

THE OTHER SIDE

4th August 2019 – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

All Saints
Marlow



08.00 Holy Communion (said)
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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

All are welcome to afternoon tea in the ASM Church Garden (the area by the Parish Office) from 2:30 to 5 pm TODAY. We will be serving scones, jam and cream with a lovely cup of tea. All proceeds will go to the work of Great Lakes Outreach and J-Life in Burundi

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

4U TEAM VOLUNTEERS

The opening service for **Lighthouse** Marlow will be held in the main tent on the field at **Holy Trinity School TONIGHT at 6.45 pm.**

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 tomorrow Monday 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.

Anyone wanting to display a poster on either the outside or indoor noticeboards are reminded that the Parish Office can only accept A4 sized posters.

Rota for closing the church

We want to say a huge thank you to Linda Cassidy for her commitment in preparing and co-ordinating the rota for closing the church over the past few years. Linda will be leaving us in September and we are therefore looking for someone to take over this important role. Linda will be around to provide training for the preparation of the September rota. Please contact Julie (07775 517902, julie.purves@b2m-solutions.com) or Linda if you are interested in taking on this role. We would also love to hear from anyone who is interested in volunteering on the rota.

We are looking for new members of the team that serves all four of the churches in our team. Might you be able to serve as:

Team Treasurer - working alongside Dave Bull and 4 Church Treasurers to manage our small (£30k) team-wide budget (mainly clergy expenses and parish office costs) co-ordinate the annual accounts process. Requires numeracy (not necessarily accountancy) skills, good communication and team work.

Weddings welcomer - a Sunday role, looking out for and welcoming engaged couples and helping them to choose the venue for their wedding. Making them feel at home as they come (as many do) to worship with us in the lead up to their wedding. Also organising and administrating our popular Marriage Preparation Course over 4 evenings each spring.

Baptism co-ordinator - working with Sarah Fitzgerald to organise and administrate the 50 or so children's baptisms we host across our 4 churches each year. The role involves receiving initial applications, working with families to identify the best service option and dates, which can sometimes be a challenge when we are booked up six months in advance. It also involves running the 'Baptism Diary' for All Saints' Marlow. Requires a welcoming spirit, good administration and sometimes good diplomacy skills! For more details on any of these roles, please contact the parish office.

For your diary - Eve's next Church Lunches will be 27th October and 24th November.

Easy Giving update A huge thank you to our 30 #easyfundraising supporters who have now raised £280. Please continue to support the Church through this and why not become our 31st supporter?? Over 3,600 different retailers give free donations at no extra cost to yourself. To find out more, visit: <http://efraising.org/Ejg5yOW8Ap>

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 tinned meat meals, reduced salt corned beef, tinned

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

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Sunday 11th August at 3pm With Elizabeth Corbett (cello) and John Lenehan (piano).

Wednesday 4th September 7.30pm A Summer Concert in aid of Chiltern Music Therapy

SAVE THE DATE - Big Church Picnic Lunch Sunday 1st September @ 12:30 pm

Everybody welcome to the ASM Big Church Picnic Lunch on Sunday 1st September in the church yard. It will also be the chance to say 'thank you' to all our volunteers for their tireless work over the last year. Look out for more details in the coming weeks. Please contact Charlie Brown if you have any questions, charlie.brown@4u-team.org.

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.

Comments & Suggestions

Following on from a comment made in the ACCM, a specific email address has been created to send any comments or suggestions you may have. Please send these to suggestions@4U-team.org OR you can still use the box at the rear of the church. Dave, Julie & Paul.

Marlow Refugee Action We now have a new leaflet available at the back of church and a new website <http://marlowrefugeeaction.org.uk> . Please do take a look as there is updated information about all of our current projects. You can also sign up for our newsletter through the website.

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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/>

Churches Together in Marlow

Copies of the summer issue of the CTM newsletter are available at the back of the church.

All Saints High Wycombe are looking for a Church Activities Coordinator. This is a full time

Sandygate School have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor 1.25 hrs. per day in term time. Please see poster for details.

position. See poster displayed on the Narthex notice board for details.

Please could items for The Other Side be sent to the Parish Office by 9.30 am on Wednesday. After that time we cannot guarantee we will be able to include your notice

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday 10.30 Holy Communion
Wednesday 08.15 Morning Prayer

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08.00 Holy Communion (said)
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Readings for next week:
Genesis 15:1-6 Luke 12:32-40

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four churches,
one vision

TOGETHER IN PRAYER AT ALL SAINTS

Week beginning 4th August

A Prayer for Lighthouse Abba, Father, we pray that you will bless all who come to the Lighthouse Marlow on 5th 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.