

THE OTHER SIDE

19th August 2018 – Twelfth after Trinity

All Saints
Marlow



08.00	Holy Communion (said) (Smiles Foundation Presentation)	Roland Slade & Ruth Frost
09.15	Holy Communion (sung) (Smiles Foundation Presentation)	Roland Slade & Ruth Frost
10.59	Informal Service with Communion (Smiles Foundation Presentation)	Graham Watts & Ruth Frost
17.30	Said Evensong with Hymns	Clem Virgo

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 (Marlow course) or Rev Graham Watts: graham.watts@4u-team.org (Marlow Bottom course).

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.

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 by **August 27th**. Derrick can also be contacted on 01628 487588 or 07501 128605.

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*

Come On Over - We're Having a Barn Dance!

Pull out your plaid shirt and put on your boots and come and join us on **Saturday 15th**

September from 6:30 -10 pm for our charity barn dance in the beautiful setting of High Rews Farm overlooking Marlow.... and in a real barn! You will dance to all the barn dance favourites with Helen Peters as caller for the evening

Suitable for all the family. Ticket price includes food and there will be a cash bar with a selection of alcoholic and soft drinks.

Tickets prices £18 per adult, £8 per child aged 5-11yrs and children under 5yrs old go free.

To buy yours or for more information, contact Ruth Frost or email missionburundi2019@gmail.com.

All profits in aid of **Marlow Refugee**

Action and **Mission Burundi 2019** with Great Lakes Outreach.

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!*

Mission trip to Romania are calling all quizzers. Saturday 29th Sept from 6:45pm for a 7pm start at the church hall. Fish and chip supper tickets £12.50 and rebellion beer. Raffle. Come and dust off your little grey cells. All the proceeds are going towards the mission trip.

In the Coming Week

"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**.

Next week, **Sunday 26th** at the Informal Evening Service we have a **WORSHIP SPECIAL at 7pm**. Come along to worship through singing or playing. Why not get that instrument out of the loft and bring it along? Gill & Ian will be leading our scratch worship band as we worship together. See you there and maybe a pub trip afterwards too.

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 everyone'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) or chat to Helen Munday.

Please could information for The Other Side be sent to the Parish Office by Wednesday morning at the latest.
parish.office@4u-team.org

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday 10.30 Holy Communion
Wednesday 08.15 Morning Prayers

Next Sunday 26th August – 13th after Trinity
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 All Age Informal Service with Baptism
17.30 Said Evensong with Hymns
19.00 Informal Worship & Prayer

Readings: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18 John 6: 56-69

TOGETHER IN PRAYER 4U TEAM

Week beginning 19th 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.

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 continues 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 accident on the motorway bridge in Genoa. **Pray** for the people of Yemen, Syria and Columbia. **Pray** the truce in the violence and unrest in Kimberley will hold and the local government will address some of the issues

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 continue the summer holidays, may they travel safely and take time to refresh and relax.

Pray for the volunteer teams as they prepare programmes to continue Church activities and clubs for our children in the coming autumn session while decision are made about replacing youth and children's leaders.

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

Give thanks for those who are healing.

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four churches,
one vision