

THE OTHER SIDE

1st July 2018 – Fifth after Trinity



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

Graham Watts
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Roland Slade & Gill Taylor
Dave Bull

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

Tonight our Church Forum is taking place at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall. We will be updating you on the many exciting things that are happening in our church as well as listening to any other matters that you wish to discuss. We very much look forward to seeing you there *Dave, Ruth and Julie*

Gabrielle Smith - update

Gabrielle is continuing to make a recovery at home from her operations for a blood clot on her brain. She and Tony are immensely grateful for the support and generosity of their friends in the parish. Although Gabrielle is doing well, her recovery will take many months and she will not be returning to public ministry any time soon. She hopes to resume attendance at Sunday services from time to time and is up to occasional visitors, but asks for understanding that she will be taking things very gently and is certainly not able to offer any pastoral support to others at this time. Thank you for your continued love, patience and prayerful support of Tony, Gabrielle and Caroline. *Dave*

Afternoon Tea with Optional Farm Walk Help support Burundi, the world's hungriest country.

Come and enjoy afternoon tea on **Saturday 21st July, 2-4pm**, at High Rews Farm, Seymour Court Lane, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 3DD. There will be an optional farm walk at 2.15pm - perfect for working up an appetite! The walk will take about 40 mins and will be over undulating terrain. Long trousers and suitable footwear recommended. Sorry - no dogs. No entry fee but donations very welcome.

Marlow Refugee Action – Charity Garden Party, Saturday 14th July 3pm – 7pm come and join us for tea and cakes or chill with a glass of wine at Fairlawn, Gossmore Close, Marlow SL71QG. Children welcome and parking available on Gossmore Lane. Offers of cakes welcome!

The Crypt closed for refurbishment on 23rd June, and we are asking for volunteers today **Sunday 1st July and/or Sunday 8th July at 2pm** to help with redecoration so if you enjoy DIY and are handy with a paint roller & brush, even if only for an hour, please come and help. Youth team members and parents are especially invited to help please! **Please contact: Chrissy Longley 07799 198700 or Heather Grinyer 07850 801598**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting held on 25th June

ASM Priorities/Vision: The Church Council continued their discussions surrounding God's vision for ASM and our priorities (both imminent and future). A document was presented by Ruth Julie and Dave and was discussed and refined ready for further discussion next month.

Children in Communion: The 4U team are due to meet to decide whether, with appropriate guidance and support, children can receive Holy Communion before they are confirmed; a decision will be made by Team Council on July 10th. A draft document 'admission to Holy Communion' was put forward and correspondence received from parishioners was discussed. The Church council were in agreement of the document and for ASM to support it, and the admission of children to Holy Communion.

Finance: The Church remains around £18k in deficit for 2018 (based on Q1 figures). The Parish Giving Scheme has now been launched and those currently giving by standing order or blue envelope are being encouraged to switch to this method of giving. It is too early to analyse the impact of this, but we would encourage everyone to consider switching as well as consider the amount of financial support they are giving. Without a considerable increase in our income, we will be unable to continue all the activities and good work we are currently doing and it makes future planning and initiatives very challenging.

Lighthouse Marlow - 30 July to 3 August

Thanks to all the volunteers who have registered. We do 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>

Children's 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

Roland & Caroline Slade, and Sarah & Richard Fitzgerald, will be visiting a **Compassion** project in Northern Tanzania this week. Across the 4U churches, we sponsor 23 children in this project who benefit from a programme of education, healthcare and awareness of local issues. The team will be at the project on Tuesday and Wednesday this week - Please pray for their

In the coming week

PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE

Do you want to feel more confident praying for others? Do you want to be more confident in hearing God's voice? Would you like to meet some more people from church? Then this Prayer Ministry Training is for you! This one-session course, on **5th July, 7:30-9:30pm, in the Church**

travels, for safety, and for good relationships and good fun as they spend time with the children and project staff. They will be sharing stories, photos and videos from the trip at services in All Saints, Little Marlow and Bisham on Sunday 26th August.

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 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.

Please could information for The Other Side be sent to the Parish Office by Wednesday morning at the latest.

parish.office@4u-team.org

Many thanks

Hall, is suitable for all, experienced pray-ers and those who have never prayed out loud with anyone before. To book your place, email Gill Taylor via gill.taylor@4u-team.org

Sanctuary at All Saints' Bisham on Thursday 5th July at 8pm – a space for peace & stillness

Other notices

Small Groups for the Autumn Term

With the summer term coming to an end this month, we're already looking ahead and planning for the new slate of small groups to start in September. If you're already leading a group, we hope you'll want to keep going. If you've been thinking about leading a group but never quite got round to it, think no more! Just drop a line to smallgroups@4u-team.org with your idea and we'll send you a Google form to complete.

We're looking for a whole range of groups - activities indoor and out, age specific from the very young to very old, courses that follow a specific curriculum, and Bible studies in all shapes and sizes.

Christian life works better in community and we believe small groups are central to that. We hope you'll consider helping our community grow by being a small group leader. The cut-off date for submissions is 31st July.

Churches Together In Marlow Copies of the latest newsletter, with reports on Love Marlow and Christian Aid Week, are available at the back of the church. The house-to house collection plus donations raised £6885, of which £1975 was raised by collectors from All Saints.

The launch service for this year's Lighthouse is in the main tent at Holy Trinity School on Sunday 29th July at 6.45 pm.

There will be a **Traidcraft** stall here at All Saints on July 15th

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday 10.30 Holy Communion
Friday 19.00 Healing Service with
Communion

Next Sunday 8th July – 6th after Trinity
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 @10.59
17.30 Evensong

Readings: Daniel 6 3-23 Mark 6 1-13

All Saints
Marlow



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one vision

TOGETHER IN PRAYER 4U TEAM

Week beginning 1st July 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 Lighthouse Four weeks to go until 14th Marlow Lighthouse, so keep Lighthouse in your prayers. This week **pray** for Pat the Lighthouse Central Coordinator, and all the Lighthouses especially the new ones elsewhere in the UK as the movement grows. **Pray** for Sarah, the new Chairman for Marlow, and the administrative team led by Wendy as they plan the training sessions, the logistics of allocating children to the Lighthouses, name tags and a myriad of other organizational elements necessary for success.

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 Gabrielle as she recovers from surgery; for Sarah as her sabbatical continues, 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.

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 people of Mexico as voting continues for new and fairer government who will address the needs of their oppressed and exploited people in this violent country.

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

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. **Give thanks** for those who are healing