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**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.

18 August 2019 – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Services in August & September

25 Aug	09.30	Holy Communion at The Chapel ONLY
01Sept	09.30	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
	11.00	Lantern at The Chapel
08 Sept	09.30	Holy Communion in The Chapel
	11.00	Lantern at St. Mary's

NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On **August 25th** we are having a church barbecue, time and venue to be confirmed.

St John the Baptist, Little Marlow will be hosting the next **Churches Together prayer meeting on Saturday 31st August at 9 am** and would welcome worshippers from all the churches in the Marlow area. Coffee will be served after the meeting.

Small Groups

A date for your diary; **Monday 9th September, 7.30pm** All Saints' Marlow Church Hall, meeting for small group leaders past, present and future for encouragement and support.

"Just Listening" 5th October 2.00 - 5.30, All Saints Marlow's Church Hall, The Causeway, Marlow. This is a pastoral course led by Sue Simpson from Christchurch, Flackwell Heath and all are very welcome. There is a small charge of £5 to include the course book, Acorn Books - 'Just Listen, God's challenge to listen in a noisy world', which will be waiting for you when you arrive. Tea and cake will be served mid afternoon.

Please see Kathy for more details and/or to book a place **by 5th September**.

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 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.

St John's Little Marlow Church Open every Sunday afternoon during the summer 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

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.

Concert Dates for your Diary at All Saints Marlow

Wednesday 4th September 7.30pm A Summer Concert in aid of Chiltern Music Therapy, organized by our organ scholar, Harry Turnbull.

Saturday 5th October 7.30pm Ascot Brass and Choirs of Sir William Borlase's Grammar School.

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 23rd August**. Interviews will be held on Saturday 7th September. All Saints Parish Office, 8 Castle Street, High Wycombe Bucks HP13 6RF
Tel: 01494 527526 Email: office@allsaintshighwycombe.org

Readings for next week: Isaiah 58:9b-end Luke 13:10-17

***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 18th August

THE WORLD IS BEAUTIFUL Because the world is beautiful, and beauty is a tender thing, and we are stewards of creation, we need you God. We need you, God. Because human knowledge seems endless, and we do not know what we do not know, we need you, God. We need you God. Because we can live without you, and we are free to go against you, and could worship our wisdom alone, we need you, God. We need you, God. Because you came among us, and sat beside us, and heard us speak and saw us ignore you, and healed our pain and let us wound you, and loved us to the end and triumphed over all our hatred, we need you, God. We need you, God,

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 all those receiving the results of examinations, celebrate with those who are successful, and looking forward to new experiences and pray for those who are disappointed and may they know that if one door closes God will open another, so trust and have faith.

Pray for Matt as he takes 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, in Pakistan and India.

Pray for all those in 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. We pray for a successful resolution to the negotiations around Brexit and for a peaceful transition.

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 and comfort to those who mourn.