is on **Monday March 5th, 7.45pm** here at All Saints'. We would encourage as many people to go as possible as Yvonne is right up to date on these issues and a clear communicator.

## 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](mailto:parish.office@4u-team.org)

## CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**10<sup>th</sup> March** 7.30pm Chiltern Concert Band with SWBGS Choir.

**17<sup>th</sup> March** 7.30pm Rotary hosted concert with music from Chiltern Music Academy. Tickets Marlow Information Centre.

## The Grand Piano Appeal

The new grand piano, a splendid Yamaha C3-X, is shortly to be delivered. Thanks to many kind donors, some interest-free loans and the ready support of Julie Purves and the Church Council, we are able to pay the full cost outright (just under £13,000, which represents excellent value). This is very exciting news, but we are still seeking donations in order to repay those loans - in total about £5,000 - within the next twelve months. Should you feel able to help in this important project, which will be of huge benefit to us all, the Grand Piano Appeal Committee would be most grateful. Rhidian Jones and Clem Virgo have a supply of appropriate forms. Thank you, in anticipation, for your support.

**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](mailto:anna.clarke@4u-team.org)

**Bill Townsend** will be joining us at the **8am** service on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February** to say goodbye.

## MARLOW PARKING

Despite overwhelming support for Marlow Town Council's 'Say No to Paid Parking' campaign, all 7,500 votes in the petition are being counted as one by Bucks County Council. They are currently consulting on the proposal and this will continue until the 10th March. If you have not responded we would encourage you to do so. If the proposals go ahead, as proposed, it will have the following implications for the church:

1. All on street parking will have to be paid for at the rate of £1 per hour.
2. The current double yellow lines in front of the church railings will become parking bays.
3. The nearest disabled parking bays will be halfway up the High Street and no double yellow line parking for blue badge holders that will not cause obstruction.
4. ASM has asked for a review of parking times in St Peter's Street suggesting that some 2 hour bays would be helpful - This has not been addressed.

You can respond to the consultation in a variety of ways, including the Bucks County Council website 'Have Your Say' page (<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk>), the Marlow library (Institute Road, Marlow, SL7 1BL), at Marlow town council offices.

The next **BRIDGE** should be published in early March. Could copy and high resolution photographs be sent to the producer, Derrick Southon, at the latest by Friday February 23rd. [dhsouthon@hotmail.com](mailto:dhsouthon@hotmail.com) 01628 487588 or 07501 128605"

**Handy Cross roundabout** in High Wycombe will be completely closed for three weekends in February and March, starting this weekend. 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 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

The next Church Lunch is on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30pm in the Church Hall. Please contact Eve Bunt for details tel 07850 594229 or email [evebunt@aol.com](mailto:evebunt@aol.com)

*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](mailto: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, 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.

### Churches Together in Marlow

The next Men's Breakfast meeting will be at Harleyford Golf Club on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 8.30 am. Speakers, Danny Webster and Sue Wilmot, will show how the Evangelical Alliance raises the profile of Christian thinking at all levels of government and in society at large.

### WYCOMBE DEANERY RETREAT DAY

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10-3pm @ The Mill House Turville.** Lunch & refreshments provided. £5pp Contact [suemorton131@gmail.com](mailto:suemorton131@gmail.com) tel:01491 639286

*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 25<sup>th</sup> February 2nd Sunday of Lent  
08.00 Holy Communion (said)  
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10.59 Informal Service with Baptism (All Age)  
17.30 Compline  
19.00 Informal Evening Service  
Readings: Romans 4: 13-end Mark 8: 31-end

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four churches,  
one vision

# **TOGETHER IN PRAYER 4U TEAM**

**Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**A Prayer for Lent** You, Lord Jesus, knew great power, to heal, to transform, to proclaim the reign of God. So you met great temptations. The wrong way, glittering and possible, was open; you could rule if you chose, in majesty and wonder, more victorious than Alexander, more imperial than Caesar. But you said No, simply, decisively, forever, for us. Holy Spirit of God, enable us to respond to temptation with the strength of your word within us, so that we may hold firm to our calling and take your better way in faithfulness. 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 through the Small Groups and the Lent Groups as we move into this special time in the Church year

**Give thanks** for our schools, teachers and pupils, administrators and volunteers for the many children's activities we offer and **pray** that all will return refreshed after the half term break.

**Give thanks** for the quiet moments this coming Lent to reflect on the magnitude of God's gift of his son and the impact his life and death should have on our lives and how we need to respond as a church and individually.

**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 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