



# Lantern

**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.*

## **24th March 2019 – 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**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**

## **Services in March & April**

<b>31 March</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday – Combined Service at The Chapel</b>
<b>07 April</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St. Mary's</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>All Age Worship at The Chapel</b>
<b>14 April</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Holy Communion at The Chapel</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>All Age Worship at St Mary's</b>

## NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be an opportunity to **'Be Still' this evening 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.

Our Monday prayer opportunity this week is 8-9.30pm at 165 Marlow Bottom. All welcome.

If anyone would like to help with our **Mothering Sunday flowers** (posies and decorations) please meet Linda Lovell at the Chapel on Saturday (30th) at 10am. This year, the colour theme is **pink**. If you have any questions, please contact Linda on 01628 471003

It is not too late to join the **Alpha Course which takes place on Tuesdays at 7.45pm at All Saints' Marlow**. 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](http://www.4u-team.org/smallgroups)

**THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)** will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm at St John the Baptist, Little Marlow. 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.

### **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.

**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*

If you would like to sign up for the **parish giving scheme**, please talk to Lorraine Jackman or Graham Watts.

### **ALL SAINTS CONCERT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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: Exodus 2: 1-10  
Luke 2: 33-35**

***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 24th 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 and acceptance. Give thanks for the blessings each one of us has received this week and guide us in a prayerful and reflective Lent.

**Pray** for all those at home and abroad whose lives have been altered by violence, terrorist acts, severe weather and tragic accidents especially those affected by the cyclone in Africa and the shootings in New Zealand. **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, and all who contribute so much to the community of Marlow and wider, in loyal and dedicated service.

**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.