



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.

26th May 2019 – 6th Sunday of Easter

- 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**

Services in June

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| 02 June | 09.30 | Holy Communion at St. Mary's |
| | 11.00 | All Age Worship at The Chapel |
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| 16 June | 09.30 | Holy Communion at St. Mary's |
| | 10.30 | Love Marlow Service in Higginson Park |
| 23 June | 09.30 | Holy Communion at The Chapel |
| | 11.00 | Service Sunday at St. Mary's |
| 30 June | 11.00 | Joint Lantern Service |

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

The Memorial Service for **Rev. Stanley Jones** will take place at All Saints Marlow on Sunday 2nd 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 31st May at 1.10pm with cellist Edward Deakins Light lunches available from 12.30pm.

Sat 1st June 7pm Next Stage Choir music from Greig to The Greatest Showman. Tickets www.nextstagechoir.com.

Sat 8th June 7.30pm Marlow Gospel Choir & Emanuel Gospel Voices of Paris. Tickets marlowgospelchoir@gmail.com.

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 29th. 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!

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.

The next **"Healing Room"** is Saturday 8th June 10 to 12noon at Christ Church URC. No appointment necessary.

MARLOW MUSEUM - Come and see our new exhibition - THE STORY OF MARLOW from pre-historic times to the current day - come and discover all the things about Marlow you don't know. Opening hours 1-5 Sat/Sun/Bank Hols. and 2-5 on Weds. Special opening each afternoon in Half Term week 28-31 May. We are always looking for Volunteer Stewards - if you can spare two hours a month to help, please contact Caroline Wesson (471669) or Barbara Wallis (523444)

Saturday 29th June Marlow Masonic Centre St. Peter's Street Open Day 10am to 2pm. An exhibition of charity work & initiatives in Marlow, all rooms open for viewing, refreshments available. Also for those who may wish to have a free PSA test there will be a fully qualified team available from 10am to 2pm. Further information from Barrie Reece 07966 154202. Everyone welcome especially families.

Readings for next week: Acts 9:1-19 John 17:20-end

***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 26th 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. **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; 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 dedicated volunteers supporting the school clubs and activities as they enjoy a half term break.

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, refugees and displaced people. **Pray** for those working to bring relief and genuine hope for all. 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 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.