

THE OTHER SIDE

All Saints
Marlow



23rd December 2018 – 4th Sunday of Advent

08.00	Holy Communion (said)	Roland Slade
09.15	Holy Communion (sung)	Dave Bull
10.59	All Age Informal Service with Baptism	Dave Bull
17.30	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols	Dave Bull
19.30	Informal Carol Service	Pat Reading/Matt Clark

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.

Please note there will be **NO Evensong** on **Sunday 30th December**.

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

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.

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine in aid of Mission Burundi 2019 will be on sale outside the church from 5 pm **tonight** 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

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 - 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 you there!
Dave, Ruth and Julie

as a generous donation towards our Youth Work.
We acknowledge that there have been difficulties
with

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 in the New Year on 01628 482831 or e-mail office@holytrinity.bucks.sch.uk

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.

***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

Next Sunday 30th December – 1st after Christmas
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal Service
Readings for next week: Colossians 3: 12-17
Luke 2: 41-end

TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 23rd December 2018 4th Sunday of Advent

A Prayer for Christmas Lord Jesus, this Christmas as we sing the familiar carols, hear the familiar readings and ponder on familiar mysteries, give to us the gift of pure worship – that ability which Mary had of attributing to you your true worth, your full value, your inestimable greatness. Teach us to be reverent; yet teach us how to express the love that burns within our hearts as we think of your goodness to us that you have come to be our light in darkness, our hope in despair, our strength in weakness, our shelter in the storm – yes, and our eternal Saviour.



Pray for all those visiting our church at this special time may we be welcoming and offer hospitality in the name and Spirit of our Saviour Jesus Christ and share his love and joy for all people

Pray for the teams preparing all aspects of the Christmas services, choirs for beautiful singing and music, children's volunteers for the Crib services the flower ladies for floral displays and the clergy.

Pray for 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 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.



four churches,
one vision