

THE OTHER SIDE

7th April 2019 – Passion Sunday

All Saints
Marlow



08.00	Holy Communion (said)	Roland Slade
09.15	Holy Communion (sung) with Thanksgiving	Roland Slade
10.59	Informal Service	Roland Slade
17.30	Compline	Mieke Gaynor

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 haven't heard, 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

Marlow Refugee Action Since starting in 2016 as an informal group trying to do our bit to help refugees we have had amazing support from people in our church team and from the wider community. We are now established as a registered charity and guided by an amazing group of trustees including 2 others from this church (Julie Purves and Sarah Jones). We are working with projects supporting refugees both locally and abroad. If you would like to read more about the projects we support - please pick up a flyer from the back of church today. If you feel called to get more involved in supporting us either financially or by volunteering there is more information about this also at the back of church. We are particularly seeking volunteers to help us with fundraising, with administration and with marketing and communications, as well as people interested in helping refugees with 1-1 language support. Jesus challenges us to welcome the stranger (Matthew 25:35 'I was a stranger and you invited me in'). Thank you for the help and support you have already given which I am sure will continue and grow and is enabling Marlow to play a small part in this vast challenge.

Comments & Suggestions

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.

Church Council Meeting Monday 18th March

We will be decorating the church on Easter Saturday 20th April starting at 10am. Contributions towards the cost of flowers are always very much appreciated. **"In Memory"** - If you would like especially to remember a loved one we will again be recording their names with a floral display at The Lectern. Please speak to Heather or Helen.

Church Forum Dates are now agreed for the coming year. They are 19th May, 21st July, 17th Nov 2019, and Feb 2nd, 17th May 2020. The meetings will start at 7.00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Please make a note of these dates in your diaries and we will send you more details nearer the time. *Dave, Paul and Julie*

Are you a trained First Aider? Would you be willing to go on a list of First Aiders to support the care and safety of our church family? If so, please give details of your qualifications including a photocopy of your certificate to Gill Taylor - either by email (gill.taylor@4u-team.org) or drop them in to the Parish Office. By the end of April please.

SMALL GROUPS SUMMER TERM 2019

Registration is now open for leading a small group for the summer term! If you currently run a group and would like to continue it or if you would like to start a new one, please go to www.gothere.pro/summer19groups and enter all the details there.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please email smallgroups@4u-team.org. Registration must be completed by Monday 22nd April.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Concert Saturday 22nd

June: The London Male Voice Choir will be performing a concert at All Saints, Marlow, with all money raised to go to the Lantern Community Church

Quiz Night for Burundi

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 advertised 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.

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

A big THANK YOU to everyone who came along to the Mission Burundi Quiz Night & Auction. 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.

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

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

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) will take place on Wednesday 24th April at 8pm at St John the Baptist, Little Marlow. All welcome.

Churches Together on Good Friday

Everyone is invited to gather in Higginson Park for a short act of worship at 10.30 am. This will be followed by a Walk of Witness up the High Street to the Methodist Church, where there will be a service for all ages at 11.15 am.

***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 14th April Palm Sunday
Wednesday	08.15 Morning Prayers	08.00 Holy Communion (said)
Friday	19.00 Healing Service	09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
		10.59 Informal Service
Reading for next week:		17.30 Compline
Luke 22:14-end of chapter 23		19.00 Informal Evening Service

Please join us for coffee after the 9.15 service

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four churches,
one vision

TOGETHER IN PRAYER AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 14th April

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 as we focus on Jesus journey and our personal spiritual journeys.

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, and pray for them all as the Easter Holiday begins bringing a time to rest and refresh in a busy school year.

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** especially for the families of the two young boys who took their own lives and for all young people who suffer from mental stress which overwhelms them, and for those who work to understand these processes and offer meaningful and successful therapy.

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.