

THE OTHER SIDE

2 September 2018 – Fourteenth after Trinity

All Saints
Marlow



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

Sarah Fitzgerald
Sarah Fitzgerald/Sam Brewster
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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

We are very pleased to welcome Revd Sam Brewster from Henley to All Saints' this morning. He is preaching at our 9.15 & 10.59 services.

Choirs

We welcome the boys and girls back over the next few weeks following their well-earned break during August. As the new school term starts we find ourselves with the need for more volunteers to help with sessions on Mondays 3.45 - 4.50 and Thursdays 4 - 5.15. If you can help please let me know. We have new recruiting flyers being produced too. Please pick them up from church in the next couple of weeks and pass them on to anyone who enjoys singing'

Autumn Small Groups programme. Our new brochure of Small Groups for the autumn is out today. Do have a look and see what you would like to sign up for -there is a great selection to choose from. You can also see the groups and sign up on the website 4u-team.org/smallgroups Please note that groups include one for families who are interested in their children being admitted to communion and one for young people thinking about confirmation. Adults wanting to be baptised or confirmed should contact one of the clergy and we would probably suggest doing the Alpha course depending on what you've done before. The "Exploring Baptism and Communion short course would also be helpful.

John Asplin

Avril would like to thank members of her church family for all the cards of condolence and flowers she received and for the love and support over the months prior to John's death. Also Clem and the choir for their contribution to the funeral service. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

Avril Asplin

Alpha Course

Crypt Refurb 2018

We are excited to announce the re-opening of our church Crypt on **Sunday 9th Sept at 10.30am**, and you and your families are all invited to celebrate ASM's new, bright and cosy space for our youth! Teas, coffee plus bacon butties will be served as we proudly re-open our Crypt cafe for the first breakfast club of the Autumn term! Cryptics club for Y6 and above will then take place in the Crypt during our 10.59 service.

Please pray for this special and long awaited occasion. As we thank all those volunteers involved in the refurbishment. Pray that our Crypt will become a place where more young people in Marlow will be curious to want to find out more about Jesus, while they chill out with their friends and the ASM Youth team

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS start on **9th September** when we have the violinist Lorena Canto Wolteche playing works by Brahms, Clarke and Faure accompanied by Gryte Navardauskaite.

Sat 15th September The opportunity to pray together for the life and work of our church and community WILL NOT be happening this month. Please do pray for these important aspects of our church life even though we will not be gathering to do it communally this month! Thank you.

INAUGURAL PIANO RECITAL

The distinguished pianist, Anita D'Attellis, is coming to perform the official inaugural concert on our new Yamaha Grand Piano on **Saturday, 15th September, at 7.30 p.m.** This promises to be an outstanding evening of music (Chopin, Ravel and Beethoven feature in the programme) and interval refreshments will be available. Tickets are available in advance from the Parish Office at £12.50 (Concessions £10.00 under 16s free!). Don't miss this unique event in our music calendar.

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/or 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).

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.

All Saints' Welcome Lunch - After the 10.59 service on Sunday 16th September, we will be holding a light buffet style lunch at the back of church by the coffee area. This is a chance for those relatively new to All Saints to meet the clergy, members of the welcome team and each other. If you are a newcomer and would like to join us please contact Ruth Scott at welcometeam@4u-team.org. If you would like to come along to help welcome newcomers we would love to have you there, but please bring a contribution to the lunch

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.*

Prayer Chapel

It is with much joy that after a long and patient wait, the new altar has been 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*

The next **Healing Rooms** will be held at Christ Church URC on Saturday 8th September from 10am to 12 noon

Quiz Evening at St John the Baptist Church, Little Marlow September 7th 7.30pm

*Teams of 4 people. Tickets £10 to include meal
Contact Jeff Smith on 07775 957090*

Other notices

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARLOW

St John the Baptist Church Little Marlow will be hosting the next quarterly prayer meeting on Saturday 8th September at 9 am. Coffee will be served after the meeting. Please join our Christian brothers and sisters as we pray together for the growth of God's kingdom in our churches and community.

The next men's breakfast meeting will be held at Harleyford Golf Club on Saturday 15th September at 8.30 am. Coffee and a bacon bap will be served at £5 per head. An inspirational talk will be given by Revd Ian Brown RAF, titled 'Why I am a Military Chaplain'.

Many of you will be aware that **Amelia Collins-Patel** has been working with All Saints' Marlow

and Little Marlow on placement as part of her degree course and has been helping with children's and families work in both churches. Her current contract runs to the end of September and we were hopeful it would be extended for another year. However Amelia has decided to accept an offer of a placement at another church who are able to offer her experience that is better tailored to where she feels her ministry will go in the future. She is extremely grateful for all the support and encouragement she has received in Marlow and did not find it easy to reach this decision. We wish her every blessing for the future and are sure God has exciting things in store for her. Ruth and Julie have been working with Amelia, Gill and our wonderful volunteer team to devise a plan to ensure our programme of children's work at ASM will continue in the Autumn; more details will be available in the coming weeks.

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.

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

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday 10.30 Holy Communion
Wednesday 08.15 Morning Prayers
Friday 19.00 Healing Service
with Communion

Next Sunday 9th September – 15th after Trinity
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 All Age Informal Service
17.30 Evensong – Be Still
19.00 Informal Evening Service

Readings: Exodus 19:1-9 Matthew 22:34-40; 28:16-20

TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** 4U TEAM

Week beginning 2nd September 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 for Dave as he 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 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 young people who are preparing to return to school and college, for those excited at the prospect of moving to new schools those going up to university and higher education and those starting school for the first time. **Pray** especially for those whose results have not enabled them to follow their hoped for path, may they trust God to open another door and show a new direction. **Pray** for teachers and lecturers as they return refreshed for new challenges. **Pray** for Savannah, Sophia and Tobias who will be baptised today, for their families and supporters.

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. Give all wisdom, and inspiration .

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.