

- ◆ **A Summer's Evening Celebration with Burnham Concert Band: Next Friday**, (21st July) at 6.30p.m. at St Nicolas Church, our Social Committee is organising an evening of Great British Food with Burnham Concert Band. Tickets are £12.50 each (bring your own drinks) and all profits are for our Church funds. Please sign up on the list in Church or contact a Social Committee member by the end of today (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 next Saturday** (22nd July).
- ◆ **St Anne's Church, Patronal Festival: Next Sunday**, (23rd July) St Anne's will celebrate St Anne's Day with St Nicolas Church choir singing Choral Evensong at 6.30p.m. This is always a lovely occasion enhanced greatly by arriving to have a cream tea first! Do come and celebrate with St Anne's.
- ◆ **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; there is a map in the church porch. Phil and Christine hope to raise some money (£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 6 (23rd July)

10.45: Choral Matins at St Nicolas Church, Taplow.

6.30p.m.: Festival Evensong at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

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

5th Sunday after Trinity

16th 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 and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Genesis 25:19-34 *The Birth and Youth of Esau and Jacob*

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9 *The Parable of the Sower*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"



"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As

for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Anthem: *Fairest Lord Jesus* Trad. German arr. Antony Baldwin

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **The Parochial Church Council:** The joint PCC will be meeting on **Tuesday evening** this week (18th July). Please remember the PCC in your prayers and do talk to PCC members about agenda items which include reviewing the Summer Fete, planning for a Stewardship campaign and for the payment of our parish share next year, and improving our communications (there is a prayer on the website).
- ◆ **Open Wednesdays:** the church will be open as usual on Wednesday from 12.00 to about 1.45p.m. with a service at 12.30 followed by a ploughman's lunch.
- ◆ **St Nicolas School Leavers' Service:** This Wednesday (19th) the school have their leavers' service in church at 2pm. Please remember all the year six children in your prayers as they reflect on their years at the school and prepare to move on to the next phase of their education (there is a prayer on the website).