

THE OTHER SIDE

3rd March 2019 – Next Sunday before Lent

All Saints
Marlow



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

Dave Bull
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Roland Slade
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Bishop Alan

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

The 10.30am Communion Service will be taking place as usual on Tuesday 5th March. On Ash Wednesday 6th March there will be a service of The Imposition of Ashes at 12 noon at All Saints Marlow, and an 8pm service at All Saints Bisham.

VISION SUNDAY ON 17TH MARCH

You are invited to our annual Vision Sunday Service on Sunday 17th March. There will be a joint morning service at 10.30am when you can hear about everything that is going on in our church (the 8.00am service will go ahead as usual, but there will not be individual 9.15 and 10.59 services on that day) - there will be kids' activities in the Church Hall. The service will include the Annual Church Council Meeting (ACCM) where we elect members of the Church Council, 4U Team Council and Deanery Synod – if you want to be nominated for any of these roles, there is now a nomination sheet at the back of the church building, where you can write your name and then find a proposer and seconder. We are very keen to welcome younger people onto the council and have created a new role representing under 30s for a person who is also under 30. We are interested to hear from any young person who would like to come along on a regular or occasional basis to learn more about the church council and to provide their ideas; we will provide a mentor for them as well. A number of our Service Wardens are standing down and so we would love to hear from anyone who would like to step into these roles; if you would be happy to take this role but do not want to be a full time church council member then we can accommodate this. If you would like to hear more about this or the various elected roles, then please speak to one of the Service Wardens or Church Wardens – we would love to hear from you!

We are starting our next **Alpha Course** on

Share The Journey – Lent Walk March 16th, Marshals required The Share the Journey Walk between our 4 Churches takes place on March 16th to raise awareness of the plight of refugees and migrants. Registration is available now via our web site. www.4u-team.org/journey.

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However, we are in need of marshals to manage key points on the route. If you are not planning to walk the journey but would be willing to marshal on the route for 2-3 hours we would love to chat with you.

For more information please contact Liz Kendall-Jones on 07774 436383 or liz.kendall-jones@4u-team.org

Charity auction is live!

Mission Burundi's online charity auction, in aid of Great Lakes Outreach, is now live. There are some fantastic auction lots including sailing with Dave Bull, cricket at Lords, babysitting, tickets to Henley Festival, personal cocktail making service from Matt Clarke, a weekend in a Cotswold cottage and much, much more. Log on www.32auctions.com/missionburundi2019 and help make a difference to some of the poorest people in the world. Happy Bidding!

Easy Giving?

There is now a new way of giving financially to support the work of the church. If you buy goods or services on line then there are 3,500 organisations that will make a charitable donation on your behalf if you go via the easyfundraising site. If you are willing to give this a try visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk - if you want to support All Saints enter your charity as 'All Saints Church - Marlow' then go to your chosen retailer Amazon; John Lewis; Argos; P&O Ferries etc etc..... At no extra cost to you the firms will make a charitable donation to the Church. It couldn't be easier so if you shop on line why not give it a try? If you add their reminder to your computer it will automatically remind you if a company is registered with Easy Giving so no excuses for not remembering! Thank you in anticipation of your support!

Youth & Children's Team Leader - update

Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm in the church. Alpha is a chance to explore the big questions of life. Every evening starts with food and includes watching a 20 min film and then a discussion group. Sign up via the parish office or at our website under "Small Groups" www.4u-team.org/smallgroups
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*

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 16th March 7.30pm Chiltern Music Academy in aid of Rotary charities

Saturday 30th March 7.30pm Chiltern Concert Band with Capital Connection. See Posters for tickets.

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/rol>. 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*

IN THE COMING WEEK

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARLOW 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).

As many of you will be aware, we recently interviewed for this position on the staff team. We had an encouraging level of interest in the role, but the unanimous decision of the appointment panel was that we should not appoint. Although on the face of it this is disappointing news, we were encouraged that this was the united view of the team. We are also going back to all those who expressed interest in the role to learn as much as we can, and possibly rewriting the role description, before advertising again. Please pray for the team involved and for this ongoing process. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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?

Electoral Roll is now closed

New entries to the electoral roll are not now permitted until after the Team AGM. A copy of the new roll is currently on the table at the back of the church. To comply with data protection rules names only are displayed. If you wish to check your address details please speak to your service warden who will arrange this for you. Thank you. Muriel

Please could information for The Other Side be sent to the Parish Office by Wednesday morning at the latest.

Sanctuary at All Saints Bisham Thursday 7th March at 8pm. A time for peace and stillness.

OTHER NOTICES

You are invited to a talk on "Increasing Dementia Awareness in the community" at Cliveden Manor,

Exploring Chaplaincy – Find out how you can serve and support your local Marlow working

Little Marlow Road on **Thursday 7 March 6-7pm** OR **Saturday 23 March 11am-Noon**. For more information contact Ann Holden Community Committee Rotary Club of Marlow Thames

“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

community & about opportunities for training & supervision. Monday 11th March 7.30pm @ Wesley Methodist Church Priory Road HW. Details 07746 373639 or 07450 737438

The next “Healing Rooms” is Saturday 16th March 10-12noon at Christ Church URC. No appointment necessary.

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 10th March – 1st Sunday of Lent
Wednesday	08.15 Morning Prayers	08.00 Holy Communion (said)
Wednesday	12.00 Imposition of Ashes	09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
Friday	19.00 Evening Prayers	10.59 Informal Service
		17.30 Compline
		19.00 Informal Evening Service

Readings for next week:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Luke 4: 1-13



four churches,
one vision

TOGETHER IN PRAYER AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 3rd March

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.

Pray for all those who will be confirmed in this church this evening, for their families and supporters

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 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.