

THE OTHER SIDE

All Saints
Marlow



16th December 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

08.00	Holy Communion (said)	Sami Watts
09.15	Holy Communion (sung)	Dave Bull
10.59	Informal Service with Communion	Dave Bull
17.30	Evening Prayer – Be Still	Sara Edwardes

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

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.

FOLLOW THE STAR During Advent come into the Prayer Chapel and follow the journey to Bethlehem. Encounter the Magi and shepherds at the birth of Jesus and the Holy Family's flight, as refugees, from predicted persecution to sanctuary in Egypt. This part of the story resonates with the current refugee crisis, which will be the subject for our Lent installations.

Eco Church Christmas Card Scheme

Like last Advent, there is a display board at the back of the church (near the kitchenette) which is available for anybody to pin-up a Christmas Card to the wider ASM family. This gives an opportunity to save resources by using one card to pass on your Christmas greetings to multiple people within the church; and avoid the disposal of so many cards after Christmas. If you wish to take part in this initiative, you could also consider making a donation to a charity of your choice for the amount you save due to not purchasing so many cards.

For those who wish to send individual cards there will be a postbox in church throughout December, specifically for Christmas cards for members of the All Saints Marlow congregations. Hopefully some of the children will help to "deliver" the cards each week to people who have come to the

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 22nd December starting at 10am. As usual donations towards the cost of flowers will be very gratefully received. *Heather & Helen*

Nativity Services This year we are offering three Crib Services on **Christmas Eve** at **2:30, 3:45 and 5:00pm**. These services are always very well attended so we need a number of stewards to ensure the safety of the children and adults attending. Supervisors for the buggy parking are also essential at each of the three services. If you would be willing to help at one or more of the services please let Liz Ferris, Anne Morse or the Parish Office know. These services are always a joy to behold and a lovely way to spend an hour or so on Christmas Eve

Church Forum – dates for your diary

Many thanks to those of you who attended our recent Church Forum, where we heard about all the wonderful work that is being done to support our young people and some reflections from Dave following his sabbatical. We can now confirm the dates for the next two Forums -20th January* 2019 and 19th May. We look forward to seeing you there *Dave, Ruth and Julie*

***Church Forum – date change!** We have now discovered that the Churches Together in Marlow AGM and Celebration is scheduled for 20th January 2019 so our Forum on that evening is cancelled. The dates for the first half of 2019 are now **3rd February** and **19th May**. We look forward to seeing

services.

Summary of Church council meeting 26th Nov.

Children's/Youth worker: After considerable thought, prayer, consultation with key parties and discussion, the Church council have unanimously decided to proceed with appointing a full time person to work as a Children's and Youth Worker. We feel that this is the necessary step to help grow our Church and our younger members and we hope you will support and prayerfully accept our decision.

2019/20 Budget: Following several months of discussions and debate (and a significant amount of work from Julie and Peter) surrounding next year's budget, the Church council agreed a budget with a net planned overspend of £10,453 (this includes the cost of the new Children's and Youth Worker). The income line in the budget includes a £10K fundraising task on Church Council members as well as a generous donation towards our Youth Work. We acknowledge that there have been difficulties with the finances, particularly over the last year and we will be producing a document in the new year to further inform the congregation members on this.

In the Coming Week

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine in aid of Mission Burundi 2019

Mince pies and mulled wine will be on sale outside the church from 5 pm on Sunday 23rd December to raise money for the ASM mission trip to Burundi next April. Enjoy a little taste of Christmas before and after the carol services and help the team reach their £10,000 target to fund key projects with Great Lakes Outreach in the world's hungriest nation.

Find out more about the Mission Burundi 2019 by going to the team's Facebook page,

www.facebook.com/MissionBi2019.

If you wish to donate on line, please go to the JustGiving page,

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/missionburundi2019.

you there! *Dave, Ruth and Julie*

ONE CAN TRUST CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

The One Can Trust Foodbank in High Wycombe is running its Christmas Countdown Calendar and would like to receive donations prior to their last distribution day before Christmas to those in need 20th December. The urgent list of items required at present is: tinned pies, tinned fish, tinned meat meals (curries, stews, mince, hotdogs), tinned ham, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned spaghetti, tinned tuna, tabbed ham/corned beef, rice, pasta sauce, tinned fruit, angels delight, jelly, long-life milk, jam, squash, shampoo & conditioner.

All Saints has donated generously all year, continuing to support this Christmas would make a huge difference to those in need. *Jason Brasier*

Everyone is welcome to the Memorial Service for Diana Wethered which is being held here at All Saints on Monday 17th December at 2pm. (The family have requested no black be worn).

If you would like to sing carols in a Choir this Christmas, one is being put together for 23rd December Carol Service at Marlow Methodist Church at 6.30pm. Jackie Duxbury is again forming a choir for the service and looking for singers. Anyone interested should either contact Jackie (jackie.duxbury1@btinternet.com) directly or give their name (and voice part) to Howard Lewis or Rob Allinson. Rehearsal details are as follows although please note Jackie appreciates people may not be able to attend all rehearsals: 20th Dec at 8pm and Sunday 23rd Dec at 5.15pm

OTHER NOTICES

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARLOW

Copies of the latest CTM newsletter and Christmas services leaflet are available at the back of the church.

Holy Trinity School are looking for midday supervisors. Please contact the school office on

The Trustees of Wycombe Workplace Chaplaincy are looking for an Administrator for a fixed term placement until end of June 2019. It's a voluntary position working from home 3-4 hrs weekly with expenses & honorarium. Details on Narthex noticeboard.

01628 482831 or e-mail
office@holytrinity.bucks.sch.uk

***Please join us for coffee in the
Church Hall after the
9.15am service***

***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 Informal Service

Next Sunday 23rd December – 4th Sunday of Advent
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal All Age Service with Baptism
17.30 Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
19.00 Informal Service

Readings for next week: Hebrews 10: 5-10
Luke 1: 39-55

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four churches,
one vision

TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 16th December 2018 3rd Sunday of Advent

A Prayer for Advent: Wilderness is the place of Moses, a place of no longer captive and not yet free, of letting go and learning new living. Wilderness is the place of Elijah, a place of silence and loneliness, of awaiting the voice of God and finding clarity. Wilderness is the place of John, a place of repenting, of taking the first steps on the path to peace. Wilderness is the place of Jesus, a place of preparation, of getting ready for the reckless life of faith. We thank you God for the wilderness, wilderness is our place. As we wait for the land of promise. Teach us the ways of new living, lead us to where we hear your word most clearly, renew us and clear out the wastelands of our old lives, prepare us for life in the awareness of Christ's coming, when the deserts will sing and the wilderness blossom as the rose.

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 services for, Nativities, Carol Services and more for Christmas and Advent. Give all wisdom, and inspiration. **Pray** for our schools, teachers and children, planning the many special activities over this coming week and for Martin, Rhiddian and all our choirs. **Pray** for the children who will have no special moments or treats this Christmas, those from broken homes, living on the streets, alone and afraid.

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 Mrs May and those negotiating for the best outcome regarding Brexit, for commonsense, generosity and common purpose to work for a future in unity and respect for the British people

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, especially for those in our church family and community.

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.