

clearing on any Sunday from 2.30pm, please contact Sue Blore on 01628 661815. Thank you.

- ◆ **Oasis at St Anne's:** the next session will be conducted by our Vicar, Revd Jane Cresswell and is called "**Body Prayer**". Sometimes prayer can become routine, when words



The Oasis at St Anne's

no longer seem to work. *Body Prayer* can help restore a sense of the divine presence using our bodies to express and sustain an encounter with God. For those who wish, there will be time to walk and pray in Burnham Beeches. This session is suitable for old and young, those who have been Christians for many years and those who simply wish to discover more. **Thursday, 17th August, 10.00 to 12.30.** Please book by contacting Jo Saunders Tel: 01628 663302 or email [josau@btinternet.com](mailto:josau@btinternet.com)

- ◆ **St Nicolas and St Anne's Website:** When was the last time you browsed our website? Our website is a key means of communication which contains, amongst other things, news of recent events (including a report on the recent PCC meeting) and suggestions for personal prayer. Have a look sometime on <http://st-nicolas-taplow.org>.



#### **Next Sunday: Trinity 8 (6th August)**

09.15: Holy Communion at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10.45: Holy Communion at St Nicolas Church, Taplow

Both these services will be led by Rod Cosh, our Area Dean.

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 Friday preceding each Sunday.

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

We are part of



**St Nicolas' Church, Taplow**

**7th Sunday after Trinity**

**30th July, 2017**



*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

*Welcome to this morning's combined St Anne's and St Nicolas Service of Holy Communion led by Rev'd Chris Collinge. Children are invited to join Sunday School in the Choir Vestry after the first hymn.*

#### **Collect (or Prayer for Today)**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 29:15-28 *Jacob Marries Laban's Daughters*

Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban

said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

**The Gospel:** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 *Parables about the Kingdom*

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."



He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."



"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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**Anthem:** *Lead me Lord* Wesley

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

- ◆ **Vicar's holiday:** Jane is now on holiday. She will return to work on Tuesday 8th August.
- ◆ **St Anne's Church, Patronal Festival:** Last Sunday, the St Nicolas Choir sang Choral Evensong at St Anne's at a lovely service conducted by our Vicar. Many thanks to the wonderful team at St Anne's for making all their visitors so welcome and for providing delicious cream teas for us all. St Anne's are particularly grateful to Neil and the choir for making their festival so special.
- ◆ **Please sponsor our intrepid cyclists!** - Phil and Christine (middle



daughter) Taylor are cycling the Prudential 46 today. The course is based on half the London 2012 Olympic Road Race course; there is

a map in the church porch. Phil and Christine are raising money to be split between British Heart Foundation and our required South Roof work. It is not too late to contribute! Pam Taylor is happy to receive any contributions.

- ◆ **Open Wednesdays:** the church will be open as usual next Wednesday from 12.00 to about 4.00p.m. with a service at 12.30 followed by a ploughman's lunch.
- ◆ **The Famous Summer Cream Teas at St Anne's:** these events continue from 3.00p.m. to 5.00p.m. on Sunday afternoons during July and August. Do think about going along. If you might be able to help out serving or

