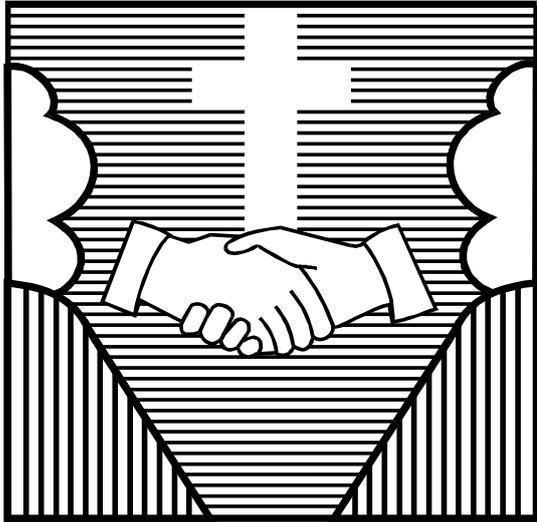


The Valley



Church



Lantern

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

24th June 2018 – 4th after Trinity

10.30 Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry

Services in June & July

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| 01 July | 09.30 Holy Communion with Jonathan Chaffey |
| | 11.00 Lantern in the Chapel with Graham & Sami Watts |
| 08 July | 09.30 Holy Communion with Mieke Gaynor & Anne Morse |
| 15 July | 10.30 Holy Communion in The Chapel |
| | 11.00 Lantern at St. Mary's with Sami Watts |
| 22 July | 09.30 Holy Communion with Prayer Ministry with Sami Watts |

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sue and Kathy would like to thank all their sponsors as their Christian Aid walk raised £410. The combined sponsorship from the 12 walkers from the Marlow area (less than last year) totalled £1,393, nearly £200 more than last year. *Thank you*

News About Alex Alex's last Sunday with us is **15th July**, so we'll be having a barbecue from 1pm at Graham and Sami's to say goodbye and wish him well. Everybody welcome. If you are able to bring anything along, please let Sami know. Alex will be coming back to help at Lighthouse.

Lighthouse Marlow - 30 July to 3 August

Thanks to all the volunteers who have registered. Currently we still need volunteers in the following areas:

- Trinity House (register as Lighthouse Keeper 10+)
- Sport
- Drama
- Lighthouse Keepers - if we get more we can take more children

At the moment we have enough Lamplighters for the Lighthouses we can run. To register to help: <https://lighthousecentral.org/forms/leader-registration>

Childrens' registration. We are already oversubscribed in most age groups though we will be running a waiting list. The children of helpers who are helping for more than one day will be prioritised for places. **If you have registered to help and have not registered your children please do so ASAP.**

<https://lighthousecentral.org/forms/child-registration> If you have a specific question please email marlow@lighthousecentral.org

Children and Communion On **July 10th** the Team Council of the Parish will be discussing and voting on whether to accept the policy to admit Children to Communion before Confirmation across the Parish. If you have not yet expressed any views on this please could you let Rev Graham Watts know as soon as possible (graham.watts@4u-team.org 01628 440106). You may prefer to, and find it easy to, speak to a Church Warden or one of the Church Council in your Church, please feel able to do this and they will pass your thoughts on. It is still possible to listen to the presentation on this subject given by Yvonne Morris the Diocesan Children's advisor, you can find it here <http://4u-team.org/communion/> as well as other information you might find helpful.

One Can Trust Appeal – Since the Foodbank in High Wycombe reported they had less than 1 months supply of food in the warehouse, there has been a huge increase in generous donations but this needs to continue for the next few weeks. The fast approaching school holidays are a particularly hard time for many families as they struggle to put food on the table. Summer hunger is a rising problem in the UK and thousands of children will miss out on meals this year. Please continue to give generously now in the hope that stores can be replenished in time for the summer holidays! Urgently required are **TINS** of ham, corned beef, meat meals eg.stew & curry, meat pies, potatoes, tomatoes, pulses eg chick peas, tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, jelly & Angel Delight, plus Rice (500g or 1kg), UHT milk, shampoo, toilet rolls & toothbrushes. Thank You!

St John the Baptist Little Marlow Flower Festival - 23rd & 24th of June 12.30-5.30pm
Cakes, plants, vintage stalls & cream teas 2-5pm

CONCERT at All Saints Marlow

24 June 3.00pm "Music for a Sunday Afternoon" by the All Saints Church Choral Scholars followed by afternoon tea & retiring collection in aid of The Music Trust.

In September, our monthly pattern of services will be changing. We talked about this at the church AGM and it has also been discussed by the Church Council (and the Methodist Church Council). Nevertheless, change can feel difficult for many of us, it is hard letting go of what we find familiar and trying to do things differently. Let's pause to remember the positive reasons WHY things are changing:

- the 11 o'clock 'Lantern' has grown a lot in the 3 years since it started and we feel it is time for this to be a weekly service
- we are working in closer partnership with our Methodist brothers and sisters as we journey towards 'One church' and one church building
- to bring the 9.30 (Anglican) and 10.30 (Methodist) congregations together on a weekly basis will be really encouraging if everyone gets involved and will enable the earlier service to grow in numbers and in depth of relationship.

So, although it is going to be quite a challenge, the possible outcomes are good!

Basically, there will still be a service every week at 9.30. On first and 3rd Sundays that will be Church of England Communion at St. Mary's. On 2nd and 4th Sundays, it will be at the chapel. It will be Morning Worship most Sundays, and Communion occasionally. At 11.00, there will also be a service every Sunday, aimed at families and catering for kids. On first and third Sundays, this will be at the chapel and there will be groups for children. On 2nd and 4th Sundays this will be All together at St. Mary's. Sometimes the 4th Sunday will be a 'Service Sunday' when we go out into the community. Other months it will be an all-age communion. The details will be advertised at both churches as usual, on Facebook, on the website and via this newsletter.

To be honest, the most important thing to say is: PLEASE GIVE IT A GO! Please make the effort to come to different services, even if they might not be in the building you are used to, or with the people you are used to, or even in the style you are used to. You would be amazed at what God might teach you through you taking a little bit of a risk!

Remember this promise:

'By this shall all people know that you are my disciples, if you love one another' John 13:35
And this command:

'Let us not give up meeting together, let us encourage one another' Hebrews 10:25

If you want to talk to us more about any of this, please call us and we will come and chat it through with you. Thank you, love Sami and Graham
01628 440106

Readings for next week: Daniel 5:1-17 Mark 5:21-end

***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***



four churches,
one vision

TOGETHER IN PRAYER 4U TEAM

Week beginning 24th June 2018

A Prayer for the Blessings of Life Lord of all blessings, as we walk about your world, let us know ourselves blessed at every turn; Blessed in the spring sun and leaves; Blessed in the summer breeze; Blessed in rain and shafts of sunlight; Blessed in the moving stars; Blessed in the turning world beneath our feet; Blessed in silence; Blessed in sleep; Blessed in our children, our parents and our friends; Blessed in conversation and the human voice; Blessed in waiting for the bus or train or traffic lights; Blessed in music; Blessed in singing voices; Blessed in the song of birds; Blessed in the cry that pierces the heart; Blessed in the smile of strangers; Blessed in the touch of love; Blessed in laughter; Blessed in pain, in darkness, in grief; Blessed in the desert and the frost; Blessed in waiting for the Summer; Blessed in waiting and waiting and waiting, Lord of all blessing, we bless you.

Pray for our Church Council and grant all members, patience discernment and tolerance, to give 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 moves 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 and Mieke 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 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 as hopes of a negotiated future grow stronger; for the people of Colombia and Mexico as voting continues for new and fairer governments who will address the needs of their oppressed and exploited people

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 and carers who use their God given skills to heal and to mend.