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**One church of all ages, with a vibrant, dynamic, worshipping heart,
reaching out with the love of Christ to Marlow Bottom and beyond**

Welcome to our new service pattern!

As we get used to changes, we will try our best to keep you posted through this Newsletter and in other ways. Please let us know if there are ways we can improve our communications and be patient as things change in the next few weeks.

23rd September 2018 – 17th after Trinity

09.30 Morning Worship at the Chapel
11.00 All Age Worship at St Mary's with Communion
18.30 "Be Still" at St. Mary's

Services in September & October

30 Sept	11.00	Everyone together Harvest Service at the Chapel
07 Oct	09.30	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
	11.00	Worship with children's groups in The Chapel
14 Oct	09.30	Morning Worship in The Chapel
	11.00	Worship Altogether at St. Mary's

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be another opportunity to **'Be Still' at 6.30 tonight at St Mary's**. This lay-led service of approximately 40 minutes is a time for peace and reflection. We would love to see you.

Harvest Service

Next Sunday, 30th September, there will be just one service, when we celebrate **Harvest** together at the Chapel at 11.00am. Please bring along donations for One Can Trust. They particularly request fruit squash; tinned ham, corned beef, tuna and tins of spaghetti, potatoes, carrots, fruit. Visit their website: onecantrust.org.uk for other ideas.

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 Marlow Bottom & All Saints Marlow 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.

Mondays continue to be prayer days in Marlow Bottom. Everything we do is undergirded by prayer, if you have never come along to pray, why not try it soon!?

The next few weeks our prayer opportunities will be:

24th September, 7-7.45pm Prayer Walk, meet at 165 Marlow Bottom

1st October, 8-9.30pm, 165 Marlow Bottom

8th October, 1-2pm Lunchtime Prayer in the Chapel

15th October, 1-2pm Lunchtime Prayer in the Chapel

House Group Our 'Learning and Sharing' house group will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month as from September. Dates will therefore be 25th September, 23rd October and 27th November at 3, Pheasants Ridge. Details will be in the new Small Groups brochure. We would love to welcome new members!

Quiz Night at St Mary's with fish and chip supper, raffle and bar! **Saturday 13th October, 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**

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARLOW

The Harvest Supper hosted by River Church will be held at Christ Church URC on Friday 12th October at 7.30 pm. Admission is by ticket bought in advance (£5 from Liz Ferris or Tony Threlfall). Food is provided by all the churches and offers of a quiche, salad or pudding would much appreciated. Please speak to Liz or Tony (Tel. 471610).

A period of Prayer for Today's Armed Forces will be held at Marlow Methodist Church on Saturday 13th October from 10 am to 1 pm. This is linked to the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1 and the programme will include readings, prayers and personal anecdotes. There is an open invitation for people to pop-in and pop-out as they are able.

Concert event for your diary - Saturday 6th October

Holmer Green Baptist Church are hosting an evening with Jonathan Viera. Tickets cost £10, and are available from Rosemary Graham events@holmergreenbaptist.org.uk or send a cheque made payable to HGBC with an SAE to Rosemary Graham at 2a Browns Rd. Holmer Green, High Wycombe, HP15 6SL and tickets will be posted back to you!

Alpha Course

The Alpha Course will be running again in Marlow Bottom on Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.30 from **September 25th until December 11th** (excluding half term week). There will also be a course in Marlow on Wednesday evenings from 7.45-9.45pm in the Church Hall, from 26 September until 12 December (excluding half term 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 Revd Graham Watts: graham.watts@4u-team.org (Marlow Bottom course) or Revd Roland Slade: roland.slade@4u-team.org (Marlow course).

St Mary's Crèche Many thanks to all who have given so generously to get our crèche room ready for next week. We are now working on making it super-welcoming and comfy for little ones and their carers. If you have any items of furniture (small sofa, bean bags) that might be appropriate, we would still really welcome those.

CONCERT DATES AT ALL SAINTS MARLOW

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

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

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>

***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***

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Week beginning 23rd September 2018

A Prayer for Harvest Thanksgiving Lord of all, we thank you for our universe with its infinite fascination; for our world with all its wonder, and for our countryside with all its beauty. For life in all its incredible variety. There is so much that gives us pleasure; that offers fulfillment, that captures our imagination; that challenges and inspires us; that gives us cause to look forward with anticipation; that speaks to us of your great love. Forgive us for so often abusing all you have given - for despoiling our world, for failing to appreciate it as we should, for treating it as ours by right rather than entrusted as your gift. Help us to show our appreciation by being faithful stewards of your creation

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 at this difficult time

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 many church occasions already planned, the Harvest lunch today, fundraising events for mission outreach, the autumn concert season and welcoming Sandygate children today to the 10:59 service to help celebrate harvest.

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

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** for the victims of violence in the USA

Pray for those whose homes and property have been damaged by the recent stormy weather, both in the UK and abroad, in the Far East and in America, Pray for those involved in the tragic ferry accident in Tanzania

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.