

THE OTHER SIDE

All Saints
Marlow



18th November 2018 – 2nd Sunday Before Advent

08.00 Holy Communion (said)	Sami Watts
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)	Jonathan Chaffey
10.59 Informal Service with Communion	Pat Reading & Jonathan Chaffey
17.30 Choral Evensong	Sarah Fitzgerald

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

CHURCH LUNCH Sunday 25th November in the Church Hall. Food served at 12.45pm arrive early to find a seat! Antipasti sharing platters with selection of bread. Beef Bourguignon, Roasted Potatoes & Vegetables & Green Beans, Yorkshire Puddings. Hot & cold desserts (good and naughty!!). Cheese and Biscuits. Coffee and Mints. Please advise on booking for any dietary requirements. £5 Adult £2.50 Children (over 16yrs) Please e-mail Eve Bunt in advance veebunt@aol.com or tel 07850 594229.

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

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

This year's Christingle service will be on **Sunday 9th December at 3.30pm**. Please take a collecting candle box & fill it up before the service!

As usual we are asking for volunteers to help make up the christingles on Saturday 8th, from 10am in church. If you could provide a bag of small SOFT sweets, even if you can't make it to the working party, they would be very

Church Forum this evening in the Church Hall at 7pm where 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. **Please join us.**
Dave, Ruth and Julie

THANK YOU to everyone who filled a rucksack for Lori Spragg's orphans in Sierra Leone. And thank you to all who supported my Phoenix cards for Lighthouse day. *Liz*

All Saints Bellringers, Sunday 11th November 2018

In addition to ringing for the 9.15am Communion Service, the bells of All Saints, Marlow, were later rung as part of the Ceremony of Remembrance, held in The Causeway, to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the 1918 Ceasefire. They were later rung at 7pm as part of the national ringing to commemorate the 100 year Anniversary of the Ceasefire.

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!

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We are very sorry to announce the death of **Elizabeth Toohig**, former head teacher of Sandygate. There is to be a funeral service at the Church of St. Peter & St. Paul, Bishops Hull on Wed. 21st Nov at 12 noon followed by a committal at Taunton Deane Crematorium at 1pm

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

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.

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).

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

Register at <https://www.bit.ly/4USleep2018> or email Muriel on muriel.reynolds@4u-team.org

OTHER NOTICES

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 for tickets

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 25th November – Christ the King
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 All Age Informal Service with Baptism
17.30 Evensong
19.00 Informal Evening Service

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

TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 18th 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.