

THE OTHER SIDE

6th May 2018 – 6th Sunday of Easter

All Saints
Marlow



08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung) with Baptism
10.59 Informal Service
17.30 Evensong

Dave Bull
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Sami Watts
Roland Slade

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

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*

All Saints' Welcome Lunch - After the 10.59 service on **Sunday 13th May**, we will be holding a light buffet style lunch at the back of church by the coffee area. This is a chance for those relatively new to All Saints to meet the clergy, members of the welcome team and each other. If you are a newcomer and would like to attend please contact Ruth Scott welcometeam@4u-team.org If you would like to come along to help welcome newcomers we would love to have you there, but please bring a contribution to the lunch.

Church Cleaning

With the addition of the Narthex development we need more help in keeping our church and facilities clean & welcoming. In addition two of our cleaning team are stepping down leaving a significant gap in our resources. Sally Drury who has been leading the team will be leaving us so we are also looking for someone willing to take over her role. The more volunteers we have the less often we will need to call on you! If you are not able to commit on a regular basis perhaps you would consider helping with cover when our regulars are not available. Cleaning takes place during the week at times when volunteers are available and the church is free and should take between 30-60mins a week for each separate area. Why not consider signing up with a friend and/or working together? For more details please contact either Sally sarahdrurymarlow@gmail.com 01628 781419 or Richard richard.powell@4u-team.org 01628 486502

Starting today -ThyKingdomCome - 24/7 Prayer in the run up to Pentecost on the 20th May. We are joining the wave of prayer 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.

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

The Grand Piano Appeal Committee is delighted to report that just over £900.00 now remains to be raised, and wishes to thank all the many people who responded so generously - a truly magnificent effort! Well done. We're on the home straight. The piano has had time to settle into its new environment & has been re-tuned, enabling us to appreciate what a superb instrument it really is.

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.

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. Please do join us in praying for our links with the schools, for the staff and pupils, and for God's blessing. Speak to Gill Taylor for more details.

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 18 May 1.10pm** Stephen King organ
- 19 May 6pm** All Saints' Choristers and Farnham Youth Choir Juniors
- 25 May 1.10pm** Toby White cello
- 26 May 5pm** Music at The Manor Little Marlow
- 8 June 1.10pm** Isabel Nisbet & Rhidian Jones
- 9 June 7.30pm** Chiltern Camerata
- 15 June 1.10pm** Anthony Hammond organ

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

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 Suggested donation £5.

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 greatly appreciated!

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

In the coming week

LUNCHTIME CONCERT on Friday 11th May at 1.10pm with a group of musicians from Queen Anne's School. Light lunches available from 12.30pm.

Churches Together Prayer Meeting

The quarterly prayer meeting to which everyone is invited will be held at Christ Church URC on Saturday 12th May at 9 am.

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

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 Gallaugh (Tel. 298521). Let us step out together in God's mission to aid the world's poorest people.

Other notices

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. It has three churches, one of which is John's village of Oppède. We can **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.

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

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

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 early this year she & Darren also became foster parents. After a period of doing both these roles, 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. Helen will cease being our paid youth worker from the end of May & we will shortly be advertising for her replacement. Very happily, the Godwins will remain part of our ASM church family. Your prayers for us all during this transition would be appreciated. *Dave*

*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 Evening Prayers

Next Sunday 13th May - 7th Sunday of Easter
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal Service
17.30 Evensong (Be Still)
19.00 Informal Evening Service
Readings: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end John 17: 6-19

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four churches,
one vision

TOGETHER IN PRAYER 4U TEAM

Week beginning 6th 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