



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.

12^h May 2019 – 4th Sunday of Easter

- 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 May

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| 19 May | 09.30 Holy Communion at St. Mary's |
| | 11.00 All Age Worship at The Chapel |
| 26 May | 09.30 Morning Worship at The Chapel |
| | 11.00 All Age Worship at St. Mary's with Holy Communion |
| | 18.30 "Be Still" at St. Mary's |

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

There will be another opportunity to **'Be Still' on Sunday May 26th at 6.30pm at St Mary's**. This quiet, reflective, lay-led service lasts approximately 40 minutes. All very welcome.

Change of Date - "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 15th May, 8-9.30pm at 8 Balfour Place (off Sunnybank) Marlow SL7 3TB**. Do come and join us. *Andrew Carter & Graham Watts*

Christian Aid Week (12th-18th May).

There is a **Christian Aid Concert** at Christ Church URC **tonight at 7 pm**. Contact Tony Threlfall 01628 471610

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

SPECIAL CONCERT AT ALL SAINTS' MARLOW

Sat 22nd June at 7pm The London Welsh Male Voice Choir - all money raised will go to our Lantern Community Church. Tickets £20 (to include refreshments and programme) from The Parish Office.

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT ALL SAINTS MARLOW:

Friday 17th May at 1.10pm with violinist Kwan-Lam Lau & pianist Pui-Lee Lau. Light lunches available from 12.30pm.

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

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.

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Summer Events at St John's Little Marlow

Church Open Every Sunday afternoon from 2.30 to 4.30. Refreshments available. In June cream teas will be served.

Night Safari: June 1st 8.00pm Talk on bats; moths to observe, plus guided walk.
Tickets €5.00 under 16s £1.00 contact: Wendy Osborn 07970462149

Music at The Manor Saturday June 29th More details to follow.

Lighthouse Marlow 5-9 August. Children's registration opened on 4 May. If you want your children to attend please register them as soon as possible. If you are a helper for more than one day your children will be given places. Places for other children will be allocated on a 'first come' basis. We are still very short of helpers in some areas, if you are able to help please register as soon as possible. If we get more helpers, especially Lighthouse Keepers, this will increase the number of children we can take. Register your children, or yourself as a helper at lighthousecentral.org.

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

Readings for next week: Acts 11: 1-18 Luke 24:13-35

***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 12th May

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** that those seeking to grow nearer to God may find 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 at this time of change; give thanks for those retiring for their service over the years and pray for those new members 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 and pray for Matt our newly appointed Children and Youth Leader. **Pray** for our schools, the gifted and dedicated teachers, the many volunteers supporting the school clubs and activities.

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. Remember Syria, Yemen, Libya, Venezuela and places needing our prayers across the globe.

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 acceptance and peace for those who have terminal illness.

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 caring.