



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

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – 6th Sunday of Easter**

**09.30 Morning Service with Roland Slade**

**11.00 Lantern in the Chapel with Dave Bull**

### **Services in May**

**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**

**27 May 09.30 Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry**

**18.30 Compline with Graeme Slocombe**

## NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Gabrielle Smith**

Gabrielle is now recovering at home from her operation and sends many thanks for all your good wishes and prayers. We will keep everyone updated on her progress. Please continue to pray for her, Tony and Caroline. Meanwhile the Parish Office will be happy to forward any cards you may wish to send. *Dave*

Our third '**Be Still**' service will be on Sunday 27th May at 6.30 pm at St Mary's. This opportunity for reflection and prayer will be in the form of Compline - evening prayer. All welcome.

**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.

**FRIDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS** are starting again at All Saints Marlow –

11<sup>th</sup> May 1.10pm Musicians from St. Anne's School

18<sup>th</sup> May 1.10pm Stephen King organ

25<sup>th</sup> May 1.10pm Toby White cello

8<sup>th</sup> June 1.10pm Isabel Nisbet (contralto) & Rhidian Jones

15<sup>th</sup> June 1.10pm Anthony Hammond organ

Light lunches available from 12.30pm.

### **EVENING CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT ALL SAINTS MARLOW**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 6pm** All Saints' Choristers and Farnham Youth Choir Juniors

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 5pm** Music at The Manor, Little Marlow. For tickets ring 07775 957090

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm** Chiltern Camerata Tickets £12 from Marlow Information

**CHRISTIAN AID CONCERT Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm** at Christ Church Marlow with Taplow Girls' Choir. Tickets £10 from 01628 486227 If you like to do the **Country**

**Sponsored Walk on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May**, contact Sue Gallagher (Tel. 298521). Let us step out together in God's mission to aid the world's poorest people.

### **WALK THE COUNTRY CHRISTIAN AID SPONSORED WALK**

Choose to walk 5, 10 or 15 miles in the stunning Oxfordshire countryside. Sign up in advance or donate a minimum of £20 on the day. For more details and sponsorship forms contact Mary Baker (485802) or Sue Gallagher (298521). If you cannot walk please sponsor a walker you really will be making a difference! Kathy and Sue will be walking.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** During the week 13th-19th May volunteers will be calling house-to-house to deliver and collect envelopes. New collectors are always needed for Marlow Bottom - please speak to Jean Ashford (01628 486227) if you would like to help.

### **WOMENS BREAKFAST Saturday 9th June 9-11am All Saints Church Hall.**

Lois Cuthbert will be speaking on The promise of His Presence. Lois & Nick, her husband, have lived in Birmingham since 1972 where they were founding pastors of Riverside Church. She has been pastor, counsellor and mentor to many and is currently a life coach. She has two sons and four grandchildren. To reserve a place, contact the Parish Office 01628 481806 or [parish.office@4u-team.org](mailto:parish.office@4u-team.org) Suggested donation £5.

## 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

## 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](mailto:sarah.j.jones@gmail.com) or 07939 106564).

Readings for next week    Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end    John 17: 6-19

***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

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# **TOGETHER IN PRAYER 4U TEAM**

**Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> May 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 and for Sami in her new part time role of School Chaplain.

**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