

THE OTHER SIDE

All Saints
Marlow



6th January 2019 – Epiphany

08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal Service
17.30 Epiphany Carol Service

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Pat Reading & David Clarke
Dave Bull

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

WORSHIP TEAM ALTOGETHER TIME In January the Informal Worship Team are starting something new! Each **first Sunday of the month from 7-8:30pm** they will be meeting in church to pray, worship, learn new songs and have some training. There'll also be some social time together. If you'd like to join the team, or if you'd just like to come and worship with us and learn some new songs - you're very welcome to come join us. Bring your instruments and join in! The first one of these will be **THIS EVENING**. Speak to Gill Taylor or Caroline Slade for more information.

TEENY SAINTS is our fantastic group for 0-4s and their parents and carers. It restarts on **Thursday 10th January** and runs at ASM each Thursday morning from 10-11:30am during term time. If you'd like to come along - please do; and if you'd like to help with this amazing ministry for our local community, please speak to Gill Taylor or Caroline Slade for more information.

PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING Do you want to feel more confident praying for others? Do you want to be more confident in hearing God's voice? Would you like to meet some more people from church? Then this Prayer Ministry Training is for you! This one-session course, on **Thursday 17th January, 7.30-9.30pm, at the Church Hall**, is suitable for all; from experienced pray-ers, to those who have never prayed out loud with anyone before. To book your place, contact Gill Taylor via gill.taylor@4u-team.org

We're looking for a **volunteer** to join the Church Hall Management Committee. Meetings are scheduled every six weeks & last about an hour. It is not an onerous task but important for the efficient running of the Church Hall. Please contact Heather Milne 01628 485383 or handdmilne@yahoo.co.uk

For your information – The Marlow By-Pass will be closed between 9pm Fri 11th & 5am Mon 14th January to reinstate the footbridge.

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.

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

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards the cost of flowers and to all the ladies who so beautifully decorated the church this Christmas. And a special mention to someone who works away in the background without complaint – thank you

FOLLOW THE STAR 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.

David. *Heather & Helen*

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

OTHER NOTICES

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

Tuesday 10.30 Communion
Wednesday 08.15 Morning Prayers
Friday 19.00 Evening Prayers

Next Sunday 13th January – Baptism of Christ
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung) with Baptism
10.59 Informal Service
17.30 Evensong
19.00 Informal Evening Service
Readings for next week: Acts 13: 1-12
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

TOGETHER IN **PRAYER** AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 6th January 2019 Epiphany

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.



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one vision