

THE OTHER SIDE

All Saints
Marlow



3rd February 2019 – Candlemas

08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 All Age Informal Service with Baptism
17.30 Choral Evensong

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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

John Miller

On 23rd January John Miller, much loved brother and former churchwarden of All Saints' departed this world and entered into glory. He died very peacefully, surrounded by his family. Please pray for Hilary and all the family. His funeral will be at All Saints on Tuesday 5th February at 2.15pm. Everyone is welcome at the church hall afterwards for refreshments.

After the 10.59 service on Sunday 10th February

we will be holding a light buffet style lunch at the back of church by the coffee area. This is a chance for those relatively new to All Saints to meet the clergy, members of the welcome team and each other, and find out how to get more involved in our church family. If you would like to attend please contact Ruth Scott welcometeam@4u-team.org

Church Hall Both David Hilsdon & Xiomara Thomas-White stepped down from the Management Committee recently and we would like to extend many thanks to them for their valued contribution over the last couple of years. We look forward to welcoming Marilyn Clarke and Julia Stacey as new members.

New Electoral Roll Every 6 years we have to scrap the electoral roll and begin again and 2019 is the year to do this. Everyone must reapply; no names can be carried forward onto the new roll. If you are on the current electoral roll you have received an application form by email. Please download the form, complete it and return to me via either the parish office or place in the post box at the back of the church. **Unfortunately only paper entries on official forms can be accepted so please do not return them electronically.** Application forms will also be found at the back of the church and must be received by the **end of February**. After that date no new applications can be accepted until after the Annual General meeting of the Team council. Only those on the new electoral roll will be eligible to vote

We look forward to seeing you tonight at the **Church Forum in the Church Hall at 7pm**. We will be introducing our new treasurer, updating you on our Children & Youth Leader recruitment and Dave will be talking more about his learning from his sabbatical. And of course we will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have.
Dave, Ruth and Julie

WORSHIP TEAM ALTOGETHER TIME We will be meeting in church from 7-8.30pm tonight 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!. Speak to Gill Taylor or Caroline Slade for more information.

Share the Journey Lent Walk

Marlow Refugee Action is hosting a Lent Walk on Saturday, 16 March and would love you to come and join them. The walk will take you on a journey between all four churches that make up our parish, a journey that will provide an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing refugee crisis. More information will soon be made available at www.marlowrefugeeaction.org but in the meantime, please do save the date.

New Sermon Series We have begun looking at some of Paul's adventures in the book of Acts. You can pick up a leaflet of explanation from the back of the church. To get the most out of the series why not try the extra reading.

TRAIDCRAFT Pam Thompson will be running a Traidcraft stall in church all morning on **Sunday 10th February**.

at this meeting.

Muriel Reynolds

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 are £10 to include a cooked breakfast and are now available on-line at bit.ly/jjohn19 or All Saints Parish Office 01628 481806.

Leading people to Jesus - Training session

As part of the preparation for the J John breakfast on 9th March we are pleased to have Andrew Hawkins (also from the Philo Trust) coming to do some training for us. The content of this training will be to help pray with people who are interested and lead them to Jesus. This training is primarily focussed on the team for the breakfast; but we'd love to throw it open to anyone who'd like to come. The training will be on **Tuesday 26th February from 7:30-9pm at the Church Hall**. Please get in contact with Gill to book your place via gill.taylor@4u-team.org

Marlow Sleepout

November's Sleepout in Marlow raised an amazing £20,000. The figure will rise slightly as money is still dribbling in. It also includes £2,000 raised by Marlow scouts who, for safeguarding reasons, held their own sleepout at Marlow Scout HQ.

On behalf of everyone at WHC thank you to everyone who slept out, helped or sponsored the event. *Muriel*

Children & Youth Team Leader

Exciting news! We have started advertising for a new member of staff to lead our children's and youth teams. With lots of input from the volunteer teams, we have created a new position for a leader to oversee the 20 different groups we regularly run in church and schools for 0-18 year olds. **Please pray** that God will send us the person of his choosing and **please share** this opportunity with anyone you know who may be interested. The role description is available on our website at www.4u-team.org/jobs

The 2019 Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at All Saints Church Bisham at 10.30am on Friday 1st March. This year's service has been prepared by the women of Slovenia and is passed on throughout the world in different languages on that day. All are welcome. Do come & join us, refreshments are provided. Any queries please contact Elizabeth Masser 01628

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 28TH SUMMARY

- **New treasurer:** We're delighted to welcome James Tindal-Robertson as our new treasurer. He has been working closely with Peter and Julie to get up to speed with our finances and is already involved in various areas to help take things forward. We are very grateful to Matt Wilson for all he did for us previously in this role.
- **Strategy team:** A sub-group within the Church Council plans to meet regularly to consider the vision of ASM and our ongoing strategy; they will report back to the Church Council.
- **Fundraising:** The Church Council want to demonstrate their dedication to the church and have pledged to try and raise at least £10k in the next year to contribute towards the ongoing finances of the church. Various fundraising ideas were discussed and there are several projects going forward to start these.
- **ACCM:** The ACCM is on the 17th March. Nominations for church council members will soon be open and we'd encourage congregation members to prayerfully consider applying. A new role to oversee GDPR is going to be added to the current roles.
- **Finances:** 50% of those giving regularly to the church have now switched to the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Thank you! We'd encourage everyone who is currently still giving by standing order (as well as anyone not currently giving regularly) to please switch over to the PGS as it reduces the workload of the finance team massively and helps with the strategy and ongoing work of the church. Year end analysis shows we had an overall loss of £14.5k, which is better than was predicted at half year. The Churchwardens will be issuing a paper giving more details on the 2018 finances.

Admin Assistant (Voluntary) required. Are you looking for an opportunity to use your admin skills and have 6-8 hours available at flexible times in the week? Sarah Fitzgerald, Team Vicar, is looking for someone to support her with admin tasks, particularly dealing with emails and diary planning. You will need good admin and IT skills, ability in dealing with confidentiality and the ability to work from home via the internet. Hours are flexible but need to be spread across the week and would include a weekly meeting with Sarah. This is an unpaid post but expenses would be covered. For further info contact Sarah on 07815 117275 or sarah.fitzgerald@4u-team.org Closing date for

488772 or e-mail: themassers@btopenworld.com

SMALL GROUPS Sign up for the Spring term has started. Booklets are available at the back of the church but the full range can also be viewed on line at 4u-team.org/smallgroups where you can also sign up. 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

CONCERT Tues 12th Feb 7.30pm Chiltern Arts Festival with An Italian Songbook – Hugo Wolf's Italienisches Liederbuch in a new English version. See posters for detail

applications 28th February.

BELLRINGING If you heard the bells ringing yesterday between 3 & 4.30pm Marlow Tower were hosting the Young Ringers of the East Berks/South Bucks Branch of Bellringers. Each teenage member is fairly new to ringing and All Saints had 2 ringers in the group last year who have since left for university. **New recruits, not necessarily teenage, would be very welcome!** For information contact david.j.milne@talk21.com

Please could information for The Other Side be sent to the Parish Office by Wednesday morning at the latest.
parish.office@4u-team.org

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sanctuary at All Saints' Bisham on Thursday 7th February at 8pm – a space for peace & stillness

CONCERT Sat 9th Feb 7.30pm Chiltern Camerata with a Celebration of J S Bach.

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

A new magazine called "Pathways" has replaced "The Door". Please help yourself to a copy at the back of the church.

CTM Prayer Meeting The first quarterly meeting of 2019 will be in the **Prayer Chapel at ASM on Saturday 9th February at 9 am**. Come and join with friends from the other churches as we pray for one another, and the growth of God's kingdom in Marlow and the surrounding area..

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

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday 10.30 Communion
Wednesday 08.15 Morning Prayers
Friday 19.00 Evening Prayers

Next Sunday 10th February – 4th Sunday before Lent
08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal Service
17.30 Evensong
19.00 Informal Evening Service

Readings for next week: Acts 17: 2-34
Luke 5: 1-11



TOGETHER IN PRAYER AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 3rd February 2019 Candlemas

A Prayer for all Disciples Gracious God, we forget sometimes that alongside the blessings of discipleship there is always the cost – sacrifices that will be asked of us; demands upon our time, energy, gifts and money; responsibilities we will be asked to accept. Help us to respond gladly to whatever you may ask; knowing that, however great the price may be, the rewards are infinitely worth it. Teach us to offer to you all that you ask from us, until that day when we rejoice in everything you hold in store for all your people. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord

Pray for all those who visit our church; 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. May our church be a place of quiet reflection, a calm oasis in a busy and complicated life.

Pray for James and Hugo, who will be baptised today and for their families, friends and supporters, as they start their exciting journeys with Jesus.

Give thanks for the blessings each one of us has received this week

Pray for the clergy and members of our church and team councils as they work to make the best choices for good governance and to grow our mission in Marlow, particularly with our children and young people. **Pray** for our schools, the gifted and dedicated teachers, the many volunteers supporting the school clubs and activities.

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, all who 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 the doctors, nurses, technicians and scientists who use their gifts and skills to bring healing and recovery.

Pray for our Pastoral Care Team and the Bereavement Visitor Team supporting those with needs in our church.

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 those who bring comfort and solace.