

# THE OTHER SIDE

All Saints  
Marlow



4<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Before Advent

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

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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*

This evening the All Souls Service begins 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** after the service.

**There will be no @10.59 service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November as it is Remembrance Sunday.**

**Marlow Refugee Action – “World-Café” Event**  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 7:30-9:30pm, Marlow Rowing Club After two years of collecting, campaigning, fund-raising and volunteering our understanding of the refugee crisis and what we can do to help has made significant progress. Come and hear more about our vision for the charity moving forward and how you can get involved and help refugees both in our area and in camps abroad. Your help and support so far has been amazing, please join us for the next step of our journey. There is no charge for the event, but drinks will be on sale courtesy of our hosts at Marlow Rowing Club. Please get in touch for more information and to let us know if you plan to come (it would be helpful for us to know numbers): [marlowrefugeeaction@gmail.com](mailto:marlowrefugeeaction@gmail.com)

## Thank You from the Mission Romania Team

This year's mission team to Romania would like to say a BIG thank you for all the support members of ASM have given them, both in prayer and financially, over the last few months in the lead up and during their trip over half term. They had a wonderful time and felt both blessed and privileged to be able to help and serve the people of Bihor county. Due to all the generous donations, they were also able to give a significant gift of money to the Smiles Foundation that will go towards sponsoring 12 children to go to school

**The Concert this afternoon at 3pm** is in aid of All Saints' Marlow Music Trust and is being given by the soprano Fran Stafford. Fran is a local girl and was a Choral Scholar at Royal Holloway University of London. She is recognised as one of our most promising musicians. Admission is free and the concert will last about an hour, with tea and cake to follow.

## Christmas rucksacks to Sierra Leone

Once again Lori Spragg's excellent charity Build on Books is sending rucksacks to orphaned children in Sierra Leone. Last year we helped her send loads of bags so I'm hoping we can do the same again this year. She needs sturdy rucksacks for children aged 9 up to secondary school age. They can be empty, or filled with any combination of the following: small toys, balls, games; school supplies eg pens, pencils, rubbers, calculators; toothpaste & toothbrushes. Sweets welcome but nothing that will melt in the Sierra Leone heat - no gummy sweets or chocolate. Although interestingly Lori says jars of Nutella would be welcome! Shipping date will be early November so not much time to do this, I'm afraid. Please deliver to me at 30 Trinity Avenue, or to Lori at 38 Oak Tree Road, as soon as possible Liz

## Count down to the Sleepout

23<sup>rd</sup> November in the churchyard of ASM. Join the night of fellowship and fun with our intrepid band of sleepers and help Wycombe Homeless Connection while you sleep. Event from 7pm includes: soup kitchen, best shelter competition, short quiz, breakfast. From 12yrs (with accompanying adult). Register at <https://www.bit.ly/4USleep2018> or email Muriel on [muriel.reynolds@4u-team.org](mailto:muriel.reynolds@4u-team.org)

next year and other projects that are in urgent need of finance. Mulțumesc!

### **Church Forum – Line-up now announced!**

Our next Church Forum will be held on **Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 pm** in the Church Hall. We are pleased to announce that we will be showcasing all the wonderful things that are happening with our Youth Work. Dave will also be talking to us about his Sabbatical. And of course there will be time to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. Definitely one not to miss and we look forward to seeing you there! *Dave, Ruth and Julie*

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

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 3pm** Wycombe Abbey School

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 7.30pm** Marlow Choral performing Mozart's Great Mass in C minor

**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

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Both Grace and Martha Blake were successful in the recent auditions for All Saints' Marlow Music Trust Choral Scholarships, so many congratulations on this notable achievement.

**THE BRIDGE** Contributions for the Advent issue please to Derrick Southon by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. email: dhsouthon@hotmail.com

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

### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING 29 OCTOBER SUMMARY**

**“Share the Journey”:** Vanessa Faulkner gave a presentation on her proposals to highlight support for Refugees during Lent 2019. This includes an installation focused on refugees in the Prayer Chapel and a sponsored walk between each of the Team churches (including one part in a boat). Her proposals were fully supported and detailed planning will take place over the coming months. It was also agreed the proposals would be presented at the next Team Council meeting, to see if there is interest in extending this across the whole Team.

**Finance:** The majority of the meeting was focused on our finances. The (end of Q3) year-to-date figures were reported as a ~£21,000 loss, against a budget of ~£4,000 surplus. We expect to end the year with a ~£17,800 loss. 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. There was a lot of discussion around the 2019 budget, and whether this should be run as break-even, surplus or deficit. The key item of expenditure to be agreed is whether we appoint a new (part-time/full-time) person to work alongside our volunteers on children's and youth work. We would appreciate everyone's prayers as we will be making this important decision next month.

**Property:** The Friends of ASM have agreed to fund a replacement for the Memorial Garden Bench; this has been ordered for delivery in early November. We have received an offer of funding for new light weight modular staging units that will be safer and easier to move and set up; investigation of options is underway.

**Fee for use of Piano and Organ:** We agreed that a fee would be charged for use of the new piano for concerts (£280 including tuning when used as a major part of a concert). We will also charge a minimum of £125 for hire of the organ; this will help to go towards its upkeep.

### **IN THE COMING WEEK**

Come and stock up on beautiful & unique cards, gift wrap, Christmas ideas & more, and support next year's Lighthouse at the same time! **Liz's annual Phoenix Cards** (now known as Flamingo Paperie) **fundraiser for Lighthouse 2019** will be on Thursday 8th November at 30 Trinity Avenue. Drop in any time from 9am til 9pm. Refreshments available all day!

## OTHER NOTICES

**Traidcraft open day**- everyone is welcome to an all day Traidcraft sale at Pam Thompson's house, 98 Wycombe Road, Marlow SL7 3JE, on **Friday 16th November from 9am to 9pm**. Cake and coffee on the go all day, all welcome, bring a friend!

**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

**Tuesday 10.30 Holy Communion**  
**Wednesday 08.15 Morning Prayers**  
**Friday 19.00 Evening Prayers**

**Next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November – 3rd Before Advent**  
**08.00 Holy Communion (said)**  
**09.15 Holy Communion (sung)**  
**10.45 Service of Remembrance at The Causeway**  
**17.30 Evensong**  
**19.00 Informal Evening Service**  
**Readings for next week: Hebrews 9:24-end**  
**Mark 1:14-20**

# TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## **A Prayer for All Souls**

You can shed tears that they are gone, or you can smile because they have lived. You can close your eyes and pray that they will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that they have left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see them, or you can be full of the love that you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember them and only that they are gone, or you can cherish their memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back, or you can do what they would want; smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

**Pray** for the All Souls Service this evening, for all who come that they may find comfort in their grief and strength to move on, with peace and thanksgiving

**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 those attending the Alpha courses as they explore faith and for those considering confirmation. May all feel encouraged and supported in their decisions.

**Pray** for the volunteer teams and for Matt our shared intern, 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 our schools, teachers and children, planning the many special activities over the next few weeks and during the coming season of Advent.

**Pray** for all those at home and abroad whose lives have been altered by violence, terrorist acts, severe weather and tragic accidents. **Pray** for our broken world, those continuing to flee from violence and poverty that 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 the oppressed and suffering, the lonely lost and abandoned. **Pray** for those working to bring relief and genuine hope for all in need.

**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.