

THE OTHER SIDE

10th March 2019 – First Sunday of Lent

All Saints
Marlow



08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 Informal Service
17.30 Compline
19.00 Informal Evening Service

Sami Watts
Roland Slade & Sara Edwardes
Pat Reading & Sara Edwardes
Dave Bull
Roland Slade & Lora Wilson

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

Stanley Jones

Revd. Stanley Jones and his wife Muriel were part of our church family until they moved to Shrewsbury 18 months ago. Stanley, a retired Presbyterian minister, died very peacefully on Shrove Tuesday at the end of a day spent with Muriel and his two children at his bedside. Please pray for Muriel and the family in the coming days. The family hopes to arrange a Memorial Service at All Saints in the spring.

You are invited to our annual VISION SUNDAY ON 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) - with 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 a nomination sheet at the back of the church. 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 wishing to come along on a regular or occasional basis to learn about the church council and provide ideas; we will provide a mentor for them. A number of Service Wardens are standing down so we would love to hear from anyone who would be happy to take on this role. If you do not wish to be a full time church council member then we can accommodate this. For more information please speak to one of the Service or Church Wardens – we would love to hear from you!

Eve sends her apologies that there will be NO CHURCH LUNCH on Sunday 24th March due to family commitments.

24th March - J John preaching - Following on from the breakfast on 9th March at Harleyford Golf Club, we're excited to announce that J John will be paying a second visit to Marlow to preach on **Sunday 24th March at the 9.15 and 10.59 services**. These will be occasions not to be missed! J John is one of the foremost communicators of the gospel in the UK today. Please put the date in your diary! These would be excellent services to invite friends along to, so please think and pray about who you could invite.

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

Mission Burundi Quiz Night - 23rd March at 6pm Join us for a fun evening of brain teasing questions from quizmaster Ian Branch. Also includes a fish (or veggie) and chip supper, and a live auction of 5 special items. Bring a group of friends or we will put a team together for you.

Tickets available using this link www.ti.to/inklined/mb2019quiz or from Ruth Frost, ruth.frost@4u-team.org

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, next Sunday, then please pop them in the box no later than **today (10th)**. Thank you! *Dave, Ruth and Julie*

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY

CONCERT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

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*

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!

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

25TH SUMMARY

Health and Safety Report: Jim Stacey presented his Health and Safety Report. His inspection took place on 23rd January 2019. He identified a number of potential hazards; all but one of them was very low risk. Jim will be working with Richard Powell to make the necessary repairs as soon as possible. We are very grateful to Jim for undertaking this work for us. A report on the Tower was also presented and a sub-group has been set up to look into the issues raised.

Donations through cashless systems: A system has been identified (called a Good Box) and we will be implementing it on a six month trial. It will allow contactless credit/debit card giving and we will monitor over this period to see the impact on giving to the church.

ACCM: The ACCM is on the 17th March. Nominations for church council members are now open and we'd encourage congregation members to prayerfully consider applying. It was decided to introduce a 5 year church council term, after which members will be standing down for at least one year before re-joining. 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.

Children and Youth Leader Update: We shortlisted two candidates for interview but in the end did not appoint. Dave is now speaking with all candidates who showed an interest but did not apply and we expect to 'tweak' the job spec before re-advertising.

Strategy Team Update: The newly formed strategy team has had its first meeting. The group have been invited to join a leadership training programme call Lead Academy, which involves 6 different churches who will be brought together to learn from each other

The Electoral Roll is now closed. New entries 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

Liz will be visiting **Joan See** this week on Tuesday 12th March, leaving Marlow soon after 9 & returning by midday. Please get in touch if you would like to go with her. 07799 854 535

CONCERT AT ASM - Saturday 16th March 7.30pm
Chiltern Music Academy in aid of Rotary charities. See poster for details

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

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 walking 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

OTHER NOTICES

"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

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

You are invited to a talk on "Increasing Dementia Awareness in the community" at Cliveden Manor, Little Marlow Road on **Saturday 23 March 11am-Noon**. For more information contact Ann Holden Community Committee Rotary Club of Marlow Thames

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 17th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent
Wednesday	08.15 Morning Prayers	08.00 Holy Communion (said)
Friday	19.00 Evening Prayers	10.30 Vision Sunday & Annual Church Council Meeting
Readings for next week:		17.30 Compline
Genesis 15: 1-12,17-18		
Luke 13: 31 to end		



four churches,
one vision

TOGETHER IN PRAYER AT ALL SAINTS

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.