

THE OTHER SIDE

All Saints
Marlow



11th November 2018 – 3rd Sunday Before Advent

08.00	Holy Communion (said)	Sami Watts
09.15	Holy Communion (sung)	Dave Bull
10.45	Service of Remembrance at The Causeway	Dave Bull
17.30	Evensong	Dave Bull
19.00	Informal Evening Service	Gill Taylor & Roland Slade

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

Marlow Refugee Action – “World-Café” Event

Monday 19th 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

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

Would you like to help decorate the church with flowers once or twice a year? Please join our Flower Rota, no experience necessary, it's really not as difficult as it looks. Encouragement and help will be given! Please contact Heather 485383 or email: handdmilne@yahoo.co.uk

Sabbatical Feedback - Dave Bull

Would you like to hear about what Dave got up to on his sabbatical? He will be reporting back about how his time was spent at **All Saints' Bisham on Wednesday 21st November from 8.00 - 9.30pm, with refreshments from 7.30.** There is plenty of parking outside the church, plus brand new toilet facilities inside! The presentation will include a section on Dave's sabbatical study theme: "How does the Word made flesh speak to the Instagram generation?" and will include plenty of time for question and discussion.

Church Forum – Line-up now announced!

Our next Church Forum will be held on **Sunday, 18th 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 (giving insights on his learning specific to ASM). 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*

Countdown to the Sleepout

23rd 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

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

Sat 17th November From 9.00am we will be carrying out a 'deep clean' of the Church. Do join us for as long as you are able to make a contribution to this important event. In preparation for Saturday some high level cleaning using the long armed dusting pole will take place during the week. It is physically demanding but will be a tremendous help if it is carried out in advance! Please contact Richard if you are able to offer some time

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Sunday 25th November 3pm Wycombe Abbey School perform here at All Saints'

Saturday 1st December 7.30pm Marlow Choral performing Mozart's Great Mass in C minor

Saturday 15th December 1.30pm Workshop followed by **5.30pm** Concert "Come & Sing" Fantasia on Christmas Carols.

Register by 3rd Dec on www.marlowchoralsociety.org.uk

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

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

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.**

to help with this at a time to suit you. Refreshments will be available!

Sat 17th November – we will be gathering to pray for the life and work of our Community, Church and Parish from 8.30-9am. Do join us as we pray together

Cake and coffee on the go all day, all welcome, bring a friend!

The next Healing Rooms will be on **Saturday 17th November from 10am to 12 noon** at Christ Church URC.

OTHER NOTICES

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
Wednesday 08.15 Morning Prayers
Friday 19.00 Evening Prayers

Next Sunday 18th November – 2nd Before Advent
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal Service with Communion
17.30 Evensong
Readings for next week: Hebrews 10: 11-14. 19-25
Mark 13: 1-8

TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 11th November 2018



A Prayer for Remembrance Father of mercies and God of all comfort, whose Son ministered to those in need: remember for good all those who suffer through war, by loss of home or faculties, by loss of friends and loved ones, by loss of security or freedom. Grant peace and eternal rest to all the departed, especially the millions known and unknown, who died as prisoners in many lands, victims of the hatred and cruelty of man. Look upon our world, still torn apart by violence and fighting, and grant success to those who work for peace; through him who reconciled men with God, and men with men, the Lord Jesus Christ. Give us the grace so to spend ourselves for those who are still alive, that we may prove most truly that we have not forgotten those who died.

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 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.