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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.

14th April 2019 – Palm Sunday

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 April

18 April	20.00	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
21 April	EASTER DAY	
	09.30	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
	11.00	All Age Communion at The Chapel
28 April	09.30	Holy Communion at The Chapel
	11.00	Service Sunday at St. Mary's

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT ALL SAINTS MARLOW:

Friday 3rd May start of lunchtime concert series @ 1.10pm.

Wed 15th May @ 7.30pm Marlow Community Choir performing Vivaldi & Carissimi. Tickets £13 from www.mccab.org.uk or on the door.

Sat 1st June Next Stage Choir

Sat 8th June Gospel Choir

Sat 22nd June @ 7pm The London Welsh Male Voice Choir with all money raised going to our Lantern Community Church. Tickets £20 (to include refreshment & programme) from The Parish Office.

Saturday 11 May: Quiz Night in Marlow Bottom (please note the date change). More details will be available soon.

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. We are working with projects supporting refugees both locally and abroad and are particularly seeking volunteers to help us with fundraising, administration and 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.

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.

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*

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

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.

Healing Rooms” Saturday 27th April 10-12noon at Christ Church URC. No appointment necessary.

Reading for next week: Acts 10: 34-43 John 20:1-18

***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 14th April

A Prayer for Palm Sunday Jesus, King of the universe, ride on in humble majesty: Lord, this Palm Sunday may I recognize in you the Lord who comes to his world, and join with full heart in the children's "hosanna". Ride on through conflict and debate, ride on through sweaty prayer and betrayal of friends: Lord, this Palm Sunday forgive me my evasion of truth, my carelessness of your honour; my weakness, which leave me sleeping even while in others you suffer and are anguished; my cowardice that does not risk the consequences of publicly acknowledging you as Lord. Ride on to the empty tomb and your rising in triumph, ride on to raise up your Church, a new body for your service; ride on, King Jesus, to renew the whole earth in your image, in compassion come to help us.

Pray for all those who visit our church during Holy Week, 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** that those seeking to grow nearer to God will be drawn to the services of reflection each evening as we walk with Christ towards the crucifixion May our church be a place of quiet reflection, a calm oasis in a busy and complicated life.

Give thanks for the blessings each one of us has received this week

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 that the Easter Holiday will bring 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** 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 in their lives. **Pray** for those who bring comfort and solace. **Pray** for peace and acceptance.