

THE OTHER SIDE

17th February 2019 – 3rd Sunday before Lent

All Saints
Marlow



08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal Service with Communion
17.30 Evening Prayer (Be Still)

Dave Bull
Jonathan & Jane Chaffey
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Roland Slade

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

Hilary and the Miller family would like to thank everyone who gave them so much love & support during their sad loss of John. It was greatly appreciated.

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 at this meeting. Muriel Reynolds

PRIORITY APPEAL The Art & Spirituality team is preparing a significant installation in the Prayer Chapel for Lent through to Easter with a central theme relating to the refugee and displaced people tragedy in the world today, particularly the consequences in Europe. We are looking for shoes and items of clothing, especially those of children and young people, preferably looking well used or damaged. There will be a box at the back of the church to receive any items. If you mark them with your name items will be returned once the display has been dismantled. Thank you for your assistance. Linda Scott and Anne Morse

We now have a **Comment/Suggestion box** at the back of the church. This will be checked regularly so please use this to make sure your comments/suggestions are heard! If you have specific questions that you would like to be addressed at the ACCM, on Sunday, 17th March, then please pop them in the box asap and no later than **Sunday, 10th March**. Thank you! *Dave, Ruth and Julie*
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 28TH

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

Share the Journey Lent Walk

Join the 4U Team on Saturday, 16 March for a Lent Walk that will take you on a journey between all four churches within our parish. The Lent Walk will be in solidarity with refugees and migrants and in support of Marlow Refugee Action, and it will provide an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing refugee crisis. You can find out more, and register for the walk, by visiting www.4u-team.org/journey.

If the current Sermon Series is inspiring you to think about how you share your faith with others then maybe you might want to come to the **“Sharing your Faith” course** starting after half term? Details are in the Small Groups brochure and online here <http://4u-team.org/smallgroups/> If you would like to talk to Rev Graham Watts about whether this is the group for you, ring him on 01628 440106 or graham.watts@4u-team.org

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?

Lighthouse Marlow – 5 to 9 August 2019 Planning for this year’s Lighthouse is going well and registration for

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.

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.

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 16th March 7.30pm Wycombe Music Centre in aid of Rotary charities

Saturday 30th March 7.30pm Chiltern Concert Band with SWBGS

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. Hope to see you in the summer! *Sarah Jones, Chairman, Lighthouse Marlow*

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 applications 28th February.

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

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

The next **Marlow Healing Rooms** is on Saturday 23rd February 10-12.00 at Christ Church URC (no appointment necessary)

OTHER NOTICES

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 488772 or e-mail: themassers@btopenworld.com

"Footprints" a service for anyone who has lost a child at any stage of life. Friday 22nd March 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Lane End. Details Rev Sue Morton 01491 639286 or suemorton131@gmail.com

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARLOW Lent Study Groups Application forms to be returned to Tony Threlfall (tony.threlfall@live.co.uk) by **28th February** are available at the back of the church. This course is also contained in the Small Groups directory.

CTM Pancake Day This popular event will be celebrated at Marlow Methodist Church on **Tuesday 5th March**. Proceeds to Lighthouse Marlow. Sign-up forms for volunteers to provide soup & help on the day available at the back of the church. Alternatively, contact Tony Threlfall (Tel. 471610).

Exploring Chaplaincy – Find out how you can serve and support your local Marlow working community & about opportunities for training & supervision. Monday 11th March 7.30pm @ Wesley Methodist Church Priory Road HW. Details 07746 373639 or 07450 737438

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

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday	10.30 Communion	Next Sunday 24th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent
Wednesday	08.15 Morning Prayers	08.00 Holy Communion (said)
Friday	19.00 Evening Prayers	09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
		10.59 All Age Informal Service with Baptism
		17.30 Evensong
Readings for next week: Acts 19:23-31		19.00 Informal Evening Service
Luke 8:22-15		

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four churches,
one vision

TOGETHER IN PRAYER AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 17th 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, a place of joyful praise and worship.

Give thanks for the blessings each one of us has received this week and celebrate the coming initiatives, the visit of J John, the Art& Spirituality display and other events highlighting the refugee crisis and local initiatives to bring hope and a future with compassion and integrity.

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 council members standing down and pray for those considering taking up office to serve at church, team and deanery synod level.

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 in parliament as they struggle to find a way forward for a smooth and constructive Brexit.

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.