

satisfying for those who present it, and memorable for the children in local schools who come across it. 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** Details of all Oasis events are advertised in the 'Events' section of our website.

- ◆ **A Summer's Evening Celebration with Burnham Concert Band:** On **Friday, 21st July from 6.30** at St Nicolas Church, our Social Committee is organising an evening of Great British Food accompanied by Burnham Concert Band. Tickets £12.50 each (bring your own drinks). Please sign up on the list in Church or contact a Social Committee member by Sunday, 16th July.
- ◆ **St Mary Magdalene Church, Boveney:** There will be a special service commemorating St. Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles at the beautiful riverside church of St Mary Magdalene, Boveney **at 4pm on Saturday 22nd July.**
- ◆ **Please sponsor our intrepid cyclists!** - Phil and Christine (middle daughter) Taylor are cycling the Prudential 46 on Sunday 30th July. The clue for the distance involved is in the title (in miles!). The course is based on half the London 2012 Olympic Road Race course – Olympic Stadium, via central London, to Hampton Court, then back to Buckingham Palace. There is a map in the church porch. Phil and Christine hope to raise some money (a total of £10 per mile we cycle?) to be split between British Heart Foundation and our required South Roof work. Please support them if you can. Pam Taylor is happy to receive the money!

Next Sunday: Trinity 5 (16th July)

09.15: Holy Communion 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

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) by the end of the Wednesday preceding the Sunday date you want it in. This leaflet is on the website from the Friday preceding each Sunday.

	St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common	
	St Nicolas' Church, Taplow	
4th Sunday after Trinity		
9th July, 2017		

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

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

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" - let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.”

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For

John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Anthem: *Teach me, O Lord* Thomas Attwood

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week’s News and Notices

- ◆ **Baptism today:** at 12.30 today, we have the baptism of Joseph Fitzgerald taking place in the church.
- ◆ **St Nicolas School End of Year Production:** this Wednesday (12th), our school will be in church at 2pm for the end of year production and again on Thursday at 6.30pm.
- ◆ **The next Oasis Session (this Thursday):** This session is called **“Open the Book”** and will explore how this method of getting inside the stories in scripture works, and why it is so often both