

# THE OTHER SIDE

30th September 2018 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

All Saints  
Marlow



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

Sarah Fitzgerald
Roland Slade
Roland Slade
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***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](mailto:parish.office@4u-team.org) Suggested donation on the day £5

## **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.

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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>

**Quiz Night at St. Mary's Marlow Bottom** with fish and chip supper, raffle and bar! **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7pm to start at 7.15pm. Tickets £12.50.** Come as a

## **Sunday afternoon Concert today at 3pm with Pianist Andrew Gallagher**

**We had a successful Harvest Lunch** and thanks to all those who helped in the kitchen, with the table decorations and with all the wonderful puddings. Somehow we made a profit of £135 and as harvest contributions were going to the One Can Trust it seemed appropriate that this money should also go to this worthy cause.

**Very many thanks** for the generous donations towards the cost of Harvest flowers. They were much appreciated. Huge thanks also to the ladies who so beautifully decorated the church. *Heather & Helen*

The regular Saturday prayers for our church community will **not** be taking place on Sat 20th October. The next meeting will be on Sat 17th November 9.00-9.30am.

**Sat 17th November** - Church cleaning day. 9.30am to 4.00pm Please book the date in your diary. Details to follow!

**Parish Giving Scheme** Many thanks to those of you who have already transferred your regular Church giving to the Parish Giving Scheme. We're pleased to say that over 50% of our regular givers have moved over to this scheme which is more secure, and which makes claiming Gift Aid much easier for our Finance Team. If you still give to the Church by standing order, please do switch over to the Parish Giving Scheme; it's simple to do, just pick up a form at the back of Church or speak to Paul Taylor or Peter Reynolds if you have any questions. If you don't currently give regularly to the Church in this way, please prayerfully consider doing so. Thank you.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 24 SEPT**

team or join others on the night Contact Graeme Slocombe for tickets on **07785 262078**

### **Barn Dance**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a Do-si-Do at the Barn Dance. It was great fun and we raised an astonishing £2000 to be shared between Mission Burundi and Marlow Refugee Action. This is an incredible amount and will go towards really valuable work for both charities who are helping such vulnerable and disadvantaged people. We had wonderful helpers too – thanks to all.

**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!

Sami Watts [sami.watts@4u-team.org](mailto:sami.watts@4u-team.org)

**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 [bizzylizzymarlow@googlemail.com](mailto:bizzylizzymarlow@googlemail.com)

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning at Teeny Saints**

Many thanks to those of you who came to our MacMillan Coffee Morning. We're pleased to be able to announce that we raised **£131.01!!** If you'd like to join in, you can add a donation in cash at the services this coming Sunday; or you can also text in your donation - simply text BUN GQM5 to 70550 which will donate £5 to MacMillan.

## **SUMMARY**

**Children/Youth/Interns:** With Amelia now having left us, we have a team of volunteer leaders who are taking responsibility for leading the children and youth work, with Julie and Ruth overseeing them. Matt has joined us as a new wine intern and will be helping with the youth work; split between Marlow bottom and ASM.

**Finance:** We reviewed the Church's current financial situation. Further work and breakdown of costs/income is to be presented to us next month. We still have a large deficit to make up and would encourage all members of the congregation to prayerfully consider their giving and also switching to the Parish Giving Scheme.

**Property:** There have been several acts of vandalism in the Church; an attempted break into the wall safe, destruction of a grave stone and theft of one of the graveyard benches. We plan to replace the bench and have approached the Friends of All Saints to help fund this.

**Priorities:** Dave Bull is currently still on sabbatical. We discussed how we as a council, and Church, can support him on his return with his various roles and duties (Area Dean, Rector of the 4U team of Churches and Vicar at ASM).

### **ASM TREASURER**

Matthew Wilson, our Treasurer, has informed us that he will be standing down at the end of this year. We would like to say a huge 'thank you' for all he has done and this does now mean that we are looking for someone to take this role. We have an amazing Bookkeeper, Judith Keeves, and Peter Reynolds continues to provide us with loads of support (although he would ideally like to stand down as soon as possible). We can promise that you will have lots of support as you get up to speed! *Please contact Julie or Ruth if you would like to find out more.*

**CRYPTICS** We are delighted that Matt Clark, our new Intern, will be helping us in leading Cryptics. However, as we are sharing Matt with Marlow Bottom, he will not be available to us every Sunday and we therefore will not be able to run Cryptics every week. There will be no Cryptics next week, 7<sup>th</sup> October. We will let you know the schedule for the rest of the year as soon as it is finalised.

### **CHANGE OF DATE:**

**Our next Church Forum** has been moved from 14<sup>th</sup> October to **18<sup>th</sup> November**. Please make a note in your diaries and we will provide further details nearer to the date. *Ruth and Julie*

*In the coming week*

**It's not too late to join The Alpha Course.** The Marlow course started last Wednesday evening at 7.45pm in the Church Hall, and runs until 12th December (excluding half term week). The Marlow Bottom course is running on Tuesday evenings. 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](mailto:roland.slade@4u-team.org) (Marlow course) or Rev Graham Watts: [graham.watts@4u-team.org](mailto:graham.watts@4u-team.org) (Marlow Bottom course).

**Volunteers required** to help serve food and clear up throughout the **ALPHA** course which will last for 10 weeks. If you would like to help and can be available on any of the Wednesday evenings 6.30-9.30pm in the Church Hall, please contact Liz Kendall-Jones. [liz.kendall-jones@4u-team.org](mailto:liz.kendall-jones@4u-team.org) 07774 436383

**Poetry, Puds and Promises:** Come along with your friends for an enjoyable afternoon with tea & cake at Christ Church URC on **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> October from 3 pm**. 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.

#### *Other notices*

#### **CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 3 pm** Next Stage Choir  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm** Cantorum Choir  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 3pm** Organist Colin Spinks

#### **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 13<sup>th</sup> October from 10 am to 1 pm. This is linked to the 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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!

All Saints' Bisham are urgently looking for someone to help with book keeping. If you or someone you know might be able to help please contact Rod Stevens ([rodstevens@live.co.uk](mailto:rodstevens@live.co.uk))

***Please could information for The Other Side be sent to the Parish Office by Wednesday morning at the latest.***  
***[parish.office@4u-team.org](mailto:parish.office@4u-team.org)***

#### ***SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK***

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.30 Holy Communion</b>	<b>Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October – 19th after Trinity</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>08.15 Morning Prayers</b>	<b>08.00 Holy Communion (said)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19.00 Healing Service with Communion</b>	<b>09.15 Holy Communion (sung)</b>
		<b>10.59 Informal Service</b>
		<b>17.30 Evensong</b>

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

TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** 4U TEAM

**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 common sense 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.