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**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.

25th November 2018 – Christ the King

09.30 Morning Worship in The Chapel
11.00 All Age Communion at St. Mary's
18.30 Be Still – service of reflection at the Chapel

Services in December

02 Dec 09.30 Holy Communion at St. Mary's
11.00 Worship with children's groups in The Chapel
09 Dec 09.30 Holy Communion at The Chapel
16.00 Christingle at St. Mary's
16 Dec 09.30 Holy Communion at St. Mary's
11.00 Lantern at The Chapel

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

followthestar In our Christmas publicity this year we are using the C of E's campaign #followthestar. Go to www.churchofengland.org/followthestar to sign up for daily email reflections over the Christmas period. If you use social media please look out for this campaign and like/follow and share with your contacts.

Small groups Plans are now being made for the Spring term of our Small Groups. The groups so far have been many and varied, covering a wide range of activities and study topics. New leaders would be very welcome. If you have an interest or hobby that you would like to share with others, please contact Sarah Fitzgerald for further information at smallgroups@4u-team.org

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 26th November lunchtime prayer 1-2 in the chapel**

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.

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!

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. If anyone would like to join a group of Carol singers, 2-3.30, please let Sami know.

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

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.

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.

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT ALL SAINTS MARLOW

Last Sunday afternoon concert this year today at 3pm Wycombe Abbey School

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

Readings for next week: **1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end**

Luke 21: 25-36

***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 25th November 2018 Christ the King

A Prayer for Christ the King Jesus, preaching good tidings to the poor, proclaiming release to the captives, setting at liberty them that are bound, I adore you. Jesus, friend of the poor, feeder of the hungry, healer of the sick, I adore you. Jesus, denouncing the oppressor, instructing the simple, going about doing good, I adore you. Jesus, teacher of patience, pattern of gentleness, prophet of the kingdom of heaven, I adore you.

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 involved with the Sleepout in support of the Wycombe Homeless Connection, both here in Marlow and in High Wycombe

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, generosity 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.