

# THE OTHER SIDE

All Saints  
Marlow



10th February 2019 – 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Graham Watts  
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Dave Bull  
Sarah Fitzgerald  
Gill Taylor & 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*

This week at our **Informal Evening Service** we continue our series exploring the Fruit of the Spirit and Dave will be helping us think about Peace. Join us at **7pm** for Worship led by our fantastic Youth Band, Prayer and the chance to share what God is doing in our lives; plus an optional pub trip afterwards too. All welcome

I'm planning to visit **Joan See** on Tues, 12<sup>th</sup> Feb leaving Marlow soon after 9am. If anyone would like to come with me I have 4 spaces in my car  
Liz 07799 854 535

## Children & Youth Team Leader

We have been advertising for this role since the start of the year and will be holding interviews on Thursday this week. Could you spend a few moments praying each day during this week? Please pray for the candidates and for those involved in the interview day. Please pray that God would lead us by his Spirit. Please pray that he would make the right decision unmistakably clear. Please pray that he would use this process to bring very great blessing to many children and teenagers and families.

**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

Eve sends her apologies that there will be **NO CHURCH LUNCH** on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

## 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](http://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.

## 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

at this meeting.

Muriel Reynolds

- **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.

### **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](http://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](mailto:gill.taylor@4u-team.org)

The 2019 Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at All Saints Church Bisham at 10.30am on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 488772 or e-mail: [themassers@btopenworld.com](mailto:themassers@btopenworld.com)

ideas were discussed and there are several projects going forward to start these.

**Lighthouse Marlow – 5 to 9 August 2019** Planning for this year's Lighthouse is going well and registration for helpers is now open! If you helped last year or the year before you should have received an email with a link to register. Children's registration will open in May – if you help for more than one day your children will get a place at Lighthouse. We need helpers in all areas – if you want more information take a look at <https://lighthousecentral.org/lighthouses/marlow/roles>. The more helpers we get, the more children we can take. Last year 438 children aged 4-11 learned more about following Jesus by coming to Lighthouse Marlow, as well as over 100 young people aged 12-17. If you have questions then please contact us by email at [marlow@lighthousecentral.org](mailto:marlow@lighthousecentral.org). Hope to see you in the summer! Sarah Jones, Chairman, Lighthouse Marlow

*Did you know that our budget for this year includes a challenge to raise £20k if we are not going to use our reserves?*

*Did you know that we have already had a generous donation to help bridge the gap?*

*Did you know that in addition to the many children's groups in the church on Sunday and during the week we also run groups in three local schools?*

*Did you know that if every adult that attends a Sunday service were to give 'less than the cost of a cup of coffee a week' (£1.50) more we will not need to fund raise or use reserves?*

**SMALL GROUPS It's not too late to sign up!** Booklets are available at the back of the church but the full range can also be viewed on line at [4u-team.org/smallgroups](http://4u-team.org/smallgroups) where you can also register. 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](mailto:smallgroups@4u-team.org)

**Please could information for The Other Side be sent to the Parish Office by Wednesday morning at the latest.**  
[parish.office@4u-team.org](mailto:parish.office@4u-team.org)

## IN THE COMING WEEK

### CONCERT

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm Chiltern Arts Festival with an Italian Songbook. See poster for details

### 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](mailto: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.

**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*

***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 17th February – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent  
08.00 Holy Communion (said)  
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)  
10.59 Informal Service with Communion  
17.30 Evening Prayer (Be Still)

Readings for next week: Acts 19:1-20  
Luke 6:17-26



four churches,  
one vision

# TOGETHER IN PRAYER AT ALL SAINTS

**Week beginning 10th February**

**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.

**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.