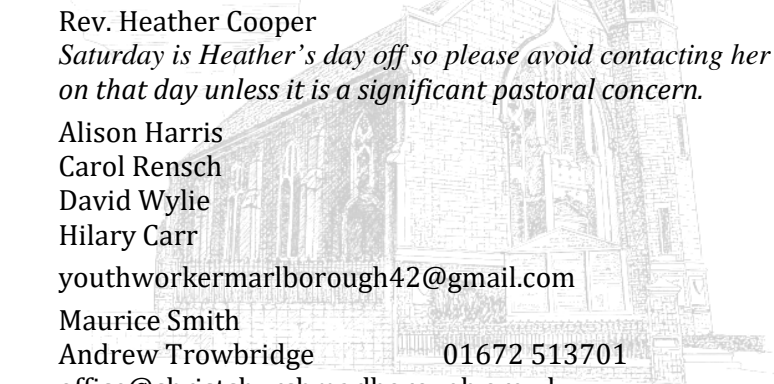


# CHRISTCHURCH MARLBOROUGH MONTHLY

## FEBRUARY 2018

### CONTACTS



Minister	Rev. Heather Cooper <i>Saturday is Heather's day off so please avoid contacting her on that day unless it is a significant pastoral concern.</i>
Stewards:	Alison Harris Carol Rensch David Wylie Hilary Carr
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Bookings:	Maurice Smith
Church Office:	Andrew Trowbridge                      01672 513701 office@christchurchmarlborough.org.uk

If you are unable to contact the minister, in case of need, please try Alison Harris or one of the other stewards (see contact details above). Alternatively send an email to or leave a telephone message at the church office.

### HOME GROUPS

We have a home group that meets alternate Wednesdays at 7.45pm - the contact details are:

Kate Trowbridge                      3 Van Diemens Close, Marlborough, SN8 4BN

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Hangout@Devotion is a drop in for the youth of St. Johns and it is now up and running again in the Wesley Hall every Thursday from 7-8.30pm. Each night, there is table tennis, games, music and much more for the young people to do. If you can offer a young person a listening ear when they need one then please do get in touch and come see us one night. We always welcome new volunteers.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

February

4	9.00am	Informal Communion service
	10.30am	Worship led by Mr Andrew Trowbridge
6	2.45pm	Women's Fellowship meets (Women's World Day of Prayer)
7	7.30pm	MCT AGM at St Mary's Church Hall
11	10.30am	Worship led by Rev Heather Cooper
	12.15pm	Sunday Lunch Club
13	2.45pm	Women's fellowship - speaker Father John Blacker
14	10.00am	Ash Wednesday service at Pewsey Methodist Church
18	10.30am	Worship led by Mrs Joyce Barnes
	6.30pm	Informal worship service led by Kate and Andrew Trowbridge
20	2.45pm	Women's Fellowship - speaker Mrs Sandra Wylie including Bring & Buy
21	7.30pm	Lent talk - Lizzie Whitbread - Diocesan Adviser for Work with Young People
25	10.30am	Worship led by Mrs Chrissy Whittington
27	2.45pm	Women's Fellowship - speaker Mrs Kate Trowbridge
28	7.30pm	Lent talk - Matthew Devlin - Chair of Community Chaplain Association

**Check out our website at [www.christchurchmarlborough.org.uk](http://www.christchurchmarlborough.org.uk)**

## **KEEPING YOU INFORMED**

### **Informal worship**

The informal worship service at 6.00pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February will be led by Kate and Andrew Trowbridge and will follow the theme 'Choices and Temptations'.

### **Brilliant Young Musicians in St Peter's Church**

Next event Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm. With pianist Jessica Zhu. The programme will include Ravel Sonatine; Brahms Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel Op. 24; Maurice Ohana Preludes; Rachmaninov Sonata No. 2 Op. 36. Tickets at £10 are available from the White Horse Bookshop and Sound Knowledge.

### **Marlborough & District Link Scheme** (*Charity No. 1069752*)

Do you have trouble getting out and about or need a little help at home? The Link Scheme can help, and covers Avebury, Beckhampton, Berwick Bassett, Cadley, Clench Common, East & West Kennett, Lockeridge, Marlborough, Manton, Mildenhall, Ogbournes, Rockley, West Overton and the Winterbournes. Call: 01672 288007 (phone line open Mon-Fri from 9am to 5pm).

New volunteers are always welcome, could you be a LINK driver, taking people to medical appointments, shopping or social activities? Or help with small tasks in the home? Call: 01672 288007 [www.marlboroughlink.org.uk](http://www.marlboroughlink.org.uk).

### **Sunday Lunch Club**

If you normally eat Sunday Lunch alone or if you simply want a break from the cooking then why not join us. Lunches are normally once a month, cost just £7.50, for which you receive a two course meal (often a roast and vegetables plus trimmings and a dessert) followed by tea or coffee. More importantly there is the opportunity to chat with friends as you eat and generally enjoy fellowship together.

Lunch is served in the Wesley Hall after the morning service at around 12.15pm Future dates are - 11<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> June and 8<sup>th</sup> July.

To book a place call Kate (01672 515347) or leave a message at the church office (01672 513701) or email the church office ([office@christchurchmarlborough.org.uk](mailto:office@christchurchmarlborough.org.uk)) by **10am on the Friday before the lunch**. Please be aware that if you cancel your booking after that time you will still need to pay because Sarah (our cook) will have been told the numbers she is catering for.

### **Hope in a challenging world**

This is the title given to a series of four talks for Lent arranged by Marlborough Churches Together which will take place on Wednesday evening at Christchurch from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

21st February: Lizzie Whitbread, Diocesan Adviser for Work with Young People

28th February: Matthew Devlin, Chair of Community Chaplaincy Association

7th March: James Woodward, Principal of Sarum College

14th March: Geoff Green, Open Doors UK

Lizzie Whitbread will challenge us to think how we can engage more and better with the young people in our Town. Matthew Devlin will reflect on the work of Community Chaplaincy and how it promotes hope and a new life for those coming out of prison seeking to return to society. James Woodward, author of the book 'Between Remembering and Forgetting: The Spiritual Dimensions of Dementia', will reflect on where we may see hope when people around us seem to fade away. In our last talk, Geoff Green, presenter of the 'Hope for the Middle East' petition to the UK parliament will speak on how to serve and support persecuted Christians.

It will prove to be a thought-provoking series this Lent, challenging both our spiritual journeys and our response to the world as we find it today.

Admission is free, donations welcome

### **Pipe organ birthday**

The organ at Stratton Methodist Church is 80 years old and to celebrate they are holding a concert on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 4pm to 7pm. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free but any donations will be given to the MHA Stimulating Mind Project.

### **Vision**

Continue to pray for God's guidance as together we seek a vision for our church. Do not be dispirited just because we apparently do not have an answer yet. Remember the words of the psalmist "A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by....."