



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.

9th June 2019 – Pentecost

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

Services in June

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

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.

Saturday June 22nd is also Rock Bottom - Marlow Bottom's very own mini-festival with live music, food and a great community feel. During the afternoon, we will be hosting our annual craft and story tent from 2-6pm (still gives you time to get the welsh Male Voice Choir in the evening!). We would love a team of helpers to host the tent, help with craft and chat with parents. we could also do with help setting up and clearing away. Plain biscuits for decorating are also very welcome as this is one of the most popular activities. If you can help for an hour (or more) that day, please contact Sami or Graham - you won't need to buy a ticket to get in if you want to come and help. THANK YOU!!

Sue, Monica & Kathy completed the **Christian Aid Walk**. Many thanks to their sponsors.

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT ALL SAINTS MARLOW:

Friday 14th June at 1.10pm with organist Richard Hobson Light lunches available from 12.30pm.

Sunday 23rd June at 3pm organist Paul Ayres

Sunday 30th June at 3pm cellist Nicky Tait (Music Trust concert)

Summer Events at St John's Little Marlow

Church Open Every Sunday afternoon from 2.30 to 4.30. Refreshments & cream teas available.

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

Lighthouse Marlow - Current needs

Thank you for your prayers and other actions which have brought in more volunteers but we do still need 2 or 3 Lighthouse Keepers and up to 10 young helpers to be Lamplighters, plus a couple more helpers with drama activities. These roles can be for one or more days, from 9 - 3.45pm. As well as these more part time helpers are needed in the morning to help look after helpers' children during briefing meetings and Refuel sessions (from about 8.45 to 10am) - if you have children coming to Lighthouse you can bring them with you. Please register at <https://lighthousecentral.org/get-involved>.

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. 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)

Lighthouse is paid for purely through donations from parents, churches and other local people and organisations, but we have run at a loss for the last three years. However, this year, as well as continuing to reduce our environmental impact, we are trying to reduce our costs! To help us break-even we are seeking donations of food and drink (for helpers refreshments) and craft items. A collection yellow box is at the back of All Saints church with a list of what is needed.

- Tins of hot chocolate
- Bottles of squash
- Tea bags
- Ground coffee
- Biscuits and cakes (shelf life beyond 9 August!)
- Old tee-shirts – adult sized (can have stains/small holes in them!)
- Empty cereal boxes (flattened)
- Packs of multicoloured felt pens
- Children's scissors
- Poster paints, paint pots, brushes
- Small child sized aprons
- White and coloured card of different sizes
- Stickers, googly eyes
- Cotton wool balls
- Storage boxes
- Colouring pencils/ crayons
- Paper plates
- Craft bits

Many thanks for your continued support.

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

Teddy Bears' Picnic As part of Love Marlow there will be a Teddy Bears' Picnic after school on **Wednesday 12th June** for all ages.

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: Romans 5: 1-5 John 16: 12-15

***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 9th June

A Prayer for Pentecost Come Holy Spirit, enter our silences. Come Holy Spirit, into the depths of our longing. Come Holy Spirit, our friend and our lover. Come Holy Spirit, unmask our pretending. Come Holy Spirit, expose our lives. Come Holy Spirit, sustain our weakness. Come Holy Spirit, redeem our creation. Enter our trusting, enter our fearing, enter our letting go, enter our holding back, flood our barren spaces, make fertile our deserts within. Break us and heal us, liberator of our desires. **Come Holy Spirit**, embrace and free us

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 for Love Marlow and its community activities. **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 return for the last half term of this school year.

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 Christians who face violence and death for their faith. **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 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; **Pray** for those who mourn them, may they know peace and acceptance.