



**One church of all ages, with a vibrant, dynamic, worshipping heart,
reaching out with the love of Christ to Marlow Bottom and beyond**

29th April 2018 – 5th Sunday of Easter

**09.30 Holy Communion with Graham Watts
11.00 Lantern Community Outreach with Graham & Sami Watts**

Services in May

**06 May 09.30 Holy Communion with Roland Slade
11.00 Lantern in the Chapel with Dave Bull**

13 May 09.30 Holy Communion with Mieke Gaynor

**20 May 10.30 Holy Communion in The Chapel
11.00 Lantern at St. Mary's with Graham & Sami Watts**

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Gabrielle Smith

Last Sunday Gabrielle became unwell while taking a service at Bisham Church. Scans revealed a clot on her brain and she had an operation in Oxford on Tuesday evening, which went very well. She is now in recovery from what has been a very significant ordeal. Please pray for her, Tony and Caroline. We will keep the church updated on her progress. *Dave*

Today there is a Lantern Service Sunday here in Marlow Bottom. This means that, in addition to our 9.30 Communion service, we will also be meeting for a short act of worship at St. Mary's at 11, before heading out into the community to do practical jobs. There will be a variety of options, including those we can do sitting down! Whether you can get involved in practical service or not, all are also invited back to 165 Marlow Bottom for a simple lunch from 12.30 onwards - we would love to see you there!

There will an opportunity for early risers to meet to pray tomorrow (30th April) at 7am at 165 Marlow Bottom.

If you are a Godparent, Parent or Godchild you are invited to celebrate **GODPARENTS' SUNDAY TODAY at 3pm at All Saints Marlow**. Bring your baptism candles and a photo from your baptism day to peg on the memory line. There will be a short service, children's activities and tea & cake!

John Smith is approaching the end of his curacy with us. He plans to take up his new ministry in the chaplaincy of Marseilles in the coming months. The chaplaincy has three churches, one of which is John's village of Oppède. There will be an opportunity to **say goodbye to John on May 27th** when he is taking his last services at Bisham and Little Marlow. We wish him every blessing in this new ministry.

Sanctuary at All Saints' Bisham-Thursday 3rd May at 8pm – a space for peace & stillness

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS are starting again at All Saints Marlow –

4th May 1.10pm Fumi Otsuki violin
11th May 1.10pm Musicians from St. Anne's School
18th May 1.10pm Stephen King organ
25th May 1.10pm Toby White cello
1st June 1.10pm Isabel Nisbet & Rhidian Jones
8th June 1.10pm Rhidian Jones
15th June 1.10pm Anthony Hammond organ
Light lunches available from 12.30pm.

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT ALL SAINTS MARLOW

Saturday 5th May 7.30pm Marlow Choral Society. Tickets from Runners' Retreat & Marlow Information Centre.

CHRISTIAN AID CONCERT Sunday 13th May 7.30pm at Christ Church Marlow with Taplow Girls' Choir. Tickets £10 from 01628 486227

Saturday 19th May 6pm All Saints' Choristers and Farnham Youth Choir Juniors

Saturday 9th June at 7.30pm Chiltern Camerata

WYCOMBE DEANERY RETREAT DAY

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

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. If you got this email 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 one from a previous year) 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, and 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).

Readings for next week: Acts 10: 44-end John 15: 9-17

***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***

St Mary's
Marlow
Bottom



four churches,
one vision

TOGETHER IN PRAYER 4U TEAM

Week beginning 29th April 2018

A Prayer for Eastertide Living God, we praise you for the great truth of Easter – the message that your love will not be defeated. When human evil had done its worst, despite every effort to frustrate your purpose, still your will triumphed! The stone was rolled away, the tomb was empty; Christ had risen!

May that truth fire us each day with new hope, new confidence, and new enthusiasm, knowing that whatever obstacles we may face and whatever may fight against us, there is nothing that will finally be able to thwart your purpose or to deny your saving purpose, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 that Gabrielle is recovering from emergency surgery and that she will have a speedy and full recovery, **pray** for Tony and Caroline at this anxious and difficult time. **Pray** for Sophie also recovering from surgery at home, for Sami as she starts her part time role of School Chaplain and for Anna returning from her time away.

Pray for Bishop Stephen and the success of his first Clergy Conference, pray for Dave, Graham and Sarah and all those attending from the Oxford Diocese, **pray** for Bishop Ossie, Archdeacon Morake and Revd Rachel Mash and other representatives from our link Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman, that the strength of the link is celebrated and grown.

Pray that we will be an open and welcoming church to all and any who seek to know our Lord better and to draw closer to God especially. 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 new wave of Small Group opportunities to share and grow in faith and friendship together

Pray for the suffering people of Syria that negotiators will work for a peaceful end to conflict and there will be hope for rebuilding lives and a devastated land. **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 the peoples of North and South Korea making tentative steps for a mutual peaceful and secure future

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 know the peace and love of Christ. **Pray** for doctors, nurses and technicians who use their God given skills to heal and to mend. **Pray** for renewed hope and faith in a bright future in the light of the Risen Christ