

THE OTHER SIDE

28th April 2019 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

All Saints
Marlow



08.00 Holy Communion (said)
09.15 Holy Communion (sung)
10.59 All Age Informal Service with Baptism
14.00 St. George's Day Service
17.30 Be Still
19.00 Informal Evening Service

Dave Bull
Sami Watts
Dave Bull & John Smith
Roland Slade
Sarah Fitzgerald
Sam Found & Roland Slade

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

Open House for Marlow Refugee Action

Now that they are settled back into their re-built home, Helen and Dennis Munday would like to invite you to an 'Open Day' event on **Saturday May 11th** at 76, Barnards Hill SL7 2NZ from **10am to 4pm**. Please come and join them for coffee and cake and see Helen weaving in her new studio. We will collect donations to Marlow Refugee Action.

Churches Together in Prayer The next quarterly prayer meeting will be at Christ Church URC on **Saturday 11th May at 9 am**. As usual, this will be a chance to come together in prayer for our community and the wider world and all are welcome.

Christian Aid Week (12th-18th May) This year, the funds raised will go towards building a health centre to help mums in Sierra Leone deliver their babies safely. Sadly ASMs contribution to the house-to-house collection is diminishing and we need new volunteers to replace those who have moved away (e.g. someone to collect in Harwood Road). If you could help, please contact Tony Threlfall (Tel. 471610). Alternatively, you might like to sponsor Elizabeth Masser, Julia Stacey, Miriam & Charles Jones, or Tony Threlfall in this year's Walk the Country. Sponsorship forms are on the shelf at the back of church. Also there is a Christian Aid concert at Christ Church URC on Sunday 12th May at 7 pm. See the poster on the noticeboard for further details.

WARNING - Marlow 5 Race Sunday 12th May. Marlow Bridge will be closed for duration of race which starts at 9.30am from Higginson Park and disruption to traffic in the High Street area is likely.

Church Forum - Our next one is on 19th May at

Very many thanks to all those who contributed so generously towards the cost of Easter flower decorations. **Heather & Helen**

Bellringing

Following a request from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to cathedrals and churches throughout the country, the 7th bell at Marlow was rung on Thursday 18th April, at 7pm, for 7 minutes, as a mark of solidarity following the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 3rd 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 15th May @ 7.30pm Marlow Community Choir performing Vivaldi & Carissimi. (For tickets see poster)

Sat 1st June Next Stage Choir

Sat 8th June Gospel Choir

Sat 22nd June @ 7pm The London Welsh Male Voice Choir. Tickets £20, to include refreshment & programme), from The Parish Office with all proceeds going to the Lantern Community Church, Marlow Bottom.

MISSION BURUNDI PRESENTATION

Sat 18th May at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall

Come and meet the Mission Burundi 2019 team and find out what they saw and did on their eye opening mission trip just before Easter. There will be photos, videos, and talks from the team members on what they experienced and their thoughts on future fundraising and visits. Doors open at 7:30 pm for refreshments including some great tea and coffee from Burundi; presentation from 8 pm. Everyone welcome!

Tea & Cake date for your diary! The lovely warm

7.00 p.m. in the Church Hall. We will be looking at our opportunities to be an outward looking church and the part that we can all play in this. We will also be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to seeing you there. *Dave, Paul and Julie*

Plaque in memory of Patricia Burstall. We have applied for and been granted a Faculty from the Diocesan Registrar that gives us the permission to install a Memorial plaque in All Saints Bisham on the north wall of the north aisle commemorating the life and service to her community of the late Patricia Burstall BEM. We have an estimate for the cost of this from our local stonemason of £2377.60 inclusive of vat. If you would like to contribute to the cost of this project please contact our Vicar Sarah Fitzgerald or the church wardens Stewart Featherstone Clark or Rod Stevens.

THANK YOU to our amazing supporters shopping online with easyfundraising. We now have over 25 participants and have raised our first £100! Your support really does make a difference, so don't forget there's 3,300 shops and sites you can raise free donations with. Please make sure you shop the easyfundraising way every time you buy something online: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ascmarlow>

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, administration, 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.

Sailing Small Group – 4th May

Would you like to sail a dinghy on the Thames

weather we have had might put you in the mood for a garden party – if so, please save the date **Saturday June 8th 3-6pm** for a **Love Marlow Garden Party** in support of **Marlow Refugee Action**. All offers of help, whether baking, serving or washing up would be gratefully received. Please contact vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com

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.

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.

Update on churchyard maintenance. Regretfully Sue and Clem Virgo are retiring from looking after the area outside the parish office. They have been grass cutting & caring for the shrubs and flowers in this part of the churchyard for many years giving much pleasure to visitors and locals walking past. Please join me in thanking Sue and Clem for their tireless contribution. **We are happy to welcome** Rob Driver to the team. Rob regularly attends church & helped out hugely at the Autumn Spruce Up last year. He will look after the area in front of the church entrance towards the river. *Steve Pearson*

"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

with friends from ASM? A sailing small group based at Marlow Sailing Club has been organised for the summer term. Full details will be published in the Small Groups' brochure, but the

first session has been planned for next Saturday, 4th May. So, if you would like to join the group or would like more information, please contact Andrew Carter on 07745 655873 or email andrewcarter456@btinternet.com.

IN THE COMING WEEK

Please join us for The Spring Spruce Up of the churchyard at 10.00am on Saturday 4th May. Please continue to call or email me with any issues and thank you all for your continued

commitment helping to maintain the grounds for everyone to enjoy. Your help is very much appreciated. *Steve Pearson*

OTHER NOTICES

Quiz Night

Test your knowledge at a **Fundraiser Quiz Night** at St. Mary's Marlow Bottom **Saturday 11th May 7pm**. Come on your own or book a table. Tickets £12.50 Contact Lorraine Jackman 07782 242520 or Lorraine@thejackmans.org (see poster)

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*

Please could items for The Other Side be sent to the Parish Office by 9.30 am on Wednesday.

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday	10.30 Holy Communion	Next Sunday 5 th May	3rd Sunday of Easter
Wednesday	08.15 Morning Prayer	08.00	Holy Communion (said)
Friday	19.00 Healing Service	09.15	Holy Communion (sung) with Baptism
		10.59	Informal Service
		17.30	Evensong

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

Please join us for coffee after the 9.15 service either at the back of the church or in the Church Hall

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four churches,
one vision

TOGETHER IN PRAYER AT ALL SAINTS

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.