



Lantern

**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.

30th September 2018 – Harvest

11.00 Everyone together Harvest Service at the Chapel

Services in October

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
	18.30	Holy Communion in the Chapel
21 Oct	09.30	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
	11.00	Worship with children's groups in The Chapel
28 Oct	09.30	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	11.00	Lantern Community Action Sunday

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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:

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. Our next dates are 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**

Youth Confirmation Thinking about getting confirmed? Confirmation is a great opportunity for someone to grow in their Christian faith. The preparation classes give time and space to explore what it means to follow Christ and to be a member of His church. If you are in school year 7 or above and would like to think about getting confirmed then there will be a series of sessions after half term to meet up with some leaders and with other young people to find out if this is for you. The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings: 30 October, 6, 13 and 20 November in Marlow Bottom, with the confirmation service in High Wycombe on Sunday 25 November. Do please get in touch if you are interested, thanks!

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARLOW

Poetry, Puds and Promises: Come along with your friends for an enjoyable afternoon with tea & cake at Christ Church URC on **Sat 6th October from 3pm**. If you would like to contribute to the fun, come ready to share your favourite poem, song, dance, prose reading, recipe or bring a pudding. You might also like to bring a promise to be auctioned off during the afternoon with all money raised going to WaterAid.

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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Holmer+Green+Baptist+Church/@51.752555,-0.615555,15z) and tickets will be posted back to you!

Storage space wanted. If you have some spare space in an attic or garage that would be available from January to July please contact Sami or Graham. Thanks

It's not too late to join the Alpha Course in Marlow Bottom which started last Tuesday and is running until 11th December (excluding half term week) from 7.30-9.30am. There is also a course at All Saints Marlow on Wednesday evenings from 7.45-9.45pm in the Church Hall 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

Today at 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

All Saints Bisham are looking for a Book Keeper/Treasurer. If you can help please contact Rod Stevens (rodstevens@live.co.uk)

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>

Readings: Titus 1:5-9 Luke 10:1-7, 18-21

***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 30th September 2018

A Prayer for Guidance Living God, you do not compel us to serve you but you invite us rather to respond to your love; you do not impose your will upon us or dictate the course we should take, but instead you offer your guidance, giving us signposts to walk by, yet ultimately leaving the decisions we must make in our hands. We thank you for this wonderful expression of trust, this freedom to choose and discover for ourselves and we ask that you will help us to use it wisely; trusting you in return, and seeking, so far as we understand it, to honour your will. Give us wisdom and courage to make the right decisions at the right time and in the right place, to the glory of your name. Amen

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, fundraising events for mission outreach, the autumn concert season and give thanks for the enjoyable Harvest Lunch last week.

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 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 negotiating for the best outcome regarding Brexit for commonsense and generosity.

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 continuing to flee from violence and poverty who seek a better future in foreign lands.

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.