

# THE OTHER SIDE

12th August 2018 – Eleventh after Trinity

All Saints  
Marlow



08.00 Holy Communion (said)  
09.15 Holy Communion  
(Lighthouse Presentation)  
10.59 Informal Service  
(Wycombe Homeless Presentation)  
17.30 Said Evensong with Hymns

Sarah Fitzgerald  
Sami Watts, Sarah Jones & Pat Reading

Sami Watts & Muriel Reynolds

Roland Slade

*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).

**"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.

**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**.

## PRAYER CHAPEL

It is with much joy that after a long and patient wait, the new altar is installed in the Prayer Chapel. Many thanks to those whose donations made it possible. A new cross will be purchased soon to compliment the more contemporary appearance. Anne Morse, Service Warden.

**There is no Informal Service at 7pm tonight. Instead everyone is welcome for a get-together at The Old Brewery pub.**

## 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.

The Autumn edition of '**The Bridge**' is planned to be published in early September. Could proposed contributions be sent to the producer, Derrick Southon - [dhsouthon@hotmail.com](mailto:dhsouthon@hotmail.com) by August 27th. Derrick can also be contacted on 01628 487588 or 07501 128605.

## 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 is acting as "Vicar of All

Saints" during Dave's absence. Please remember to pray for the clergy team during this period. *Thank you!*

***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***

**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.

### **In the Coming Week**

**John Asplin's Funeral service will be at All Saints Marlow on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 11am.**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August** There will be an opportunity to pray for the life and work of our church, the Parish and our community at 9am for around 30 mins. All welcome to come along.

### **Other notices**

#### **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

#### **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.

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 19<sup>th</sup> August – 12th after Trinity**

**08.00 Holy Communion (said)**

**09.15 Holy Communion (sung)**

**10.59 Informal Service with Communion**

**17.30 Said Evensong with Hymns**

**Readings: Proverbs 9: 1-6 John 6: 51-58**



four churches,  
one vision

# TOGETHER IN PRAYER 4U TEAM

Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> August 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.

**Give thanks for Lighthouse.** For the best Lighthouse ever give thanks, for the joy, growing and sheer Spirit give thanks to God. For keeping everyone safe give thanks to God, for the stamina of all the helpers in the heat give thanks and praise to God.

**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 and to do our best for our children and young people. **Pray** for our staff team, for Gabrielle as she recovers from surgery; for Sarah as she leads the team as Dave starts his sabbatical and for Helen and the family. Pray for Sami, Graham, Roland, Mieke and the lay ministry team as they come together to cover additional duties and for our Church Wardens Julie and Ruth at this time of additional responsibility

**Pray** for all those at home and abroad whose lives have been altered by violence, terrorist acts, severe weather and tragic accidents. **Pray** for those all those involved in the tragic fires in Greece and California and across the Iberian peninsula, who have lost loved ones and their homes and now face hardship and deep grief. **Pray** for the people of Laos involved in the major floods resulting from a bursting dam the loss of life, the thousands homeless and the many still marooned without help or sustenance. **Pray** for the people of Yemen, Syria and Columbia. Pray the truce in the violence and unrest in Kimberley will hold.

**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. For teachers and administrators and all pupils as they start the summer holidays, may they travel safely and take time to refresh and relax.

**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 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.