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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.

10th March 2019 – 1st Sunday of Lent

09.30 Morning Worship at The Chapel
11.00 All Age Worship at St. Mary's
18.30 Holy Communion at The Chapel

Services in March

17 March 09.30 Holy Communion at St. Mary's
11.00 All Age Worship at The Chapel

24 March 09.30 Morning Worship at The Chapel
11.00 All Age Communion at St. Mary's with
Annual Church Meeting
18.30 "Be Still" at The Chapel

31 March 11.00 Mothering Sunday – Combined Service at The Chapel

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24th March is the date of our Annual Church Meeting, where we will review the year that is gone, elect new church officers for Church Council (Anglican), and look to the year ahead. We will do this in the context of an All Age Communion Service. Reports will be available next week. All are most welcome.

Our Monday prayer opportunity this week is 1-2pm at The Chapel. All welcome.

Following the joint consultation process and the meetings of both St Mary's Church Council and MB Methodist Church Council, it has been jointly agreed that moving forward we will be collectively known as: **'The Lantern Community Church - An Anglican Methodist partnership in Marlow Bottom'**. As was explained at those meetings, the site names will remain the same, but this is the name of our joint worshipping community.

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 date: **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.

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. 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

Quiz Night & Auction for Burundi

You are invited to a Quiz Night and Auction in All Saints Marlow Church Hall on Saturday 23rd March from 6.30 for 7pm start. Tickets are £12.50 to include a fish and chip supper or vegetarian option. Proceeds to Mission Burundi 2019 and Great Lakes Outreach.

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Online Charity Auction Do you fancy a carriage drive through the Hambleden Valley, a day trout fishing, some fabulous artwork, a gorgeous silk scarf, or a hanging basket of plants? Or why not get in shape for Summer with zumba or pilates classes? Or perhaps your kids would enjoy holiday activity days where they can try archery, zip wire, mountain biking, abseiling, water orbs etc? If so, get bidding! There's also so much more on offer, so take a look at the booklets at the back of church or log on to www.32auctions.com/missionburundi2019.

Every penny raised will go to Great Lakes Outreach, helping the poor and hungry in Burundi

There will be another opportunity to **'Be Still'** on **Sunday 24th March at 6.30pm at the Chapel** This lay-led service of approximately 40 minutes is a time for peace and reflection. We would love to see you.

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

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

“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

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

Saturday 16th March 7.30pm Chiltern Music Academy in aid of Rotary charities. Tickets Marlow Information Centre

Saturday 30th March 7.30pm Chiltern Concert Band with Capital Connection. Tickets on the door.

Advance Warning: Concert 22nd June

The London Male Voice Choir will be performing a concert at All Saints with all Money raised to go to the Lantern, so do please put the date in your diaries!

**Readings for next week: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
Luke 13:31 to end**

***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***

TOGETHER IN PRAYER IN MARLOW & MARLOW BOTTOM

Week beginning 10th March

A Prayer for Lent You, Lord Jesus, knew great power, to heal, to transform, to proclaim the reign of God. So you met great temptations. The wrong way, glittering and possible, was open; you could rule if you chose, in majesty and wonder, more victorious than Alexander, more imperial than Caesar. But you said No, simply, decisively, forever, for us. Holy Spirit of God, enable us to respond to temptation with the strength of your word within us, so that we may hold firm to our calling and take your better way in faithfulness. Amen

Pray for all those who visit our church during Lent, 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. May the installation in the Prayer Chapel touch peoples' hearts to re ignite the need for practical and innovative ways to welcome and nurture refugees whose lives have been torn apart. **Pray** for healing

Give thanks for the blessings each one of us has received this week and guide us in a prayerful and reflective Lent.

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. Pray for peace and acceptance.