

# THE OTHER SIDE

25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

All Saints  
Marlow



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

Gabrielle Smith & Dave Bull  
Dave Bull  
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Roland Slade  
Gill Taylor & 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*

**Informal Evening Service tonight:** This week we continue our theme of Prayer & Worship in the Psalms and look at Celebration. This will be led by our Young Adults small group. Join us at 7pm for worship, prayer and testimony, and maybe a pub trip afterwards. All welcome.

## 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 application to the parish office or put in my tray. You have until **3<sup>rd</sup> March** after which no further names can be added until after the AGM. If you have any queries please speak to Muriel.

**Smallgroups 4 Summer** As we start to see signs of spring & better weather it is time to start thinking about Small groups for the summer term. We would like to have our usual mix of groups providing opportunities to meet others, have fun and learn something new, from social & interest groups to courses & Bible study. We would especially like to see some that make the most of the warmer weather. So have a think if you would like to lead a group & what ideas you have. Submissions for groups must be completed by 16th March. For a form or if you have questions please email [smallgroups@4u-team.org](mailto:smallgroups@4u-team.org)

## ALL SAINTS CHILDREN'S WORK -

**FACEBOOK PAGE** Anna has set up a new Facebook page to advertise and give info of children's events/groups/activities. Every adult who likes the page itself on Facebook by midnight on Sunday 18th March will be entered to win one of 15 Easter prizes for kids that we'll be giving away! Search for All Saints Marlow Children's Work and give it a like for the chance to win! Or go directly to: [www.facebook.com/asmchildren/](http://www.facebook.com/asmchildren/)

## 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.

## CHURCH FORUM

Many thanks to those who were able to attend another lively Forum on Sunday 4th February. Richard Powell gave an update on the feasibility of purchasing or leasing **Holy Trinity Church**, together with other options being investigated. Gill Taylor gave an update on our **Intern Program**, now in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year. We have budgeted for 3 interns for 2019 & are starting to advertise now. We are also looking at becoming a New Wine training hub; there are currently 15 hubs around the country with a 'gap' in our area. Gill & Roland are visiting the Ealing hub to find out what is involved.

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 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, 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 with more information to come. Julie Purves gave an update on the **Prayer Chapel**, where discussions are ongoing with the DAC. Liz Kitch, Senior Church Buildings Officer at the DAC, visited us & was very supportive of our vision for the Chapel as a space to be shared by all styles of worship, prayer & a welcoming space for visitors to the church. She has proposed a number of ways forward that we can present to the Church Council including the replacement of the sofas with another style of flexible upholstered seating. There was also a time for open discussion. So you can see this is a very good opportunity to contribute to the exciting things happening in our church. Please join us for the next Forum on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. *Dave, Ruth and Julie*

## 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.

**Handy Cross roundabout** in High Wycombe will be completely closed for 3 weekends in February and March, starting last weekend. No traffic will be able to access it from M40 junction [4](#), [A404](#), [A4010](#) and Wycombe Road from Marlow; & there will be major diversions in place. Judging from last weekend roads in Marlow will be much busier than normal so please leave extra time when travelling to church on affected Sundays.

## CHILDREN AND COMMUNION

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.

## The Grand Piano Appeal

We have splendid new Yamaha C3-X, Thanks to many kind donors, some interest-free loans & the ready support of Julie Purves & the Church Council, we are able to pay the full cost outright (just under £13,000), which represents excellent value. All very exciting but we are still seeking donations to repay the loans (£5,000) within the next 12 months. Should you feel able to help in this important project, the Grand Piano Appeal Committee would be most grateful. Please see Rhidian Jones or Clem Virgo for a form. Thank you, in anticipation, for your support.

## In the coming week

**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!

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

*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)

Graeme Slocombe is running a **Lent course** based on a booklet written by the Bishop of Oxford, entitled Abundant Life, reflections on the raising of Lazarus. The course is running on Tuesdays, 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](#). Ring 07785 262078 or email [graeme\\_slocombe50@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:graeme_slocombe50@hotmail.co.uk)) Although the course has started you are welcome to join for whichever evenings you can make.

**Bookkeeper/Treasurer - Urgently** needed by **Bisham Church**. Experience not required & duties can be adjusted to match skills & aptitude of candidate. Guidance provided. Contact Rod Stevens 01628 524238 or Stewart Featherstone-Clark 01628 471195

**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

**Vacancy for a Regional Manager (Church Resources) at Embrace the Middle East.** One year fixed term flexible part time position working within Embrace’s Fundraising & Marketing Team to develop, produce & market engaging content for church & other faith-based resources, helping to build relationships within church structures & congregations. More details via our jobs page on [www.embraceme.org/vacancies](http://www.embraceme.org/vacancies).

*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 Healing Service**

**Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**08.00 Holy Communion (said)**  
**09.15 Holy Communion (sung)**  
**10.59 Informal Service with Adult Baptism**  
**17.30 Compline**  
Readings: Exodus 20: 1-17     John 2: 13-22

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four churches,  
one vision

# **TOGETHER IN PRAYER 4U TEAM**

**Week beginning 25<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** for Ava and Jax who will be baptised today, for their families and friends

**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 the suffering people in Eastern Ghouta, that those with the power and authority will cease their inhumane bombardment and allow aid to reach the innocent victims of this violent conflict

**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.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**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