

THE OTHER SIDE

29th April 2018 – 5th Sunday of Easter

All Saints
Marlow



08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 All Age Informal Service
15.00 Godparents' Service
17.30 Choral Evensong

Graham Watts
Mieke Gaynor & Roland Slade
Dave Bull
Anna Clarke & Dave Bull
Clem Virgo

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

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*

Name Label Sunday Today Do you ever forget people's names – but feel embarrassed to ask? You are not alone! We are trying to help with this by writing our first names on labels and wearing them whilst we are in church. Take this opportunity to say hello to someone you've not met before, and also greet that person whose name you'd forgotten! JOIN IN!

Churchyard Spruce up.

A big thank you to Steve and all volunteers young and not so young that took part in the spring spruce up, and also to those that continue to offer help and support to maintain the churchyard. Your help is hugely appreciated and it really makes a difference.

The funeral of John Bezer will take place at All Saints Marlow on Tuesday 1st May at noon.

Christian Aid Week During the week 13-19 May, volunteers will be calling house-to-house to deliver and collect envelopes. New collectors are always needed for the roads that we aim to cover (eg. Courts at lower end of Pound Lane). If you would like to help, please speak to Tony Threlfall (Tel. 471610). If you like to do the Country Sponsored Walk on Saturday 19th May, contact Sue Gallagher (Tel. 298521). Let us step out together in God's mission to aid the world's poorest people.

If you are a Godparent, Parent or Godchild you are invited to celebrate **GODPARENTS' SUNDAY TODAY at 3pm**. 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!

ThyKingdomCome - 24/7 Prayer in the run up to Pentecost From May 6th to 20th we'll be joining the wave of prayer & taking part in ThyKingdomCome with churches throughout the UK and the world. ThyKingdom Come is a global prayer movement, inviting Christians worldwide to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. **During this time the church will be open 24/7 for people to pray.** You can book a slot. There will be a chart in church, or online sign-up available via: <https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/119d62>) - or just turn up. The Prayer Chapel will be full of creative resources to help us pray, or if you prefer you can come and sit quietly or light a candle; all styles of prayer are very welcome. For more info please speak to Gill Taylor.

Sunday Morning Youth Group Helpers

We serve the youth by running a Breakfast Club in the Crypt between the 9.15am and 10:59 services; and have a group session 3-times per month during the 10:59 service. On each Sunday, we need one leader and one helper to run the breakfast and group session. We are a very small team and would love to have a few more helpers to spread the work - **would you be willing to help once or twice a month?** If you'd be interested in coming down to the Crypt to experience a session and find out more, please speak to Helen Godwin helen.godwin@4u-team.org

The family of Iris Raven wish to thank all those who made donations at her Memorial Service or subsequently. These have now been forwarded to the Church Charitable Fund. A further donation is to be made from the Estate in acknowledgement of, and gratitude for, all the support given to Iris over the years by the Church community.

Staff team announcement - Helen Godwin

Helen has now completed 15 months as our part-time youth worker. During this time she has made fantastic progress on our work with teenagers. Many of you will know that at the start of this year she and Darren also became foster parents. After a period of doing both these roles together, Helen has concluded that she needs to step down from her paid position on the staff team to devote herself fully to her roles as mother and foster carer. In this decision she has our complete and unconditional support. From the end of May therefore, Helen will cease being our paid youth worker. We will shortly begin advertising for her replacement. Very happily, Helen and her family will continue to be members of our church family, so although we will be saying farewell to her as a staff member the Godwins will still very much be part of ASM. Your prayers for us all during this transition would be appreciated. *Dave*

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.

We are very pleased to confirm that a faculty has now been granted & an order has been made for the purchase of a new altar for The Prayer Chapel.
Anne Morse

4U for Refugees On Monday 14th May 8pm in the Church Hall we will be holding a short meeting for an update on the Refugee situation and on the work and direction of Marlow Refugee Action. We would like to establish a group within ASM and the 4U team to consider ways that the church could support this work through prayer, worship and fundraising. Please do come along to find out more about how we can help develop our mission to support this continuing crisis. For more information email vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com

Phoebe & Isabella Mansell, members of our choir for 11 years, have the opportunity to study for Masters degrees in Music Theatre at the Royal Central School of Speech & Drama from September. Because of the huge expense involved they have set up a crowdfunding page at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/phoebe-and-isabella-music-theatre-masters> to which they wondered whether members of the congregation would be willing to donate. Any amount big or small would be greatly appreciated!

Prayer for Schools

Each Wednesday during term time we have a prayer meeting to pray for our church schools. This is from 8:45-9:30am at Holy Trinity School and all are welcome to join us. Once every half term we also have the chance to meet together to pray for William Borlase school; and our next one of these is **Monday 30th April from 7:30-9pm at ASM**. Please do join us in praying for our links with these schools, for the staff and pupils, and for God's blessing. Speak to Gill Taylor for more details.

Church Forum

Many thanks to those attending another lively Church Forum on Sunday 15th April. We showcased a number of the wonderful activities and projects being undertaken by members of our church family: Wycombe Homeless, Start Up for the Homeless, Compassion, Refugee work in Calais, Marlow Refugee Action Group, Lighthouse Marlow, Smiles Foundation and Community Choirs. It was very humbling to see the amount of amazing work that is going on. Dave also gave a presentation on Children and Communion and a lively discussion followed. We are now planning the Church Forums for the coming year and will notify you of dates shortly.
Dave, Ruth and Julie

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th May 1.10pm Musicians from St. Anne's School
18th May 1.10pm Stephen King organ
19th May 6pm All Saints' Choristers and Farnham Youth Choir Juniors
25th May 1.10pm Toby White cello
1st June 1.10pm Isabel Nisbet & Rhidian Jones
8th June 1.10pm Rhidian Jones
9th June 7.30pm Chiltern Camerata
15th June 1.10pm Anthony Hammond organ

In the coming week

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS are starting again next **Friday 4th May 1.10pm** with violinist Fumi Otsuki accompanied by Alessandro Viale on piano. Light lunches available from 12.30pm.

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

CONCERT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Sat 5th May 7.30pm Marlow Choral Society. Tickets from Runners' Retreat & Marlow Info.Centre.

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

Other notices

Toilet Twinning Opportunity

Work on our new toilets is progressing. As we are being blessed by the gift of this provision we would like to bless others by 'twinning' the new toilets. Our previous toilet was twinned with one in Kagera, Tanzania and it would be wonderful if the 3 additional units could also be twinned. It costs £60 per toilet & if you would like to sponsor one of the new ones or contribute towards it please place your gift in the offering and/or take to the Parish Office in a marked envelope. If you pay tax gift aid can be recovered. Information on toilet twinning found at www.toilettwinning.org Thank you - *Richard Powell*

Portaloos Whilst the building work is underway there are 'portaloos' outside the church. Parents please note that you are responsible for escorting your children to these outside toilets.

Christian Aid Concert Sunday 13th May 7.30pm at Christ Church Marlow with Taplow Girls' Choir. Tickets £10 from 01628 486227

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

Next Sunday 6th May - 6th Sunday of Easter
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung) with Baptism
10.59 Informal Service
17.30 Evensong
Readings: Acts 10: 44-end John 15: 9-17

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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