

THE OTHER SIDE

16th September 2018 – Sixteenth after Trinity

All Saints
Marlow



08.00 Holy Communion (said)	Graham Watts & Anne Morse
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)	Graham Watts & Anne Morse
10.59 Informal Service	Roland Slade
17.30 Evensong	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

WOMENS BREAKFAST SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER 9-11am ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL

Jo Fothergill will be speaking on The God Of Hope. Jo is married to Richard, an Anglican minister, who founded The Filling Station. Both of them work for this ministry. They have two daughters in their twenties.

To reserve a place, please give names to the Parish Office. 01628 481806 parish.office@4u-team.org Suggested donation on the day £5

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/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).

Babysitters needed: For the last few years we have been pleased to offer a babysitting service to parents who would like to attend Alpha, or indeed any other church service or event. This year we have lost several of our regular sitters, so we are looking to recruit a few more. You would not be asked to make a commitment to babysit every week, but just to be willing to be asked if you were free, on an ad hoc basis, & on the understanding that you are perfectly free to say "no"! We currently need sitters for Tuesday & Wednesday evenings to cover the 2 Alpha groups plus someone to sit for an 8yr old on a Sunday evening from time to time so the parent can attend the informal service at 7pm. Please get in touch with Liz Ferris if you can help - 07799 854535 or bizzylizymarlow@googlemail.com

Autumn Small Groups programme. Our new brochure

HARVEST

We will be celebrating Harvest next Sunday 23rd September and this is an ideal time of year to renew our support for the One Can Trust. Donations of tinned food will be very much appreciated.

Harvest Decorating will be from 10am on Saturday 22nd September. Any donations towards the cost of flowers will be very gratefully received. *Heather & Helen*

Harvest Lunch

Sunday 23rd September from 12.30pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are £5 each and can be purchased in church today or from the Parish Office.. Any offers to bring a dessert would be most welcome.

Welcome Matt - our new Intern

We're pleased to tell you all that Matthew Clark is joining us as our new Intern. Matt will share his time between us and Marlow Bottom and will be primarily focused on Youth Work. Matt is 22, and is local having grown up in Penn. He has helped out at his local youth groups regularly and has volunteered for a number of years at Beaconsfield Lighthouse, so he understands our context very well. Matt will be supervised by Sami and Graham, and will be mentored by Roland. Please do pray for Matt as he prepares to make this transition, and do all you can to help him feel at home.

Mission trip to Romania are calling all quizzers. *Saturday 29th Sept from 6:45pm for a 7pm start at the Church Hall. Rebellion beer, Raffle. Come and dust off your little grey cells. All the proceeds are going towards the mission trip. Tickets are £12.50 and include a fish, sausage or vegetarian supper.*

<https://ti.to/inklined/missionromaniaquiz2018>

of Small Groups for the autumn is now out. 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.

Quiz Night at St. Mary's Marlow Bottom with fish and chip supper, raffle and bar! **Saturday 13th Oct, 7pm to start at 7.15pm. Tickets £12.50.** Come as a team or join others on the night Contact Graeme Slocombe for tickets on **07785 262078**

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.

Churchyard Autumn "Spruce Up" - Saturday Morning 13th October @10 am

Volunteers needed for an hour or two for a churchyard "spruce-up". It's a fun morning for families & kids to get involved in maintaining the churchyard for all of us to enjoy. Please bring tools & gardening gloves & we'll provide the tea & cake! For more information contact Steve Pearson 01628 483301. Thank you.

In the coming week

New series at 7pm Informal Evening Service: The Fellowship of Believers. Inspired by the famous passage from Acts 2:42, we'll be thinking about what characterised the life of the early church, and what we can learn from them. Come along on the **2nd** and **4th** Sunday of each month to find out more.

Fight homelessness in your sleep – join the Marlow Big Sleepout 2018! The night might have been cold but the fellowship was warm . Last year's sleepout raised over £14,000 for Wycombe Homeless Connection. Money spent helping homeless adults to find accommodation and give support while beginning to rebuild their lives. Wycombe Homeless Connection is a local Christian charity which believes that every homeless individual in High Wycombe has worth and should have the chance of a fresh start, no matter what their situation. It costs £200,000 per year to run, 90% of which has to be voluntarily funded. This year the Marlow sleepout is on Friday 23rd November. If you feel called to take part and share the fellowship or to help to steward for a few hours please speak to Muriel Reynolds muriel.reynolds@4u-team.org or for more information see <https://www.wyhoc.org.uk/fight-homelessness-in-your-sleep-join-the-marlow-big-sleepout-2018>

On July 10th the Team Council voted to admit children to communion before Confirmation if that child has been baptised and through a course of preparation for taking Communion. This policy covers the whole 4U Team. Much consultation took place in the preceding months. A detailed response to concerns that were raised can be viewed here <http://4u-team.org/response-children-communion/> . If you would like a paper copy of this please contact the Church Office (01628 481806). Details of the first preparation classes for Children starting soon can be found in this term's Small Groups booklet in all our churches or can be seen here <http://4u-team.org/smallgroups/> (scroll down to the "Communion Preparation for Children" course). If you have any questions regarding this please do speak to Rev Graham Watts 01628 440106.

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 23rd September 3pm Organist Malcolm Stowell

Saturday 29th September 7.30pm Ascot Brass & Choir in aid of Rotary charities. Tickets from Info Centre or on door.

Sunday 30th September 3pm Pianist Andrew Gallagher

Sunday 7th October 3 pm Next Stage Choir

Saturday 13th October 7.30pm Cantorum Choir

ALL SAINTS' MARLOW MUSIC TRUST CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS, 2018-19

Applications are invited from anyone aged 11 to 18 who enjoys singing, is enthusiastic about music, shows good potential and commitment and already has a reasonable ability to read music. Successful candidates will enjoy the benefit of a bursary (up to £540 p.a.) towards their music education, singing regularly in a well-established, friendly choir, performance opportunities, Cathedral visits, foreign tours and social activities. Full details and an application form, returnable by **Friday, 21st September**, are available from The Parish Office (the website version is awaiting an update). This is a fantastic opportunity - previous Choral Scholars have won choral awards to universities - so please don't delay!

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!

***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 Evening Prayers

Next Sunday 23rd September – 17th after Trinity
08.00 Holy Communion (said) Harvest
09.15 Holy Communion (sung) Harvest
10.59 All Age Harvest Service
17.30 Choral Evensong
19.00 Informal Evening Service

Week beginning 16th 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 the Lantern Church in Marlow Bottom which will become a weekly gathering from today. That this will enable more families to come and worship together and learn about God more regularly, that existing members find the changing patterns are positive and not too difficult; that God will build his kingdom in Marlow Bottom."

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 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.