



# 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.*

**04 August 2019 – Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

**09.30 Holy Communion at St Mary's ONLY**

## **Services in August**

<b>11 Aug</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Morning Worship at The Chapel</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Family service at St Mary's</b>
<b>18 Aug</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Mary's</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Family Service at The Chapel</b>
<b>25 Aug</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Holy Communion at The Chapel ONLY</b>

## NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We are looking forward to some social times together over the summer:

**Saturday 10th August** Jennie and Howard are hosting a strawberry cream tea - please speak to Jennie for details

**August 25th** we will be having a church barbecue, venue to be confirmed.

**Autumn Small Groups** . Are you interested in leading a small group in the autumn? As usual we are looking for a variety of groups from Bible study to social/activity groups. We'd love to hear your ideas. Groups will start from the week beginning 23rd September. We need to have the information on groups **by August 5th** in order to get the booklet together so a quick response would be appreciated. Submission form can be found at

<http://marlow.link/sgautumn19> If you want to discuss an idea please contact Sarah Fitzgerald, Ruth Frost or Kathy Burns. Also a date for your diary; Monday 9th September, 7.30, Marlow Church hall, meeting for small group leaders past, present and future for encouragement and support.

### Improving Communications

The team council has set as a priority for the next twelve months improving communications within the team and across the wider community. We recognise that one size does not fit all and so all types of communication will be under review, as will the various means we use to communicate with our multi-age communities.

The first stage in the review is to establish by which means our many communications are seen by you and to establish how you would prefer to receive them.

If we have your email address you will be receiving a link to an internet survey which we hope you will follow and complete. **You can also complete the survey by typing <http://4u-team.org/4Usurvey> in your internet browser.** Your completed survey will be sent for analysis automatically. If you do not have access to the internet then you can pick up a **paper version today at the back of the church.** Please hand your completed survey to either a church warden or to the parish office.

We really want to push on with improving our communications but to be most effective we need your help! Please return the completed survey as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Do you have an interest in / knowledge of websites?** We're looking for a volunteer to represent Marlow Bottom on a Website Team which will work to develop the Marlow team website as part of the Communication project.

Rev. Sarah Fitzgerald is leading the team. If you might be interested or want more information, email Sarah at [sarah.fitzgerald@4u-team.org](mailto:sarah.fitzgerald@4u-team.org) or see Kathy Burns or Nigel Lewis.

**Holiday request.** If you are visiting other churches during the summer, please could you look out for any news sheets, magazines, etc which could give us ideas for our own parish. Please bring them back and give them to a Church Warden or hand them in to the Parish Office. Thank you.

**One Can Trust** Summer Holiday Countdown Calendar - we are partnering with many local organisations to support families where children will not be able to receive their school meals during the summer holidays. Holiday hunger is a real issue, right on our doorstep. Do please start your own Countdown calendar, or simply donate a bag of shopping to One Can in the next few weeks. Most needed items are: tinned fish, tinned ham, rice, pasta /cooking sauce,t inned meat meals, reduced salt corned beef, tinned potatoes tinned fruit, long-life milk, jams/spreads, toothpaste and toothbrushes shampoo shower gel' For more info, please see <https://onecantrust.org.uk/summer-hunger/>

**St John's Little Marlow Church Open** every Sunday afternoon from 2.30 to 4.30pm. Refreshments available.

### **New Intern**

With Matt leaving, we're hoping and praying for a new intern in the coming year. If we do have one, they will need accommodation for the year. If this might be something you can help with, for part or all of the time, please speak to Sami or Graham.

### **Safeguarding - an update**

Penny Thompson, the Parish Safeguarding Officer is standing down and will be replaced by two people in the roles of Parish Safeguarding Officer and Deputy Safeguarding Officer. Kathy Burns remains Safeguarding Lead for St Mary's within the Anglican Team and Linda Lovell for the Chapel.

There will be **Safeguarding training at All Saints Marlow on Wednesday 18th**

**September** for those who are new to working with children, young people, or adults and also for those who need their training updating. The evening will begin at 7pm with refreshments and DBS checking. The actual training will begin at 7.30pm. If you have any queries, please contact Sami or Kathy.

### **Nearly New Sale**

At St. Mary's on Saturday 5th October 10:30 - 13:00

Clothes/Toys/Books/Bric a Brac, Tea and Cake

Please email Margo with any queries/offers of help. We will be collecting donations from September. [margotucker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:margotucker@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Alpha**

It's a long way off, but 3rd October will see the start of another Alpha course, which will run on Thursday evenings. Alpha is a great opportunity to explore faith and Christianity. This could be for you, but could definitely be for a friend. Look out for details coming soon.

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

### **Concert Dates for your Diary at All Saints Marlow**

**Sunday** afternoon Charity Concert **11<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm** with Elizabeth Corbett (cello) and John Lenehan (piano).

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm** A Summer Concert in aid of Chiltern Music Therapy

**All Saints High Wycombe** are seeking a Church Activities Coordinator to be involved with the practical management of their church building and integration of a diverse range of activities, working with both the church and wider community in a "front of house" role, 40 hours per week, salary £23,000 pa. Please send CV & covering letter to The Revd High Ellis, c/o The Parish Office by the **closing date of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**. Interviews will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. All Saints Parish Office, 8 Castle Street, High Wycombe Bucks HP13 6RF  
Tel: 01494 527526 Email: [office@allsaintshighwycombe.org](mailto:office@allsaintshighwycombe.org)

**Readings for next week:    Genesis 15:1-6    Luke 12:32-40**

***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 4<sup>th</sup> August**

**A Prayer for Lighthouse** Abba, Father, we pray that you will bless all who come to the Lighthouse Marlow on 5<sup>th</sup> August keep all the children and helpers safe, grant all joy and fellowship as they share and grow in faith. Inspire all to speak the words you want them to say, to show the love that you have for all your children, to live the joy you give us in our worship each morning and to give us enthusiasm to face each day with grateful anticipation, in Jesus name we ask it. Amen.

**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 our schools, the gifted and dedicated teachers, the dedicated volunteers supporting the school clubs and activities as they start the summer break. May they all enjoy a time of rest and relaxation to renew and refresh. **Pray** for safe travel. **Pray** for all those receiving the results of examinations, celebrate with those who are successful, pray for those who are disappointed and may they know that if one door closes God will open another.

**Pray** for Matt as he prepares to take up his role of Youth and Children Leader, may he build his teams and feel supported by all currently involved as volunteers in the various youth and children's groups

**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. **Pray** for peace and calm negotiation in the Middle East.

**Pray** for all those in our new government and positions of authority that they will make wise and good decisions in the interests of those they have sworn responsibility for and put aside personal ambition and self interest in the name of peace, respect and prosperity for our United Kingdom for the world and its needs.

**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.