

◆ **A Diocesan Prayer in support of new vision for the Church's mission:**

*God of gentleness and love*

*Draw near to us as we draw near to you*

*Dwell in every heart and conversation*

*Fashion us in the likeness of your Son Jesus Christ*

*Help us to discern together all that you are calling us to be*

*And all that you are calling us to do.*

*Assist us, by your Spirit, to become a more*

*contemplative, more compassionate and*

*more courageous Church*

*For the building of your kingdom and the*

*glory of your Son*

AMEN

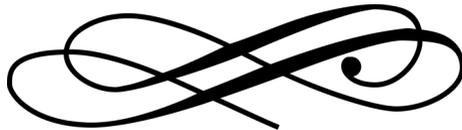
- ◆ **Thought for the Week:** *"The perfect church service would be one we were almost unaware of. Our attention would have been on God. [C.S. Lewis]"*



**Next Sunday: Trinity 4 (9th July)**

09.15: Matins at St Anne's Church, Dropmore.

10.45: Holy Communion at St Nicolas Church, Taplow.



Further information on **St Nicolas Church Website:** <http://st-nicolas-taplow.org>

If you need to **contact the Vicar**, you can ring her on 01628 661182 or email her: [janecresswell523@gmail.com](mailto:janecresswell523@gmail.com)

**Notices in the Pew Leaflet:** If you have a notice or news for the *Pew Leaflet*, please email it to Jim Oliver ([oliverjim1@sky.com](mailto:oliverjim1@sky.com)) by the end of the Wednesday preceding the Sunday date you want it in. This leaflet is on the website from the Thursday preceding each Sunday.

**St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common**

We are part of



**St Nicolas' Church, Taplow**

**3rd Sunday after Trinity**

**2nd July, 2017**



**Faithful to God**

**Caring for each other**

**Serving the Community**

*Welcome to this morning's Holy Communion Service. At St Nicolas, Children are invited to join Sunday School in the Choir Vestry after the first hymn.*

**Collect (or Prayer for Today)**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading:** Genesis 22:1-14 *The Command to Sacrifice Isaac*

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God

himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

#### **The Gospel:** Matthew 10:40-42 *Rewards*

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."



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**Anthem:** *Hide not thou thy face* Richard Farrant

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#### **Post Communion Prayer**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

#### ***This Week's News and Notices***

◆ **The Famous Summer Cream Teas at St Anne's:** the first Cream Teas are being served this afternoon. Do think about going along. If you might be able to help out serving or clearing on any Sunday from 2.30pm on any Sunday afternoon in July or August, please contact Sue Blore on 01628 661815. Thank you.

◆ **Open Wednesdays:** the church will be open as usual on Wednesday from 12.00 until 4.00p.m. ***Please note that the service will be held at 12.30 after which lunch is available.***

◆ **The Summer Fete:** This pew Leaflet was printed before yesterday's Summer Fete but this is an opportunity to thank everyone who came to the event, who donated all sorts of items, who prepared for the event, who manned stalls and who cleared up afterwards. In particular, we owe a great deal to Nicki Jeffries who in her wonderfully efficient and friendly manner, mobilised us all to work with our school to create an event truly worthy of our parish. Thank you Nicki—and everyone else involved.



◆ **The next Oasis Session:** Oasis at St Anne's is an opportunity to refresh the spirit, grow in prayer and explore spirituality in a place of quiet. The next session is called



The Oasis at St Anne's

***"Open the Book"*** and will explore how this method of getting inside the stories in scripture works, and why it is so often both satisfying for those who present it, and memorable for the children in local schools who come across it. There will of course be a time to try it for yourself! The session will be led by Revd La Stacey, Vicar of Eton, Eton Wick, Boveney and Dorney and it will run from **10.00 to 12.00 on Thursday, 13th July**. Please apply to Jo Saunders by 6th July if you would like to attend: her phone number is 01628 663 302 and her email address is [josau@btinternet.com](mailto:josau@btinternet.com). Details of all Oasis events are advertised in the 'Events' section of our website.