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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.

20th January 2019 – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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

Services in January & February

27 Jan	09.30	Morning Worship at The Chapel
	11.00	Lantern at St. Mary's
	18.30	"Be Still" at St. Mary's
03 Feb	09.30	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
	11.00	Lantern at The Chapel
10 Feb	09.30	Holy Communion at The Chapel
	11.00	Lantern at St. Mary's

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Revd Ted Nobbs

Revd Ted Nobbs, the first Vicar to be appointed at St. Mary's Church when it was opened in 1965, passed away on 3 January at the age of 83 at Scarborough, Yorkshire. He will be fondly remembered by a few remaining members of St. Mary's congregation and maybe a few members in the wider Parish. Ted was appointed before St. Mary's Church was built and was involved in the building process. He was also a keen beekeeper.

Anyone wishing to express condolences to his daughter, Gabrielle (Gaby) and the family, the email address is as follows: gabynaptali@yahoo.co.uk

New Sermon Series

This week we begin a series looking at some of Paul's adventures in the book of Acts. Do pick up the leaflet explaining the sermon series and why not try keeping up with the extra reading if you really want to get the most out of this series?

Prayer on Mondays is back:

21st January - Pray for the year ahead - come and commit our church, our lives and our community to God through a time of prayer and worship 8-9.30 pm at the vicarage

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.

BREAKFAST WITH JJOHN - SATURDAY 9th MARCH 9-11am HARLEYFORD GOLF CLUB

This is a great opportunity for you to invite those that are interested in faith but don't go to church to join you to hear international speaker and author, Canon JJohn speaking on 'Why I am a Christian'. Tickets will be £10 to include a cooked breakfast and will be available soon.

Small groups

Sign up for small groups for the Spring term has started. Booklets are available but 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

In Marlow Bottom there are various small groups that you might particularly want to think about joining:

Beginning to share your faith

Generally we don't find it that easy to share our faith with others. It can sometimes be so daunting that we don't even start trying. This short course aims to start us off in sharing our faith.

We will look at the Bible, hear from others, think about our own journey of faith, discover God's story and have fun along the way!

When: Wednesdays from 8-9.30pm on the following dates: 16 January, 23 January, 6 February and 13 February. For more info, see Graham

And also:

Board Game Cafe

For anyone who enjoys playing board games. A chance to come and play some old favourites or learn new board games, meet new people and have a fun afternoon! Refreshments will be available to purchase. under 16s need to be accompanied by an adult.

There will be a small entry charge, £3 per adult, £2 per child, family entry £10. This will include the cost of your first drink (tea/coffee/squash/hot chocolate) and any extra funds raised will be donated to the church.

When: From 2-5.30pm on the following dates: Sunday 27 January, Saturday 2 March and Saturday 23 March.

Where: St Mary's Church, Marlow Bottom.

Contact: [Sami Watts](#) or [Graham Watts](#).

If you would like to help with the board game cafe by donating cake or cookies, that would be very much appreciated. you will see the first session is on the afternoon of 'be Still' so you can have a very fun afternoon followed by a very chilled out evening!

LOVE Marlow Festival: 1-16 June 2019

It's time for us to start planning the 2019 LOVE Marlow Festival - which will once again be jam-packed with community events & activities, and will have opportunities to spread kindness and help others around the Town. If you have been involved before, or want to organise an event for the first time, please join us at Great Marlow School 6th Form Centre on **Thursday 31st January, 7.30-9pm**, for a chance to hear and discuss plans for this year; we want it to be bigger and better than ever! Contact hello@lovemarlow.co.uk for more details, or see www.lovemarlow.co.uk

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARLOW (CTM)

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, there will be prayer meetings at Marlow Methodist Church on **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 **tonight 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.

For the last four years Pete Hopkinson has been the Chair of CTM. It is with much sadness in all the churches - and especially among the church leaders - that Pete has announced he is stepping down from this role. He has led the work wonderfully over the last four years. His hospitality, warmth and most importantly ability to bring unity has served the Church in Marlow so well. We are so thankful for all Pete has done and pray God's blessing on him for his future ministry. The Clergy from all the Churches in Marlow are now exploring the possibilities moving forward. If you have any comments to make on this please do feed them back through the leaders of your Church. Also don't forget to look out for all that's coming up with the Week of Christian Unity and the CTM AGM

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

ALL SAINTS CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 9th Feb 7.30pm Chiltern Camerata with a Celebration of JS Bach. Bookings 01753 889519

Tues 12th Feb 7.30pm Chiltern Arts Festival with An Italian Songbook – Hugo Wolf's Italienisches Liederbuch in a new English version. Contact chilternarts.com 01442 920303

**Readings for next week: Acts 14: 8-20
Luke 4: 14-21**

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)



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.

***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***