



# 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.*

## **28th April 2019 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**09.30 Holy Communion at The Chapel  
11.00 Service Sunday at St. Mary's**

### **Services in May**

<b>05 May</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>12 May</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Morning Worship at The Chapel</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>All Age Worship at St. Mary's</b>
	<b>18.30</b>	<b>Holy Communion at The Chapel</b>
<b>19 May</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>26 May</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Morning Worship at The Chapel</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>All Age Worship at St. Mary's with Holy Communion</b>
	<b>18.30</b>	<b>"Be Still" at St. Mary's</b>

# NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our Monday prayer opportunity this week will be lunchtime prayer, 1-2 in the Chapel. All welcome.

**Spring Cleaning morning next Saturday 4th May** Please come along on Saturday 4th May from 9.30-12 noon to help with our Spring clean of both St Mary's and the Chapel. There will be something for everyone to do - inside or outside. Please bring tools/equipment with you for light gardening, maintenance and various odd jobs. All very welcome.

## **"BLOWING YOUR COVER" SMALL GROUP**

Blowing Your Cover is more than just evangelism training; it is a course that helps to shape peoples' thinking about who they are in Christ and how they share their faith. The course focuses on the uniqueness of each individual and how their faith and life story can transform the culture around them. It explores the Father-heart of God through the gospel and equips Christians to share this life-changing message with their family and friends, whilst releasing them to be all God meant them to be.

This course starts on Wednesday 8th May, 8-9.30pm do come and join us.

*Andrew Carter and Graham Watts*

## **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](mailto:Lorraine@thejackmans.org)

**May 19th** at the 11 o'clock service in the Chapel we look forward to welcoming guest preacher, Rev Jonathan Chaffey, who was until recently the chaplain-in-chief to the Royal Airforce. Do consider inviting guests along to hear Jonathan speak.

## **CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT ALL SAINTS MARLOW:**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May start of lunchtime concert series @ 1.10pm** with Simon Williams, organist & DOM @ St. George's Hanover Square. Light lunches available from 12.30pm.

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> May @ 7.30pm** Marlow Community Choir performing Vivaldi & Carissimi. Tickets £13 from [www.mccab.org.uk](http://www.mccab.org.uk) or on the door.

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June** Next Stage Choir

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 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 (12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May).**

There is a **Christian Aid Concert** at Christ Church URC on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm.**

Contact Tony Threlfall 01628 471610

Sue Bartram and Kathy Burns will be '**Walking the Country**' for Christian Aid on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** and would appreciate sponsors. Last year, Marlow walkers raised £1,393.

**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. [vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com](mailto:vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com)

**Churches Together in Prayer** The next quarterly prayer meeting will be at Christ Church URC on Saturday **11<sup>th</sup> May at 9 am.**

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

**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*

**Readings for next week: Zephaniah 3: 14-end John 20: 24-31**

***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 28th 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!

**Give thanks** for the reflective services in Holy Week and Good Friday meditations and for the uplifting Easter Day service, to the massed choirs and the musicians: special thanks to Martin and Rhiddian for a truly magnificent celebration for Easter, and to the Flower Team for making the church look so lovely and welcoming.

**Pray** for Daisy and Albert who will be baptised today and for their families and supporters  
**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, as a new term starts.

**Pray** for all those at home and abroad whose lives have been altered by violence, terrorist acts, severe weather and tragic accidents. **Pray** especially for the people of Sri Lanka whose lives have been forever changed by the targeted violence against Christians and tourists **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 **Pray** for those who bring comfort and solace.