



# 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 service!*

*With lots of things going on in Marlow Bottom 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.*

## **18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 2nd Sunday before Advent**

**09.30 Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
11.00 Worship with children's groups in The Chapel**

### **Services in November & December**

<b>25 Nov</b>	<b>09.30 Morning Worship in The Chapel 11.00 All Age Communion at St. Mary's 16.00 Deanery Confirmation at St Andrews Church, Hatters Lane, High Wycombe 18.30 Be Still – service of reflection at the Chapel</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>09.30 Holy Communion at St. Mary's 11.00 Worship with children's groups in The Chapel</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>09.30 Holy Communion in The Chapel 16.00 Christingle at St. Mary's</b>

# NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Prayer** - prayer needs to be at the heart of everything we do. If you would like to be involved in the prayer life of our church, then do pick up a prayer calendar, which gives you suggestions of things to pray for day by day through the month. Or why not join us at a Monday prayer meeting: **Monday 19 November lunchtime prayer 1-2 in the chapel**

**Lantern Youth** will be running a youth trip to Soul Survivor Watford (youth service) on **Saturday 24th November from 4.30-9pm** – please put that date on your calendars now! This is a great opportunity for young people (and their parents) to experience a 'youth' church with a much larger group of people their own age than they would normally. Lifts are needed so older people also warmly welcome.

## **Confirmation Service**

There will be a Confirmation Service at St Andrew's Church, Hatters Lane, High Wycombe at **4pm on Sunday 25th November** when Keziah and other young people from Marlow will be getting confirmed. All are welcome and our young people would appreciate your support.

There will be another opportunity to '**Be Still**' on **Sunday 25th November at 6.30 at the Chapel**. This lay-led service of approximately 40 minutes is a time for peace and reflection. We would love to see you.

You are warmly invited to our **Advent Afternoon Tea at St Mary's, 3.30 - 5.00 on December 1st**. Sandwiches and cake, quizzing and carols...and mulled wine! Please feel free to just turn up, but it would help us if you could let Jennie know you're coming. Jennie Lewis : phone 07703 361539 or email [jenlewis29@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jenlewis29@hotmail.co.uk).

**Children's Groups** If you'd like to get involved with helping at Children's Groups on Sunday mornings, why not come along to a meeting on **Tuesday 4th December, 8pm** at 165 Marlow Bottom? Coming along doesn't commit you to anything!

**Christingle Preparation** We'll be meeting at St Mary's on **Saturday 8th December at 11am** to prepare Christingles, ready for the Christingle Service on the 9th. Please come along if you can help – and bring scissors!

**There will be no 11am service in Marlow Bottom on Sunday 9th December** due to the **Christingle Service**, which will take place at **4pm at St Mary's**.

If you would like to sign up for the **parish giving scheme**, please talk to Lorraine Jackman or Graham Watts.

## **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.

**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](mailto:marlowrefugeeaction@gmail.com)

**The Marlow Bottom Pre-school** are holding their **Christmas Bazaar** on Saturday **December 8th** in the village hall, 2 - 4pm. There are various ways that we could support this e.g by making cakes, providing items for an adults' and children's tombola and going along to enjoy some festive refreshments.

**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 [muriel.reynolds@4u-team.org](mailto:muriel.reynolds@4u-team.org) We currently have 5 people from Lantern sleeping out: Nina Adamson, Jo Keyes, Josie Jacobs, Kate Lewis and Sami Watts. Do consider joining them or get in touch for sponsorship details!

### **CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT ALL SAINTS MARLOW**

**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

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm** Workshop followed by **5.30pm** Concert "Come & Sing"

Fantasia on Christmas Carols. Register by 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec on [www.marlowchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.marlowchoralsociety.org.uk)

**Family Christmas Concert with Chiltern Concert Band"- Saturday December 8th 6.30pm at St John the Baptist Church Little Marlow** - Tickets £8 adults (Children under 12 no charge) Christmas favourites and music from the films. Refreshments provided. Contact Jeff Smith 07775 957090 or email [jeffreysmith170@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreysmith170@gmail.com) for tickets

**Marlow Gospel Choir** will be performing Gospel Carols at Christ Church URC, on **Sunday 9th December 7.30pm**. Tickets are £4, under 18s free. Festive refreshments will be served. Tickets are available from Alan Bartram.

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

Readings for next week: **Revelation 1: 4-8**  
**John 18: 33-37**

***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 IN MARLOW & MARLOW BOTTOM

Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November 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 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 all those whose lives have been destroyed by the wild fires in California for the loss of lives homes and whole towns. Grant all strength to rebuild.

**Pray** for those negotiating for the best outcome regarding Brexit, for commonsense and generosity, for unity and common purpose to work for a future in unity and not division

**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.