



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.

21st April 2019 – Easter Day

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| 09.30 | Holy Communion at St. Mary's |
| 11.00 | All Age Communion at The Chapel |

Services in April & May

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| 28 April | 09.30 | Holy Communion at The Chapel |
| | 11.00 | Service Sunday at St. Mary's |
| 05 May | 09.30 | Holy Communion at St. Mary's |
| | 11.00 | All Age Worship at The Chapel |
| 12 May | 09.30 | Holy Communion at The Chapel |
| | 11.00 | All Age Worship at St. Mary's |

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Fundraiser Quiz Night for The Lantern Community Church Saturday 11 May at 7pm.

Book a table or come on your own. Tickets £12.50 to include chilli & rice supper.

Contact Lorraine Jackman 07782 242520 or e-mail: Lorraine@thejackmans.org

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.

Christian Aid Week (12th-18th May). Christian Aid concert at Christ Church URC on Sunday 12th May at 7 pm. Contact Tony Threlfall 01628 471610

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.

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

Readings for next week: Acts 5: 27-32 John 20: 19-23

***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 21st April

A Prayer for Easter Christ our life, you are alive in the beauty of the earth, in the rhythm of the seasons, in the mystery of time and space. Christ our life, you are alive in the tenderness of a touch, in the heartbeat of intimacy, in the insights of solitude. Christ our life, you are alive in the creative possibility of the dullest conversation, the dreariest task, the most threatening event. Christ our life, you are alive to offer re-creation to every unhealed hurt, to every deadened place, to every damaged heart. Alleluia; Alleluia; Alleluia. You set before us a great choice. Therefore we choose life. The dance of resurrection soars and surges through the whole creation. It sets gifts of bread and wine upon our table. This is grace, dying we live. So let us live!

Pray for all those who visit our church today may we be welcoming and offer hospitality in the name and Spirit of our Risen Lord 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 may our church be a place of quiet reflection, a calm oasis in a busy and complicated life. Pray for the Alpha course participants and leaders **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 has brought rest and refresh in a busy school year. **Pray** for our small group in Burundi for a safe and fulfilling visit.

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 serious illness, 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.