



# 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.*

## **19th May 2019 – 5th Sunday of Easter**

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

## **Services in May & June**

<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>
<b>02 June</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>09 June</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Holy Communion at The Chapel</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>All Age Worship at St. Mary's</b>
<b>16 June</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St. Mary's</b>
	<b>10.30</b>	<b>Love Marlow Service in Higginson Park</b>

## NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

### Interested in Theology?

River Church is part of a new local venture bringing high quality Theological Training to our local area. There is an information evening **tomorrow evening** in Maidenhead. **WTC Explore** provides you with the opportunity to go deeper into the Bible, grow in your faith, and integrate quality teaching with life in the Spirit. You are invited to a KINGDOM THEOLOGY EVENT – at **High Street Methodist Church**, Maidenhead, Berks, SL6 1EF: **20th May 2019 7:30-9:30 pm**  
Come and enjoy an evening of worship and teaching with WTC's Academic Dean, Dr Matthew Lynch. More details at [www.wtctheology.org.uk/thames-valley-events](http://www.wtctheology.org.uk/thames-valley-events)

### "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 started on **Wednesday 15th May, 8-9.30pm at 8 Balfour Place (off Sunnybank) Marlow SL7 3TB but it's not too late to join.** *Andrew Carter & Graham Watts*

The Memorial Service for **Rev. Stanley Jones** will take place at All Saints Marlow on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 3pm. All welcome.

### 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 24th May at 1.10pm** with classical guitarist Berxwedan Kockaya & violinist Duygu Ince Light lunches available from 12.30pm.

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

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June** Gospel Choir

### Summer Events at St John's Little Marlow

**Church Open** Every Sunday afternoon from 2.30 to 4.30. Refreshments available - cream teas will be served in the month of June.

**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 29<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

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

**Love Marlow Garden Party in support of Marlow Refugee Action** Come and join us for tea and cake or a glass of Pimms on **Saturday 8th June 3pm-6pm**. Enjoy a stroll round the garden and a plant sale too, please bring friends and family, children welcome too (with parents to supervise as there is a large pond!). Fairlawn, Gossmore Close, Marlow SL7 1QG, please park on Gossmore Lane.

If you would like a copy of the poster or invite to share with your friends please [email vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com](mailto:vanessa.faulkner2@gmail.com). Prayers for a warm sunny day much appreciated!

**WOMENS BREAKFASTS.** Most of the present team who have organised these breakfasts in the past are now standing down in order to do different things. We have enjoyed working together and thank all of you who have attended and supported them. If there are any of you who would like to take them on, please do get in touch with us. The breakfasts are not difficult to organise and we would be happy to suggest speakers and pass on how we arranged them.

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**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](http://lighthousecentral.org) .

**Readings for next week: Acts 16: 9-15    Matthew 28: 16-20**

***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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 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** that the weeks of Prayer "Thy Kingdom Come" will be well supported, as we join with Christians across the world.

**Pray** for the clergy and members of our church and team councils at this time of change; 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 dedicated volunteers supporting the school clubs and activities. **Pray** for Sandygate Stars, Trinity Treasures, Donut Club, Teeny Saints and the Sunday children's 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, Libya, Venezuela and places needing our prayers across the globe. **Pray** the fragile truce in Yemen will hold and allow vital aid to reach the millions of starving families.

**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, 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.