

THE OTHER SIDE

7th October 2018 – 19th Sunday after Trinity

All Saints
Marlow



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

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Pat Reading & David Clarke
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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

The next Church Lunch is on Sunday 28th October & will be served at 12.45pm in the Church Hall - roast chicken with bacon & leek stuffing, seasonal veg, selection of desserts, cheese, coffee & mints as well as a vegetarian option. Please e-mail Eve Bunt in advance evebunt@aol.com or tel 07850 594229.

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>

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**

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

Sunday afternoon Concert today at 3pm with Next Stage Choir.

The All Souls Service is on Sunday November 4th at 5.30pm. A service of remembrance of those dear to us who have died. All very welcome. Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after the service.

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.

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!

Vision Sunday Many thanks to those of you who responded to Roland's invitation to learn more about the many ministries that are part of the running of our wonderful church and to those of you who have shown an interest in becoming involved in specific areas. Exciting times lie ahead for you! Most of our ministries have need of volunteers and we are keen to encourage people to become involved based on their value and what God is doing through what we do. Please prayerfully consider this – there are joining cards at the back of the church or please speak to Roland, the Service Wardens or the Church Wardens

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

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

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.

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. We will let you know the schedule for the rest of the year as soon as it is finalised.

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 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 & will be helping with the youth work; split between Marlow Bottom & 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).

CHANGE OF DATE:

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

INTHE COMING WEEK

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

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

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.

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

OTHER NOTICES

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 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Saturday 13th October 7.30pm Cantorum Choir
Sunday 14th October 3pm Organist Colin Spinks
Saturday 20th October 7.30pm Wooburn Singers
Sunday 21st October 3pm Englefield Ensemble

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)

***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	Next Sunday 14th October – 20th after Trinity
Wednesday	08.15 Morning Prayers	08.00 Holy Communion (said)
Friday	19.00 Evening Prayers	09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
		10.59 Informal Service
		17.30 Evensong
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Readings for next week : Proverbs 1: 1-7

TOGETHER IN PRAYER AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 7th October 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, and the autumn concert season

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 Sulawesi as they struggle to survive and come to terms with the tragic aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami, the great loss of life and total devastation of their homeland.

Pray for those continuing to flee from violence and poverty; who seek a better future in foreign lands, pray they will find a welcome and a decent place to live with support to make informed decisions about their future and the best way forward with hope.

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

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.