



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.

6th January 2019 – Epiphany

**09.30 Holy Communion at St. Mary's
11.00 Lantern at The Chapel**

Services in January

13 Jan	09.30	Holy Communion at The Chapel
	11.00	Lantern at St. Mary's
20 Jan	09.30	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
	11.00	Lantern at The Chapel
27 Jan	09.30	Holy Communion at The Chapel
	11.00	Lantern at St. Mary's
	18.30	"Be Still" at St. Mary's

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lantern Youth - The first meeting of the new term is **today** at St. Mary's.

There will be another opportunity to '**Be Still**' on **Sunday 27th January at 6.30pm at St Mary's** which will be in the form of Compline (Evening Prayer) led by Graeme Slocombe. This service of approximately 40 minutes is a time for peace and reflection. We would love to see you.

Small groups

Sign up for small groups for the Spring term starts today. Booklets will be available next Sunday but from today the full range of groups can be viewed on line at 4u-team.org/smallgroups where you can also sign up. There is a varied range of groups so do have a look and see what interests you. They include this year's Lent Groups which will be inspired by the theme "Migration and Movement" and the refugee issue.

If you have any questions please email smallgroups@4u-team.org

Churches Together in Marlow

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, there will be prayer meetings at Marlow Methodist Church on 18th, 21st, 23rd, 24th and 25th January. These 30 minute meetings start at 12.30 pm and will be led by leaders from different churches. A Celebration and AGM will be held at Newfield Community Church on Sunday 20th January at 6.45 pm. The Unity Supper will be held at St. Peter's School on Tuesday 22nd January at 7.30 pm. Admission is by ticket at £5, from Liz Ferris (077998 54535) and Tony Threlfall (Tel. 471610). Offers of food in the form of quiches, salads and desserts would be very welcome.

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

Readings for next week: Acts 13: 1-12
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

***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

A Prayer for Epiphany O, God our Father, Creator of the universe, whose son, Jesus Christ, came to our world, pour your Holy Spirit upon your Church, that all the people of the world, being led through the knowledge of your truth to worship you, may offer the gold of intellect, the frankincense of devotion and the myrrh of discipline to him who is with you and the Holy Spirit who lives and reigns forever one God, world without end. Amen (Church of Sri Lanka)



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 all those who seek to find God in their lives. **Pray** for those seeking to grow nearer to God.

Give thanks for the teams who prepared 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 lay leaders and clergy for outstanding services.

Give thanks for the opportunity God gives us by his grace to experience Epiphany moments in our lives, to glimpse his glory in the everyday joys of each other and the world around us.

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.