

All Saints Church Marlow

The Bridge

Summer 2016 - Free Copy



Our choirs, together with the choir of Reading Minster, sang all three services at St. George's Chapel, Windsor on Sunday 5th June

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four churches,
one vision

Pressing Stop in a Fast Forward World - Dave Bull

As I write this, we are enjoying blue skies and soaring temperatures. Our riverside town is at its most beautiful. The streets and parks are full of people – but they are doing something very strange. They have slowed down. They are simply relaxing and enjoying the warmth of the sun.

In our 24/7 world that moves at breathless, breakneck speed it fascinates me that a spell of hot weather has the power to make us do what normally seems impossible: simply slow down. Most of us have a nagging sense that we would be happier if we could just press stop in our fast forward world. So why do we find it so difficult?

How can I be happy?

We find it hard to stop because we don't know what really makes us happy. Our activity is rooted in a subconscious belief that doing more and acquiring more will make us truly happy. But it never will. Focussing on our external lives and neglecting the inner life of the soul will never bring lasting happiness.

By and large, the world we live in teaches us that as long as we surround ourselves with the right things – the right people, the right home, the right clothes, the right holidays and so on – then we will have a happy life. This thinking is absolutely endemic to our culture. Just watch a few minutes of adverts on TV: products are no longer sold for what they do, but on the promise that they can make us feel happy. None of us is immune to the pernicious suggestion that if only we have or do a little bit more then we will be happy. But for increasing numbers of people, the truth is that we have never had so much, nor been so unhappy.

As Jonathan Sacks writes, “The 21st century has left us with a maximum of choice and a minimum of meaning”. As a society, we are addicted to the external life and have failed

to notice that it offers at best a temporary high of happiness. We have neglected the inner life. We need to re-learn how to feed our souls.

The power of the inner life.

Lasting happiness is found not in externals, but in the inner, spiritual life of our thoughts, habits and emotions. There are many wonderful external pleasures to be had in life, but they can only be truly pleasurable to those who are already inwardly happy. This explains why it is possible to feel miserable on a wonderful holiday and yet full of joy when walking down the pavement on a rainy day.

There is lots of ancient wisdom on how to grow in the inner, spiritual life. Much of this teaching comes from those (for example monks and nuns) who have deliberately denied themselves external trappings so that they can focus more clearly on the inner life.

Jesus beautifully described this life and our need for it:

*“Are you tired? Worn out?
Burned out on religion? Come to me.
Get away with me and
you'll recover your life.
I'll show you how to take a real rest.
Walk with me and work with me -
watch how I do it.
Learn the unforced rhythms of
grace. I won't lay anything
heavy or ill-fitting on you.
Keep company with me and
you'll learn to live freely and lightly.”*

(Matthew 11:28-30, The Message)

How about these verses as a theme for your



summer this year? How about spending this summer learning what 'real rest' feels like? How about stepping off the hamster wheel and learning the 'unforced rhythms of grace'?

How to live happily.

It takes determination to press 'stop'. It requires courage to attend to our inner lives. If avoiding difficult thoughts or painful feelings is our motivation, we will soon give up, because when we stop running all our baggage catches up with us! But there are plenty of ancient paths we can follow to help us 'get away with' God and 'recover our life'.

Here are four to consider:

Pray - simply make some new time in your life to stop and be alone with God. Talk honestly with him about what matters most to you. Try to sit in complete silence for a bit longer than feels comfortable. Remember he is closer than you think he is. Keep a journal of what you are thinking and feeling. God's word – the bible has never been improved upon, though many have tried!

There is simply no substitute for reading for yourself the words that have inspired countless millions through the ages. These ancient words impart spiritual life in a way nothing else can. Why not read the four gospels this summer? Or read through the Psalms? Or get some bible reading notes (try 'Every Day with Jesus'), or use the daily guides at www.biblegateway.net or download

the excellent YouVersion Bible App.

Church – a friend asked me recently, "why don't I do the things I know will make me feel better?" It's a good question! In the long run meeting regularly with other Christians is indispensable to a growing spiritual life. If you woke up every Sunday morning and asked 'do I feel like going for a run today?' you probably wouldn't run very often and you wouldn't get fit. Yet many people take this approach to going to church. Through June and July we are teaching about the basics of the faith – why not come to them all?

On 10th July at the 1059 service we have a guest speaker, Simon Guillebaud. Simon is a missionary in Burundi and has some astonishing stories of God at work. I am sure it will be the most inspiring talk delivered in All Saints this year. Please don't miss it!

Books – why not pack some holiday reading for your soul? Try, 'Too Busy not to Pray' (Bill Hybels), 'Money Sex and Power' (Richard Foster) or 'Finding Sanctuary' and 'Finding Happiness' (both by Abbot Christopher Jamison).

What can you do to nurture your inner life this summer? Please don't just assume that a couple of weeks away on holiday will make you feel happy. Why not learn some new ways to press 'stop' and build new habits that will grow your soul? That way the joy of slowing down in the summertime can be enjoyed all the year round.



Music Matters - Martin Seymour

Our last couple of articles have concentrated on giving you a profile of the music staff and an insight into how they fit into our church and choir community. So this 'Music Matters' is as a way of a bit of a catch up on activities and what is to come and what a few months we've had!

The first bit of news is that very sadly we're going to be losing Tom, our organist, much earlier than he or we had hoped. The calls on his law course and an interim post overseas have necessitated an early departure from a group that he feels very much at home with. We wish him well in his future activities and music making and I'm sure we'll be seeing him again at some point.

On a more positive note looking back over the last few months we've seen the choir fundraising with the Reading Male Voice Choir concert, a pretty much sell-out event. Five choristers passed their bronze Bishop Chorister exams, eight choristers attended the RSCM Oxford course at Easter and for a second year running one of our boys, Louis this time, won the scholarship for the summer residential course at Bath Abbey!

As I write we are also preparing to sing at St George's Chapel Windsor on June 5th with a mixture of our boys and the choir of Reading Minster with our senior girls joining them for the final Choral Evensong. This sort of experience and occasion will stay with them for the rest of their lives and like the tour that we did last year it will help them to develop as individuals and musicians spreading the word about our church.

We continue to recruit from as many schools as possible as we can never rest on our laurels. At the moment the boys' choir is down on numbers with a substantial bulge of choristers being at the end of the junior school years or above. We have moved the Monday rehearsal to straight after school at



St. George's Chapel Windsor

Holy Trinity School to try and help parents with travel but our biggest marketing force is you, so please keep spreading the word!

Another change is the timing of Evensong to 5.30 pm. This is to help, particularly later in the year, with those wishing to attend but may be concerned about the dark nights, the concentration span for some of the younger choristers and more flexibility for youth activities in the evening. We will also be launching a marketing campaign leading up to the autumn to tempt new people to try a quiet, relaxing and contemplative start to the week by trying evening church. Watch this space!

The Occasional Singers continue to sing a couple of times a month and always welcome new members. This is a non-auditioned group and reading music isn't a necessity but a basic level is an advantage. Do contact me if you're interested.

The Friday lunchtime and soon to be Sunday afternoon concerts, continue to be well attended. Most are able to Gift Aid any donation which always helps. People do ask me how much they raise and it does vary from concert to concert. Sometimes the



takings for the lunches can be just as much as for the retiring collection. Such quality musicians generally do these concerts for generous travelling expenses as they see the good work that we are doing with the music and community here at the church. Although any donation is welcome we are getting very good value for money from our performers at the current level of donations.

The un-sung heroes of the concerts are Bill

Masser who sorts all of the Gift Aid figures, Janet for the concert administration and Julia and her crew for the lunches. Thank you to you all!

So here's to some more great music making whether it be from our choristers or outside performers. One date for your diary – July 17th at 5.30 - the final Choral Evensong of the academic year followed by our BBQ! Do come along and enjoy.

Churches Together in Marlow - Tony Threlfall

The revised arrangements for the Good Friday observance worked out well. About 100 people gathered in Higginson Park in bright sunshine for a time of prayer and praise led by a team from Newfield Community Church. This was followed by a walk up the High Street to join others meeting at Marlow Methodist Church.

The church was full to capacity for an all-age service conducted by Graham Watts, with music led by Gill Taylor. An interactive talk given by Anna Clarke held the attention of everyone. The problems that were associated with this year's Walk of Witness have now been resolved. CTM has appropriate insurance cover and two accredited persons have volunteered to marshal the event next year.

A revised constitution has been written that recognises changes that have occurred

in the way that CTM works and takes decisions. The committee meets quarterly and is comprised of two nominated lay members from each member church, with an elected chairman, secretary and treasurer.

The executive is comprised of the ministers and pastors of the member churches, and meets monthly with the chairman and secretary of the committee. Some of the church leaders have been meeting to seek a vision and develop a strategy for the future of youth work in Marlow.

A structure has been proposed whereby each church would appoint a leader with responsibility for youth work within its own area of influence. For larger 'town-wide' events, youth workers from the member churches would work as a team under CTM leadership.

Are You in the Loop? - Muriel Reynolds

One of the grumbles heard most often in church is 'I don't know what's going on.' It's a complaint that I've heard consistently since I've been a member of All Saints, some 36 years. So it's not a new problem. Failing to keep everyone informed is often one of the downsides of success. The more people to be told, the more chance that someone will be left out. As our congregation grows, and we now have one and a half times the number of people every Sunday as we did five years ago, so the problem worsens.

With this in mind at ASM we are increasingly using electronic communication to get messages across. We now send regular emails to alert you to changes, to invite you to events, to inform you about special services or teaching series. Or simply to celebrate our good news.

If you receive these emails then you need to do no more – you are in the loop – and unless you ask us to stop you will continue to be in the communication loop. If you are not, we will still try our best to inform you using notices and 'The Other Side' - but better still if you have email then why don't you join our 'loop'. Its easy to do. The church's database has a mass emailing facility so all we need is your email address and your permission to use it as described above. Send me an email at muriel.reynolds@4u-team.org and I will do the rest.

Another advantage of our database is that you can choose to be part of the on-line directory. It's a private contact directory for members of our team congregations. Like a telephone directory you just look up a person's name and, if they have given permission, their contact details are displayed. How much is displayed is entirely up to them. From name only (not an effective contact list!) to any combination of name, address, telephone number and email address. You have complete control



over what is displayed and you can change what is displayed yourself anytime you wish.

Interested? You need to be invited to join the directory. If you receive our communication emails then you should also have received an invitation to join the directory and a password which will get you into the directory (as I said earlier, it is a closed system, only invitees can access the directory). Once you have gained access the directory displays your own database record in its entirety. Again you are the only person who will be able to see this. Next to your name is a button with a pencil graphic – this allows you to edit your details. Just click the pencil to go into edit mode.

Once you are happy that the details in the central column are correct you can choose which contact details other directory users are able to see. In the right hand column under the heading [Privacy Settings](#), click onto any square next to those details you are happy to display. If you change your mind, just click the tick to turn it off – it's an on/off switch. Save the changes to update both the database and your directory entry.

Now you are in the directory what does it

allow you to do?

On the left is a list of the options you see wherever you are in the directory. You will always find the list on the left.

Clicking .. [Home](#) – will always take you back to the start page with your details.

[My communication](#) – lists all the emails you have ever received via the database emailing system.

[My children](#) – there is a hidden childrens' section, not publically accessible, but you can see and amend your own child's record. You cannot see anyone else's childrens details.

[My events](#) – sign up and view church events and activities.

[My groups](#) – view members of discipleship groups to which you belong. You can email individual members or the whole group

from this option. You can even start group conversations.

[Search for others](#) – opens an A-Z contact directory of church members who, like you, have given permission for their contact details to be displayed.

[Church website](#) - click to access the Team website.

[10:59 Child registration](#) – this is under development. It will be used to speed up young church registration.

[Log out](#) – takes you out of the directory - It really is that easy.

Do try it out. If you have forgotten your password, email mauriel.reynolds@4u-team.org

Let's try to eliminate that old grumble and make sure as many people as possible ARE in the loop!

Sunday July 17th 10.59 Service at All Saints Marlow

Friends together with pupils, parents and staff, both past and present, are invited to this special Leaver Service for **Catherine Carter**, Headteacher of Holy Trinity school



We will celebrate and give thanks for her distinguished teaching career, spanning some 30 years, numerous achievements and unique ministry within the town.

Please join us for tea/coffee and cake after the service

The New Service Wardens - Julie Purves

The new church year has got off to an exciting start for us! As part of the planning for the Annual Church Meeting, Dave Bull and the Leadership Team had been prayerfully considering how we needed to respond to the growth that is occurring in our church. Richard Powell has been our only churchwarden for the past year and we owe him a huge 'thank you' for all he has done to keep the show on the road.

Going forward, it was recognised that this was not sustainable and we needed to position ourselves correctly if we are to build on the growth and take the wonderful opportunities that are opening up for us. To do this Dave and the team decided that there needed to be some significant changes to the way in which the church is led, by sharing responsibility more widely. This includes splitting up the role of churchwarden into a number of smaller roles and hence the role of Service Warden was born. God was working in the hearts of a number of people who came forward at the Annual Meeting to offer themselves as Service Wardens. It is wonderful to see the way in which people's gifts fit exactly with the roles they are taking up – on the day of the Annual Meeting we had exactly the right number of candidates for each role!

So now we are able to introduce our new Service Wardens to you:

8.00 a.m. Service: James Cook



9.15 a.m. Service: Anne Morse (assisted by Ritchard Tysoe)



@1059 Service: David Clarke (assisted by Jay Blake)



5.30 pm. Service: Sue Glyn-Woods



What is the Service Warden's role?

As our Church continues to grow our ability to communicate grows ever more important. The role of Service Warden has been set up in order to provide a bridge between everyone in the congregation and each of the individuals that contribute to our Christian community. This includes the clergy, stewards, sidesmen, church wardens, welcome teams, pastoral teams, hospitality teams, choirs and the Parish Office.

The service wardens are there to provide support wherever they can. This is at a personal level, where they will endeavour to 'signpost' the way to the help and guidance you may be seeking, both practical and spiritual. It is also at a group level, where they will aim to facilitate communication and ensure that no balls are dropped.

The Service Wardens want to maintain what is working today and help in the development of our church for tomorrow. Often very small things can make a big difference and they really want to hear your views on how you would like things to be.

They are your representatives on the Church Council. When important things are discussed they will share them with you and get your opinions. They will also support the church wardens and work closely with the other service wardens to build a common approach to working together and learning from each other.

It is very early days in the new way of working but we are very excited about it. Please do talk to your Service Wardens and their assistants, and share your views.

Give Me Patience Anna Clarke

Give me patience and give it to me now.

When I lived in Romania, some of the staff used to joke about being the kind of people who would sometimes pray along the lines of: "God, give me patience ... and I'd like it now please!" Ironic though it may be, it's actually probably true of quite a lot of us.

How often do we pray wanting immediate results? So often we convince ourselves that our timing is right and that God should really take a leaf out of our book on this whole timing business! But I am learning that the more we submit to Him the more we see that His ways and His timing are indeed perfect.

Last term, my prayers for the schools work were becoming increasingly more demanding: "God, I need more people" or even, "God, if you want me to carry on then I need people to help". Still nothing. Then, over the course of a week, five people contacted me - completely independently of one another, offering support to various children's groups. A coincidence? Perhaps. God's timely answer to prayer. More likely.

I am so thankful for how God has blessed the children's ministry within the schools during my first year here. It has been a privilege to work with both Catherine Carter and Julianna Hall this year - Headteachers of Holy Trinity and Sandygate respectively. They are both leaving at the end of this academic year and I want to say THANK YOU to both of them for how incredibly supportive and open they have been in allowing us input into school life.

Although I can no longer do a Sainsbury's shop without a wave from at least one child, I love the relationship that I am building with the children and this is only possible through regular contact with the schools. It is clear God is paving a way for us to be an active

presence within the schools and in the lives of the children there and I look forward to next year with excitement for all that God has in store!

In writing this I've been reminded of the lyrics of an old song that say: "In His time, in His time, He makes all things beautiful in His time. Lord, please show me every day, as You're teaching me Your way, that You do just what You say in Your time."

It's fascinating to be involved at All Saints during such an exciting period of activity. I pray too that as we move forward and make plans for the future, we might be just as accepting of and obedient to that voice that says 'wait', 'listen' or 'not now' as we are to the one that says 'go', 'do', 'now' and that we might learn to fully trust that where God leads, He meets our needs and where He guides, He provides.

Anna Clarke, Children's Discipleship Leader

"Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."
(Philippians 1:6)



Sandygate 'Lions'

Thy Kingdom Come - Gill Taylor

In the week before Pentecost, thousands of Christians prayed through the day and through the night; in groups and on their own; in churches and in the streets. Here at All Saints we were part of this great wave of prayer.

The 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative was instigated by Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu. The idea was that throughout the Anglican Communion, people would set aside time to pray for the evangelisation of the nation; to simply pray: Thy Kingdom Come.

First throughout the nation and then out into the world the idea resonated with Christians from many nations and denominations; and so it was with great excitement that between the 8th and 15th May we opened our Prayer Chapel for another week of 24/7 Prayer. The Prayer Chapel was full of resources to help people to pray.

Throughout the week the Prayer Chapel saw many visitors, some regular visitors to All Saints, and some who had never been before who had just heard about the prayer space and came to visit.

Between this week of prayer, and our 24/7 Prayer during Holy Week we prayed for over 300 hours. I am very grateful to all the team who helped create such beautiful prayer



spaces. Special thanks to Linda Cassidy, Linda Scott and Anne Morse who put in many hours of preparation and were the creative inspiration behind the contents of the Prayer Chapel.

I have been thrilled to hear people's stories of their time in the Prayer Chapel meeting with God and enjoying their time with Him. If you have any feedback or stories you'd like to share, please feel free to email me at: gill.taylor@4u-team.org or drop them into the Parish Office.

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Art & Spirituality - Linda Scott

Our recent event for Lent and Easter comprised seven installations. These represented Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to the crucifixion.

Sandygate primary school pupils visited All Saints during Easter week, accompanied by their teachers. Members of the congregations at ASM, who had volunteered to man each installation, explained the significance of each stage in Christ's journey. Many of the installations were interactive and the children enjoyed the aroma of the herbs & spices, placing their hands in the 'hard' and then washing their fingers before taking a piece of bread from the table representing the Last Supper.



During the week members of each congregation, visitors to the church and those volunteering to pray in the Prayer Chapel in our week of 24/7 prayer, were all able to encounter aspects of Christ's journey as represented by each installation. As a focus for prayer, a large wire and metal cross was suspended high above the prayer space. The total number of people who experienced the displays included three congregations on two consecutive Sundays plus all the school children and visitors during Easter week.



Beside the display of 30 pieces of silver, they picked up a coin to represent something they regretted doing or saying and they were encouraged to place this at the foot of the Cross. Holy Trinity pupils, teachers and parents also experienced the displays when they attended their service at All Saints.



There were many positive comments. Young and old took the opportunity to write their own prayers and place them in the Prayer Chapel and these are some examples: "Pray for co-operation between different parts of our community", "Help me to make myself available to you in the way you plan for me", "Lord, I want to walk in your path. Please guide me", "I pray that I can trust you even when times are tough", "God help the vulnerable".

"Let me constantly draw on You as my source", "Lord, I pray for courage to become all you call us to be, for wisdom and for peace", "For Healing and for outpouring of the Holy Spirit". Dozens of prayers were written on paper tags and suspended from the tree branches in the chapel.

Community News from Marlow's Church of England Schools



Sandygate - Holy Trinity - Little Marlow

Summer Term 2016

Space Seeds



The reception classes at Marlow Church of England Infant School are very lucky to be taking part in a space seed experiment! 'Sandygate' was one of the schools in the country to be selected to take part in this unique investigation.

The children will be finding out whether seeds that have spent six months in the micro gravity of the International Space Station with Tim Peake will grow differently to seeds that have been only on earth.

The seeds were planted on Wednesday 20th April and since then the children have been watering, monitoring and measuring the plants. This is an exciting opportunity for the children and they have enjoyed watching the seeds grow. At the end of the experiment the children will make a prediction based on

the seeds growth as to which seeds had been in space and which seeds have been on earth. These results will then be sent to the European Space Agency and the Royal Horticultural Society.



Habitat Hunters



This term, the Year 2 children have been completing their topic 'Habitat Hunters'. As part of the learning in this topic, the children have been exploring the habitats and micro-habitats of various bugs and animals.

The highlight of the topic was the recent excellent day trip to visit Mop End Field Studies Centre. The day was led by some very knowledgeable specialist teachers who taught the children lots of fascinating

facts about mini-beasts. The exploring also involved digging through the woods, looking under logs and rummaging through leaves to find a variety of different creatures.

The mini-beasts that were found during a pond dipping session deserved even closer examination. Once caught, the creatures were put in pots and examined under a microscope. The children were then able to identify and classify them.



Ships Ahoy!

Year One had a wonderful trip to the seaside, a few weeks ago. The long coach trip to Brighton culminated with an excited chorus of "I can see the sea!" The children have been learning all about sea creatures and pirates in our topic 'Ships Ahoy!'

So a trip to the SeaLife Centre was a wonderful opportunity for them to do a little bit more first-hand learning. The children watched the sharks and rays being fed and they had the opportunity to touch starfish. The tunnel under the water was a particular highlight for the children as they were able to see such large sea animals so close up! There were a huge number of interesting facts for the children to find out and this new found knowledge was used to help them

complete their information booklets about their chosen sea creatures on their return to school. A quick trip to the beach was a perfect end to the day. Each child looked for and found a 'perfect pebble' to take home as a souvenir from their great day out. Thankfully the weather stayed dry and the children returned home full of voice on the coach!



Improving Learning through a Community Effort



Little Marlow is a small village school. Like all schools there is never enough money to really embark upon those big projects which will make an impact. But 'good things come in small packages' and the parents, pupils, friends and families set to work to raise the necessary funds to improve their rather 'tired' outdoor learning space.

"Play underpins the EYFS. It also underpins learning and all aspects of children's development. Through play, children develop language skills, their emotions and creativity, social and intellectual skills. For most children their play is natural and spontaneous although some children may need extra help from adults.

Play takes place indoors and outdoors and it is in these different environments that children explore and discover their immediate world. It is here they practise new ideas and skills, they take risks, show imagination and solve problems on their own or with others."
(Early Years Matters 2016)

We all want the best for our children and so the PTA worked tirelessly to raise the extra funds needed. Then, The Maidenhead Advertiser launched their annual Vouchers for Schools initiative. How could a school with only 82 pupils hope to collect enough vouchers to win the prize?

Passion, commitment, hard work, determination and tremendous community spirit showed the way! Now with the additional £2,000 prize money combined with the funds already raised the transformation could be started:

- A sandpit you can actually get into!
- Climbing equipment
- and the best of all, a mud kitchen! Every child's idea of fun (mums may not be so enthusiastic.)

However, not only have the efforts of the whole school community raised the necessary funds to start our renovation project, more importantly they have taught our children a vital lesson for life: however hard the challenge may appear, the power of commitment, working together for the good of others, dedication and passion bring their rewards. A living example of Growth Mindsets!



Easter Week at Holy Trinity

During the last week of the spring term, each year group engages creatively with a specific theme to enable children to develop a deeper understanding of the Easter story.

- Year 3 – Hope from Despair
- Year 4 – Sacrifice
- Year 5 – An Easter Experience
- Year 6 – Resurrection and Salvation

The children have an opportunity and are encouraged to express themselves as creatively as possible through various ways such as artwork, dance and P4C (Philosophy for Children).

They are able to discuss interesting issues that arise and explore how Easter is celebrated across the world. Teachers ensure that children can make links with the biblical story and how this can create an

understanding of the world around us today. The Year 3 children looked at the symbolic representation of an egg bringing new life and discussed stories where hard situations were overcome by hope.

Children in Year 4 were encouraged to discuss news stories or times in their lives where they have sacrificed something for someone else.

Year 6 examined the themes at the heart of the Easter story; resurrection and salvation and how they can reflect on beliefs that are significant to them.

Year 5 had a specific focus on the significance of the empty cross and created Easter gardens in our vegetable patch. The children worked collaboratively in small groups to design and build a replica of Golgotha and the tomb where Jesus was laid after his crucifixion. They had a fantastic time doing this and the end results were stunning.

Bablu - Our Sponsored Child

After the very sad news of Sairam's passing, the School Council have discussed how they can continue to support Sairam's community.

They have decided to sponsor a new child, through Compassion UK, and are very excited to introduce Bablu from East India. He lives on the plains of Peyton Sahi which is 30km north of Bhubaneshwar and is home to approximately 20,000 residents.

Bablu is 5 years old, is an only child and lives with his parents. To help make a difference in Bablu's life, the children have an opportunity to write letters to him and keep him in their prayers. The School Council raise funds to make an annual donation to ensure support is there for Bablu to receive an education,

have health check-ups and be given the opportunity to attend a church-based Compassion project where he will be known, loved and protected. We look forward to hearing all of Bablu's news in the near future.



8th – 11th July

Flower Festival

Theme 'A Jolly Good Read'

All Saints Church, Marlow

Friday: 7:30pm to 9:30pm Preview Evening
Admission by ticket £8 – Includes a glass of wine

Saturday & Monday: 10am to 6pm
Sunday: 12:30pm to 5pm
Admission at the door: £3

Tickets from : The Parish Office, The Causeway, Marlow
Open 10am to 12:30pm Mon – Fri
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Or Marlow Tourist Information Office
Or The Organiser on 01628 485383

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