

THE OTHER SIDE

11th March 2018 – Mothering Sunday

All Saints
Marlow



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

Graham Watts
Dave Bull & Roland Slade
John Smith & Roland Slade
Gabrielle Smith & Anne Morse
Gill Taylor

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

Please join us at 7pm this evening for our **Informal Evening Service**. Dave Bull will be continuing our theme of Prayer and Worship in the Psalms using Psalm 23. Come along for extended worship, prayer and testimony, and maybe a trip to the pub afterwards!

Our Vision Service and ACCM will be taking place next week on Sunday 18th March with a joint morning service at 10.30am, when you will be able to hear about everything that is going on in the Church (the 8.00am service will go ahead as usual, but there will not be individual 9.15 and 10.59 services on that day). The 10.30am service will include the Annual Church Council Meeting (ACCM) where we elect members of the Church Council, 4U Team Council (PCC) and Deanery Synod – if you want to be nominated for any of these roles, there is now a nomination sheet at the back of the church building, where you can write your name and then find a proposer and seconder. If you would like to hear more about the various elected roles, then please speak to one of the Service Wardens or Church Wardens – we would love to hear from you!

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/

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

We sadly announce the death of **John Holles**. Although he mainly worshipped at St. Mary's Marlow Bottom, where he was a server and sacristan, he has been a very valued member of the Bell Ringing team at All Saints Marlow for the last 45 years. He will be greatly missed and a tribute to him is being planned by the Tower. Funeral arrangements to follow.

Sabbatical As she will have been ordained for 10 years this summer the Diocese have granted Sarah Fitzgerald a 3 month sabbatical. She will be away from Parish duties from 11th April until 16th July. During this time her duties will be covered by other members of the ministry team. As well as taking time to renew her spiritual life and go on retreat, she will be reading and visiting other churches to reflect on what makes worship that connects us to God and the world around us. She and Richard are also going to Tanzania for a month to visit projects supported by Workaid and Compassion and taking some holiday. Please pray that all goes well whilst she is away and that this time will re-invigorate her ministry.

As explained at the last Church Forum, the Church Council has agreed to move forward with the **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)**. The PGS offers you the opportunity to give to the church in a safe, planned and efficient way; and it has significant benefits compared to other methods of giving. The roll-out of the scheme at All Saints Marlow will commence in May and you will be given lots of information about it after Easter. However, if you are interested in hearing more about the scheme now, you are invited to a presentation given by Jonathan Farnhill, Director of Generous Giving, Diocese of Oxford, at 7:00pm on Tuesday 20th March at All Saints Bisham.

Church Council meeting 26th February Summary

- Visiting speaker: Rev John Hughes came and gave us a very inspirational talk on 'Growing Churches' based upon his many years of experience.
- Narthex development: The building work has now begun; we will be praying for the safety of the builders during this time.
- Crypt redecoration: The council supported the proposal for the crypt to be redecorated and for any necessary application to faculty, to be made.
- New wine interns: Roland Slade and Gill Taylor have visited one of the new wine hubs in Ealing, London, to review the set up and logistics that may be involved in ASM becoming a hub. There is a possibility of us doing it for a trial period of 2018/19; they are going to review the feasibility of this and present back to church council next month.
- Parish giving scheme: This is a new method of planned giving, recommended by the diocese, which the church council have agreed to adopt. We plan to roll it out to the staff team and church council members before Easter and then to the wider congregation in May.
- Holy Trinity Church: The team reviewing the feasibility of this, and other alternatives, gave an update on their findings, and the options are now being considered.

Prayer Ministry Training

Would you like to know how to pray for others? Would you like to see more answers to your prayers? Would you like to see God working more in people's lives? Come along to our next Prayer Ministry Training session: Thursday 22nd March, from 8-10pm at the Church Hall. Please book your place with Gill Taylor: gill.taylor@4u-team.org

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.

Trypraying The trypraying booklet is a 7-day prayer guide now being used by many to pass on to friends and family with a few words of encouragement – 'Why don't you try praying for a week and see what happens in your life?' We'll be giving these booklets out on March 25th as part of a local scheme to challenge us to use the booklet ourselves for 7 days, before giving it away to someone who wouldn't normally come to church, but might consider praying.

See <https://www.trypraying.co.uk/> for more info, and to download

Churches Together in Marlow

Copies of the latest newsletter are available at the back of the church.

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.

The Grand Piano Appeal Committee would like to thank the two very generous donors who wish to remain anonymous. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

HANDY CROSS RESURFACING work has been halted but will resume on the weekend beginning Friday 16th March.

In the coming week

Submissions for small groups must be completed by 16th March. For a form or if you have questions please email smallgroups@4u-team.org

Saturday 17th March The monthly opportunity to pray for the life and work of our Church, Parish and Community will take place between 9.00 and 9.30am in the church. All are welcome.

CONCERT DATE: Saturday 17th March 7.30pm
Rotary hosted concert with music from Chiltern Music Academy. Tickets Marlow Information Centre.

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

Other notices

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, 13th and 20th March, 7.30 to 9pm. Venue [3 Badgebury Rise, Marlow Bottom, SL7 3QA](#). Ring 07785 262078 or email graeme_slocombe50@hotmail.co.uk Although the course has started you are welcome to join for whichever evenings you can make.

Portaloos

You will see whilst the building work is underway there are 'portaloos' outside the church. Parents please note that during services when your children are in the church you are responsible for escorting them to these outside toilets.

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

WYCOMBE DEANERY RETREAT DAY
Wed 23rd May 10-3pm @ The Mill House Turville. Lunch & refreshments provided. £5pp
Contact 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.

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

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

Next Sunday 18th March Vision Sunday
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
10.30 Annual Church Meeting & Service
17.30 Compline
Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 John 12: 20-33

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four churches,
one vision

TOGETHER IN PRAYER 4U TEAM

Week beginning 11th March 2018

A Prayer for Mothering Sunday: Thank you, Lord, for our mothers. We remember today their loving care and their ceaseless love for us. May we show them by our gifts, our words and our actions that we love them and care about them too. Father, we thank you for the family of the Church. May they know your blessing and strength as they care for others.

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.

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.

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. **Pray** for doctors and nurses and technicians who use their God given skills to heal and mend, those working with terminally ill patients offering practical help and compassionate understanding. **Give thanks** for those who have been healed and restored to health