

THE OTHER SIDE

20th May 2018 – Pentecost

All Saints
Marlow



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

Dave Bull
Dave Bull & Roland Slade
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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 is very glad to have left hospital to recover at home where she and Tony have been overwhelmed with cards, flowers & meals making her feel much loved. She is due another scan next week but meanwhile we know you will understand that Gabrielle is not well enough for visitors at present. 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*

Last week we launched the **Parish Giving Scheme** (PGS), a simple & easy way for you to financially support the on-going mission & ministry of All Saints Marlow. The PGS offers a secure way to give by regular Direct Debit, helping the Church to receive money and Gift Aid payments in a timely manner; reducing our administrative burden, improving cashflow and facilitating long-term planning. For these reasons, the Church Council is encouraging anyone who currently gives by Standing Order or by Blue Envelopes to switch to the PGS, if possible. Please pick-up an information sheet & gift form from the leaflet rack at the back of the church. Further information, as well as Frequently Asked Questions, can be found at www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/for-donors/

Jane Paul would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind words following the death of her husband **John Bezer**. She would particularly like to thank all those who attended the service of thanksgiving for his life and helped to make the service such a personal and special event.

Prayer for Schools

Each Wednesday during term time we have a meeting at Holy Trinity School from 8:45-9:30am to pray for our church schools. All are welcome to join us in praying for our links with the schools, for staff & pupils, and for God's blessing. Speak to Gill Taylor for more details.

URGENT - The One Can Trust Foodbank has less than 1 months supply of food in the warehouse, with school holidays a particularly hard time for families. Summer hunger is a rising problem in the UK & thousands of children will miss out on meals this year. Please give generously now in the hope we can replenish the stores in time for the summer holidays! Urgently required are **TINS** of ham, corned beef, meatballs, meat meals eg.stew & curry, meat pies, potatoes, tomatoes, fruit, custard & rice pudding, plus Rice (500g or 1kg), UHT milk, shampoo, toilet rolls, jelly & Angel Delight. Thank You! *Jason Brazier*

Burundi in East Africa is one of the poorest and hungriest countries in the world. At Easter 2019 I am visiting Simon Guillebaud's charity out there (www.greatlakesoutreach.org). Would you like to join me for what Simon promises will be the experience of a lifetime? We will help build homes for Pygmy widows, assist with street kids projects, help in an orphanage, attend local rocking church services, hear amazing testimonies & stories of courage, forgiveness & overcoming and see some stunning local sights. This inspirational trip is open to adults & accompanied children (10yrs+). Come with me and make a difference!

Between now and then I will be organising a few events to raise money for the Pygmy homes and for goats. Please note the following in your diary:

- Tea & cake, with an optional farm walk beforehand – pm Saturday July 21st
- Barn dance (with Marlow Refugee Action group) – evening of Saturday Sept 15th
- Auction of promises – Feb 2019.

If you would like to find out more about the trip, any of the above events, or would like to help in any way please find me for a chat or email

harriet.miles@4u-team.org. *Harriet*

The 4th LOVE Marlow Community Festival: 1-17 June 2018 LOVE Marlow is the initiative of Churches Together in Marlow, working with local community groups & businesses. See www.lovemarlow.co.uk for the full programme & events listing. Please invite friends & neighbours to support events, and if you would be willing to volunteer your help, particularly for events run by churches, please respond by email to hello@lovemarlow.co.uk

New recruits needed to join the Worship and Tech Team? You don't have to be a professional, it's a lot of fun & a great way to make friends. Come and have a chat with Gill Taylor or any of the team if you'd like to know more.

Sophie Wood

Sadly due to ongoing issues with her gall bladder, Sophie has made the difficult decision that she is unable to continue her internship with us. Sophie is moving back to Leicestershire to be nearer her family this weekend. She is very grateful for all your thoughts, prayers and kind words, and would value your continued prayers as she makes this transition.

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT on Friday 25th May at 1.10pm Toby White, cellist. Light lunches available from 12.30pm.

Mission Romania 2018 This year 13 of us including 8 youth are heading to Romania to work with the Smiles Foundation. We are holding an afternoon garden tea on **Monday 28th May 3-6pm** at The Branches home, 1 Westminster Close, High Wycombe. Come and enjoy tea & cakes and a wander around the garden. No entry fee but lots of opportunity to support our fundraising efforts including a raffle, games and lots more.

Church Cleaning

With the new 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 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

Toilet Twinning Thank you to those that have responded so generously to the appeal. As a result of the gifts received we have been able to twin six toilets so we will be twinning both our new facilities and the existing toilets in the Church Hall. Thank you for helping to make a difference in this way.

In the coming week

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

'The Bridge' - Could copy & photos for the June edition be sent to the producer, Derrick Southon, **at the latest by May 25th** please. It's helpful if contributors can let him know that they will be submitting an article before the copy deadline. For any questions, please call Derrick on 01628 487588/ 07501 128605 or dhsdhs@outlook.com

Other notices

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 Grand Piano Appeal Committee is delighted to report that just over £800.00 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.

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!

*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 27th May - Trinity
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 All Age Informal Service with Baptism
17.30 Choral Evensong
19.00 Informal Evening Service

Readings: Isaiah 6: 1-8 John 3: 1-17

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four churches,
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TOGETHER IN PRAYER 4U TEAM

Week beginning 20th May 2018

A Prayer for Pentecost We come at this Pentecost, reminded of the constant work of your Spirit, inspiring, guiding, challenging, refining. Move within us we pray. Almighty God, Spirit of truth, come as you promised and reveal to us more of the way of Christ. Come and fill us with deeper faith and greater love. Give us the gifts we need to work for your kingdom, inspire us with new vision and purpose, and breathe your power into our lives Move within us we pray. Almighty and loving God, open our hearts and minds and souls to your Spirit, whoever we may be, and so equip us to live as your people, not just this but every day, our lives reflecting your glory and proclaiming your love. Move within us we pray, move within us.

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.

Pray for our staff team, for John as he prepares to move to a new ministry in France; for Gabrielle as she recovers from surgery; for Sarah during her sabbatical, for their respective families and friends in their support and concern. **Pray** for Dave, Sami, Graham, Mieke and Roland and the lay ministry team as they come together to cover additional duties.

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 and 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 all those who are victims, or touched in any way by the increase in knife crime and gang violence

Pray for the many children involved in school clubs, after school clubs, Sunday school and daytime activities and all the volunteers who work with Anna and Amelia to provide the teaching, the activities and the fun in knowing Jesus as a friend.

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