

THE OTHER SIDE

31st March 2019 – Mothering Sunday

All Saints
Marlow



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

Sarah Fitzgerald
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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

Message from Sarah Fitzgerald I would like to thank everyone for their best wishes and all the messages of support I have received. For those who didn't hear last week, I have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. It is obviously difficult news but I am encouraged that it is still early days and that there are treatment options available. Please bear with me as we adjust to the situation. Your concern and prayers have meant a lot to me and are very valued. God bless, Sarah

ALPHA is taking place on Tuesdays in church, (not 16th or 23rd April) until the 4th June. We are looking for two people to serve the food (provided) each week 7.15 to 9pm latest (Soup, finger food etc as we have no cooking facilities). If you feel you could help for any week, please contact marilyn.clarke@ntlworld.com or 01628 472774

Church Council Meeting Monday 18th March Summary

- **Finances:** James presented a document explaining all of the Church's finances and how designated, restricted and unrestricted funds worked. He, Richard and Anne have continued their work looking at our reserves policy, which we're hoping to finalise within the next few months.
- **Planned Giving:** We were encouraged to hear that 69 people have now switched to the PGS which includes some that are new to planned giving - thank you! There are still 49 people giving regularly by standing order and we'd like to encourage these people to switch to the PGS. Please speak to your service wardens about how to go about this (it's very easy!).
- **Youth/Children's worker:** We have decided to re-advertise for a new children's/youth worker using the same job description as before. Please pray that the right person comes forward for this exciting role.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) will take place on Wednesday 24th April at 8pm at St John the Baptist, Little Marlow. All welcome.
Easy Giving? There is now a new way of

You are warmly invited to a "Welcome Lunch" on Sunday 7th April at 1pm in Church. Come and meet the clergy team, the welcome group and other newcomers over a light buffet lunch. RSVP welcome@4u-team.org or 01628 481806

NAME LABEL SUNDAY

Do you ever forget people's names – but feel embarrassed to ask? You are not alone! Today, we are trying to help with this by writing our first names on labels and wearing them whilst we are in church. Take this opportunity to say hello to someone you've not met before, and also greet that person who's name you'd forgotten!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 'Share the Journey' Lent walk in support of refugees and migrants such a success. 21 hardy folk joined for some or all of the walk around the parish churches in a small gesture of solidarity with refugees and migrants who make unimaginably hard journeys in search of peace and hope. We were greeted by friendly welcoming faces at each of the stops in Marlow Bottom, Little Marlow, Bisham and Marlow, and the last leg of the journey was taken in a small boat between Bisham and ASM which in the high winds made us feel particularly vulnerable. There are some great pictures of the journey on the 4U team facebook page. The walk also raised a little over £500 for Marlow Refugee Action as well as raising awareness which is a central part of our mission – Thank you

Quiz Night for Burundi

A big THANK YOU to everyone who came along to the Mission Burundi Quiz Night & Auction last Saturday 23rd March. It was a great evening and a lot of fun. The quiz itself raised a little over £750 and the auction £3100! All this will go directly to Great Lakes Outreach and the amazing work they are doing in Burundi. Your support is much appreciated.

Comments & Suggestions

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!

IN THE COMING WEEK

It is not too late to join the **Alpha Course which takes place on Tuesdays at 7.45pm 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

Following on from a comment made in the ACCM, a specific email address has been created to send any comments or suggestions you may have. Please send these to suggestions@4U-team.org OR you can still use the box at the rear of the church. Dave, Julie & Paul.

The Electoral Roll is now closed. 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 join us for coffee
after the 9.15 service**

Sanctuary at All Saints' Church Bisham, Thursday 4th April at 8pm – space for peace and stillness.

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

OTHER NOTICES

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*

Copies of the latest CTM newsletter are available at the back of the church.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

During Holy Week you are invited to join in the journey as we approach Easter. This year, our services each evening will follow the story through the eyes of a different character under the title 'Were you there?' There are also special services for all ages, so do join us for as much or as little as you wish. Please see

the separate leaflet for more information, but here are the times and places of services that you might find particularly helpful:

Monday 15 April: 8pm at All Saints' Marlow

Tuesday 16 April: 8pm at All Saints Bisham

Wednesday 17 April 8pm at St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

Maundy Thursday 18 April: 8pm Holy Communion at St Mary's Marlow Bottom
8pm Tenebrae Service at Marlow Methodist Church

Good Friday 19 April: 9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints' Marlow
10.30am Churches Together Open Air Service and Walk of Witness, Higginson Park
11.15 Churches Together All Age Service, Marlow Methodist Church
12pm Three Hours at the Cross meditative service at St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday	10.30 Communion	Next Sunday 7th April	Passion Sunday
Wednesday	08.15 Morning Prayers	08.00	Holy Communion (said)
Friday	19.00 Evening Prayers	09.15	Holy Communion (sung) with Thanksgiving
		10.59	Informal Service
		17.30	Compline

Readings for next week:
Leviticus 19: 33-34
Matthew 5 :38-48



four churches,
one vision

TOGETHER IN PRAYER AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 31st 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.