

# THE OTHER SIDE

15th July 2018 – Seventh after Trinity

All Saints  
Marlow



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

Graham Watts  
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Sarah Edwards

*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 - 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*

## Lighthouse Marlow 30 July - 3 August

Thank you to all who have been praying for more helpers, in particular, for a replacement Age Group Leader for Year 2. I am delighted that these gaps have now been filled and, as a consequence, we have been able to take some of the children from our waiting list. Now the focus moves to things we need to run the Lighthouse week!

This year the theme is SurBible Island, and we plan to turn the Lighthouse marquees into desert island paradises! So if you have any inflatable palm trees, parrots etc lying around we would love to borrow them. Specifically, this year, we need **shoe boxes** - any size. We also would welcome donations of felt pens, glue sticks, plain paper, children's scissors, tea, soft drinks, biscuits etc. Also toilet rolls and hand towels - we use a lot! I will set up a box for donations in the porch of the church. Thank you in anticipation. If any one wishes to give a financial gift to Lighthouse Marlow please get in touch; we are a registered charity and can reclaim Gift Aid on all donations. *Many thanks. Sarah Jones, Chairman, Lighthouse Marlow*

**Crypt Refurbishment today Sunday at 2pm.** If you enjoy DIY, even if only for an hour, please come and help. Youth team members and parents are especially invited please! **Contact: Chrissy Longley 07799 198700 or Heather Grinyer 07850 801598**

The Crypt will reopen once the refurbishment is complete.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT

**Today at 3pm** with our own organist Rhidian Jones. There will be a retiring collection and tea & cake! A new series of concerts will start again on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

## CHOIRS

The choirs' final **choral evensong** of the academic year will be on **July 22nd at 5.30pm**. This is traditionally followed by a BBQ to which all are invited. For catering purposes we do need an indication of numbers so if you would like to come and celebrate all that the choirs do for our church community and enjoy some good food please do let me know direct or via the parish office. *Many thanks Martin* [music@4u-team.org](mailto:music@4u-team.org)

**Muriel Jones** has moved to Shrewsbury, next door but one to her daughter, and near the home where Stanley is being very well cared for and where she visits him daily. They send their love to their friends in Marlow.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

**Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **CHURCH FORUM – SUNDAY 1ST JULY**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Church Forum last Sunday evening. Dave talked about the Church Council's current and future priorities. Questions from church members included topics related to Dave's sabbatical, church finances and the budget deficit for 2018, the Parish Giving Scheme, and church communications. Paul Taylor gave an overview of the church's participation in the Eco Church scheme and announced that we have now been awarded a Bronze Award for our initiatives to help care for God's earth. The next Church Forum will be taking place on **Sunday 14th October at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.**

**Roland & Caroline Slade, and Sarah & Richard Fitzgerald** will be sharing stories, photos and videos from the trip to the Compassion project in Tanzania at services in All Saints, Little Marlow and Bisham on **Sunday 26th August.**

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

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*Many thanks*

## **In the coming week**

**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.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

There will be an opportunity to pray for the life and work of the church on **Saturday 21st July at 9.00am for around 30 mins.** All are welcome to come along.

## **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](mailto: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.

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

### **Anna Clarke**

It is with great sadness on both sides that Anna has left her role as Children's Discipleship Leader with immediate effect. Anna will be missed by all and especially by the children and families of All Saints' Marlow and Sandygate and Holy Trinity schools. Please do continue to pray for Anna and the children's ministry here at All Saints. Anna and Helen's roles will not be replaced immediately. If you have any questions please speak to Julie or Ruth.

**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.

## **SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**Tuesday 10.30 Holy Communion**  
**Wednesday 08.15 Morning Prayers**  
**Friday 19.00 Evening Prayers**

**Next Sunday 22nd July – 8th after Trinity**  
**08.00 Holy Communion (said)**  
**09.15 Holy Communion (sung)**  
**10.59 Informal All Age Service with Baptism**  
**17.30 Choral Evensong**  
**19.00 Informal Evening Service**

**Readings: Daniel 9: 1-19 John 20: 1-2, 11-18**

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one vision

# TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** 4U TEAM

Week beginning 15th 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** Two weeks to go until 14<sup>th</sup> Marlow Lighthouse, so keep Lighthouse in your prayers. This week **pray** for all the Young Leaders, the Lamplighters more than ever this year, who will be assisting in every area there is to guide and support the children in their care every minute of the Lighthouse day. **Pray** for the hundreds of children registered to attend.

**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 she returns from her sabbatical. **Pray** for Dave as he prepares to start his sabbatical and for Helen and the family. **Pray** for Sarah, Sami, Graham, Roland, Mieke and the lay ministry team as they come together to cover additional duties. **Pray** for Anna as she prepares for a new future.

**Give thanks** for the safe deliverance of the boys and their coach from the cave and for the courage and skill of their rescuers **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 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 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.