

THE OTHER SIDE

25th March 2018 – Palm Sunday

All Saints
Marlow



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

Gabrielle Smith & Dave Bull
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Roland Slade & Graham Watts
Dave Bull
Gill Taylor & Dave Bull

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

All are welcome at our **INFORMAL EVENING SERVICE** tonight at 7pm where we will have the opportunity to share the Psalms that we have been writing this term. Come along for extended worship and prayer, and maybe a pub trip afterwards.

There are plenty of opportunities across the Parish to worship, pray and reflect during **Holy Week and on Easter Sunday**, including the joint Churches Together in Marlow events on Good Friday. A full list of services and other events within the Parish can be found on the 4U Team website at <http://4u-team.org/easter>

Churches Together remembering Good Friday
Everyone is invited to meet in Higginson Park for a short act of worship at 10.30 am. This will be followed by a Walk of Witness up the High Street to the Methodist Church, where there will be a service for all ages at 11.15 am.

We have **SPACES FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS** to join some of our **CHILDREN'S TEAMS** in the summer term.

- 1) 10.59 Creche: (Sundays with ages 0-3yrs)
- 2) Teeny Saints: (Thursday mornings 0-3yrs)
- 3) Sandygate Stars: (Thurs lunchtimes 5-7yrs)
- 4) 10.59 Splash: (Sundays 5-8yrs)
- 5) 9.15 KidZone Plus: (Sundays with ages 7-11)
- 6) Connect 6: (Wednesdays 5-7pm 10-11)

Contact ANNA as soon as possible if you are interested (anna.clarke@4u-team.org; 07492 788704)

Churchyard Spring "Spruce Up" - Saturday 21st April 10am Volunteers needed for an hour or two for a churchyard springclean. It's a fun morning for families & kids to get involved in maintaining the churchyard for all of us to enjoy. Please bring tools & gardening gloves & we'll provide the tea & cake! For more information contact Steve Pearson 01628 483301. Thank you.

Lighthouse Marlow 2018 30 July to 3 August

For those who are not aware, Lighthouse is a Christian holiday club for primary school age children run by volunteers. Helping at Lighthouse is great fun and very rewarding, there are lots of jobs that need doing and so something for everyone. Registration to help at Marlow Lighthouse is now open. If you helped last year you should have received an email with a link to register again. Please do use the link – even if it is to advise us that you can't help this year. If you are a new helper (or have helped in the past) please register at <https://lighthousecentral.org> – select Marlow from the drop-down list and then complete your details. We are also looking for some administrative help in the months leading up to Lighthouse & are particularly seeking people to help with fundraising, checking DBS forms and communications (including social media). If you want to know more about these and other admin opportunities, or just want to know more about Marlow Lighthouse, please contact Sarah Jones, Chairman Marlow Lighthouse (sarah.j.jones@gmail.com or 07939 106564).

Because of the Narthex work decoration of the church for Easter will be somewhat simpler this year. There will still be some flowers so if you wish to make a contribution towards them it would be much appreciated. As in previous years, if you would like to remember a loved one, we will again be recording their names for display beside The Lectern. Please speak to Heather Milne or Helen Munday.

Art & Spirituality

Linda Scott and Anne Morse invite you to take time in Holy Week to reflect in prayer and meditation enjoying the display in the Prayer Chapel. Take time to rest in God and move nearer to the still centre.

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 & go on retreat, she will be reading & visiting other churches to reflect on what makes worship that connects us to God & the world around us. She & Richard are also going to Tanzania for a month to visit projects supported by Workaid & Compassion and taking some holiday. Please pray that all goes well whilst she is away and that this time will re-invigorate her ministry.

URGENTLY REQUIRED – more Sidesmen are needed to join the rota at all services. If you can help please contact James Cook or Julie Purves.

In the coming week

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 **today, 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

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

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 Funeral Service for **John Holles** will be on **Tuesday 27th March at 1.30pm at All Saints Marlow**. 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 will be rung by the Tower. After the service, all are warmly invited back to the Barn Club in Marlow Bottom for refreshments.'

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

Other notices

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.

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
20.00 Evening Prayer
Wednesday 08.15 Morning Prayer
Friday 09.30 Choral Eucharist

Next Sunday 1st April - Easter Day
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal Service with Baptism
17.30 Choral Evensong
Reading: Acts 10: 34-43 Mark 16: 1-8



four churches,
one vision

TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** 4U TEAM

Week beginning 25th March 2018

A Prayer for Palm Sunday Jesus, King of the universe, ride on in humble majesty: Lord, this Palm Sunday may I recognize in you the Lord who comes to his world, and join with full heart in the children's "hosanna". Ride on through conflict and debate, ride on through sweaty prayer and betrayal of friends: Lord, this Palm Sunday forgive me my evasion of truth, my carelessness of your honour; my weakness, which leave me sleeping even while in others you suffer and are anguished; my cowardice that does not risk the consequences of publicly acknowledging you as Lord. Ride on to the empty tomb and your rising in triumph, ride on to raise up your Church, a new body for your service; ride on, King Jesus, to renew the whole earth in your image, in compassion come to help us.

Pray for Frederick who will be baptised today and for his family and supporters.

Pray for our Church Council as we take time to review and celebrate 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. Give thanks for those standing down, for their gifts and time, pray for new representatives joining the councils

Give thanks for the quiet moments this 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. Feel welcome to explore the Art.Spirituality display. **Pray** as we prepare for Passiontide with special services to mark the events in Holy Week. 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 especially at this time. 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 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 security, love and hope 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.

Pray for those who are sick in body mind or spirit and all those who struggle to make sense of their lives. **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.