

# THE OTHER SIDE

5th August 2018 – Tenth after Trinity

All Saints  
Marlow



08.00 Holy Communion (said)  
09.15 Holy Communion with Baptism  
(Burundi Mission Presentation)  
10.59 Informal Service  
(Lighthouse Presentation)  
17.30 Said Evensong with Hymns

Mieke Gaynor  
Sarah Fitzgerald & Harriet Miles

Sarah Fitzgerald, Sarah Jones and  
Pat Reading  
Graeme Slocombe

*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*

## Alpha Course

The Alpha Course will be running again in Marlow, and Marlow Bottom, from September until December. The Marlow course is on Wednesday evenings from 7.45-9.45pm in the Church Hall, from 26 September until 12 December (excluding half term week). The Marlow Bottom course will be on Tuesday evenings, beginning in the same week. The evening starts with a meal together, and goes on to explore questions about life, faith and meaning. Friendships are often made in the process! Please pray about who you could invite to a course, and whether you could offer time to help with serving food, leading a discussion group or welcoming newcomers.

For more information, and to sign up, please contact Rev Roland Slade: [roland.slade@4u-team.org](mailto:roland.slade@4u-team.org) (Marlow course) or Rev Graham Watts: [graham.watts@4u-team.org](mailto:graham.watts@4u-team.org) (Marlow Bottom course).

## Summer Plan - Informal Evening Service

This year, the plan for August for the Informal evening service is as follows:

### 12th August: Social (no meeting in Church)

Meet at 7pm in the Old Brewery pub. Open to anyone who is available and wants to join us

### 26th August: Worship Special

Service at 7pm in ASM. This will be another service open for people to bring instruments and join in, or to come along and sing. Our worship will be interspersed with times to pray, and share what God is doing in our lives. All welcome. For more information, contact Gill Taylor.

**"What I did on my sabbatical."** A talk with photographs by Sarah Fitzgerald about what she has been doing whilst on sabbatical. Wednesday 22nd August 7.30pm at St John the Baptist Church, Little Marlow. All welcome

**John Asplin** It is with great sadness we are letting you know that John passed away on 26<sup>th</sup> July at home. He has been a great supporter of the church and was a member of the choir for many years. **His Funeral service will be at All Saints Marlow on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 11am.**

## REMINDER – REGISTER A SMALL GROUP FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

We've extended the cut-off date for anyone to register to lead a small group for the autumn term so you have a few more days to submit an application. Please email [smallgroups@4u-team.org](mailto:smallgroups@4u-team.org) and we'll send you a simple on-line form to complete. Your group can be for an indoor or outdoor activity, age-specific for the very young to the very old, a course that follows a specific curriculum, or for a Bible study.

**David, Marilyn & family** would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have faithfully prayed, sent cards, texts, emails and all manner of things showing your concern for David. What a lovely church family! It has been a miraculous turn around from the beginning of June when he took ill. Although not completely there yet, he is still progressing well and we give thanks to God for prayers answered.

**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.**

**Tiddlywinks Toddler Group is a Churches Together in Marlow enterprise**, running since the year 2000, in Marlow Methodist church on Monday mornings in term time. We are a very

popular group with mums/dads/carers, grandparents & their preschool children, but even though a stalwart few lovely All Saints ladies & 1 gentleman generously give us their time & support, we are desperately short of volunteers to help run the sessions. Would **YOU** be able to help?

We need people from 9am til midday, on a rota, once or twice a term, to help set up, wash up & clear up - and chat to the mums! If you think you could help, please get in touch with Liz - 07799 854 535.

If helping practically is not for you, would you consider praying for us regularly on Monday mornings - we would appreciate that too!

Thank you!

**Thank you from the Bulls!** Dear church family, as we leave to set off on sabbatical we want to say an enormous thank you for the many loving and supportive messages we have received. We do not feel deserving of so much kindness. In particular we were completely overwhelmed by the generous gift you have given us to send us on our way. It will make our time away extra special and we simply can't thank you enough. We will miss you and look forward to catching up again when we return in the autumn. Please pray for us. We will be praying for you. With our love, Dave, Helen, Thomas, Lauren & Josh.

***Please could information for The Other Side be sent to the Parish Office by Wednesday morning at the latest. [parish.office@4u-team.org](mailto:parish.office@4u-team.org) Many thanks***

### **Sabbaticals - what and why?**

Clergy in the Church of England are granted a sabbatical of 12 weeks away from parish work every 10 years after being ordained. A sabbatical is not a holiday! It is a period away from the pressures of normal work for the purposes of retreat, rest and study. The goal is that clergy will return refreshed, re-envisioned and reinvigorated for the next decade of work. As many of you will know, Sarah Fitzgerald has recently returned from her sabbatical. Dave Bull is now taking his - his study element will be how the church can communicate the good news of Jesus to the Instagram generation. Detailed plans are in place to cover Dave's absence, so it should be "service as usual". In the first instance please contact Roland Slade, who as acting as "Vicar of All Saints" during Dave's absence. Please remember to pray for the clergy team during this period. *Thank you!*

**Pastoral Support** Did you know that we have a trained team of people on hand to offer pastoral support to you? This team works in partnership with the clergy team, providing pastoral support to those in need, which may include listening, encouraging, supporting, befriending, visiting, practical help and prayer. All members of the Pastoral Ministry Team have received training, are DBS-checked and are careful to observe confidentiality. Leaflets are available at the back of church with more details.

### **Other notices**

#### **HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?**

**Marlow CofE Infants School**, (Sandygate), one of our linked church schools have a **vacancy for a Foundation Governor** starting from this September. We are looking for an enthusiastic, active and committed person to join our team to ensure that our church school remains an outstanding Christian school.

Meetings are varied and constructive where every one's contribution is valued. You also have the added joy of being able to meet our exceptional staff and children as they work in school, when doing governor visits, and welcoming them when they join us for various services in church.

Do look at the school website where you will learn a lot more about our school <http://www.marlow-infant.bucks.sch.uk/website> and to find out more talk to Revd Roland Slade ([roland.slade@4u-team.org](mailto:roland.slade@4u-team.org)) or chat to Helen Munday."

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped to make our concert on Sunday so successful. We had a brilliant time and were touched that so many people joined us and donated so generously. It was lovely talking to everyone and we can't express our gratitude enough. We're well on our way to covering the large costs for our studies next year, thanks to the generosity and support we received on Sunday.  
*Isabella & Phoebe Mansell*

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

### Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**ASM Priorities/Vision:** The Church Council continued their discussions surrounding God's vision for ASM and our priorities (both imminent and future). We are working on a plan to communicate this clearly to our whole church family and we are hoping to do this after the summer

**Wedding Display** Paul and Matt met with Dennis to discuss how we could better promote weddings within the church. They have agreed that a simple display be posted on a notice board on the vestry wall. A supply of information leaflets will be provided alongside. Also, Dennis has purchased a 'roll-up banner' which will be displayed near the notice board.

**Plan for Youth and Children's Work** We are working on a plan to ensure our Youth and Children's Work can be maintained with the help of our amazing volunteers. Ruth and Julie will be following up on the volunteer meeting that Dave had before he left for sabbatical.

**Finance** At the end of the first half of the year with are in deficit by £25K; this includes some non-repeating exceptional costs. There has been a healthy increase in income through the blue envelopes. However, Church Hall income has fallen (largely because the management team were asked to allocate time to church youth and children's' activities rather than external letting) and donations were lower than expected. We will be looking at ways to encourage anyone who is entering the church on a casual basis to make a donation. We would also encourage everyone in our church family to consider switching to the Parish Giving Scheme 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.

## SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Tuesday 10.30 Holy Communion**  
**Wednesday 08.15 Morning Prayers**

**Next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August – 11th after Trinity**  
**08.00 Holy Communion (said)**  
**09.15 Holy Communion (sung)**  
**10.59 Informal Service**  
**17.30 Said Evensong with Hymns**  
**19.00 In place of the Informal Evening Service there is a Social at The Old Brewery**

**Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8 John 6:35, 41-51**

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four churches,  
one vision

**TOGETHER IN PRAYER 4U TEAM**  
**Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018**