

money for new up-to-date hymn books for our worship. There will be music from the famed St Nicolas choir, bonfire, sausages from the barbecue, homemade apple crumble, raffle with superb prizes (including a first prize of Afternoon Tea at Cliveden). Tickets £5 (including food) are available from the Vicar or Nicki Jeffries 01628 669580 or paxcottage@aol.com. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be for sale.

- ◆ **Our Area Confirmation Service:** We will welcome our Bishop to this service on **Sunday, 15th October at 6.00pm**. Please do come and also please remember in your prayers those from our parish who are being confirmed. They are Kelly Cockerill, Sean Vagg, Sarah Ozeke, Sarah MacFarlane and Janet Appleton.
- ◆ **The Next Oasis Session:** This will be held at Burnham Abbey on **Tuesday 17th October from 10.00am to 3pm**. It will be led by Revd. Canon Rod Cosh, Area Dean who will be helping us to explore the habit of **"Praying the Jesus Prayer"**. Come and experience this traditional prayer habit, whether you know it already or it is new to you. Burnham Abbey's community of Anglican nuns hold a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am on the day; so if you wish to attend that, just come early and come to the chapel – the session will start a short while after the end of the service. Details of the lunch arrangements will be given to those coming. Please say if you need help with transport and book by **10th October** by contacting Jo Saunders Tel:01628 663302 or email josau@btinternet.com

Next Week's Services

Open Wednesday (4th) 12.00 until 4.00pm including 12.30 Service followed by ploughman's lunch

Next Sunday: Trinity 17 (8th October)

10.45: Combined Parish Communion with Baptism and Sunday School at St Nicolas, Taplow conducted by Rev'd Alan Bignell

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.



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ST NICOLAS CHURCH
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Faithful to God

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Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Joint Service of Holy Communion. A particular welcome to Rev'd Alan Bignell who is leading our worship and to the family and friends of Nathan Swaffield who is being baptised today.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: Exodus 17: 1-7 *Water from the Rock*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled

and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32 *The Parable of the Two Sons*

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.



"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way

of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

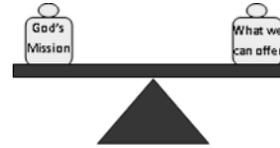
Anthem: *Jesu, word of God incarnate* Edward Elgar

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Our Stewardship Campaign:** there is an envelope about stewardship for every member of our congregations. If you haven't yet taken one, please do take one today and give it some thought. Please could you bring in (or post) the completed Stewardship Commitment form (box at back of church) as soon as possible and by **15th October** at the latest. Thank you. Jane's two sermons addressing stewardship giving can be read on our website ('News' section).



A Stewardship Prayer

Our Church is made up of people like us. We make it what it is. It will be filled with inspiring worship - if we are there and ready to meet with you, Lord. It will be a community where disciples are made - if we are willing to grow in love for you and our neighbours. It will bring about a transformation of the community - if our vision is a growing church that makes a real difference to people's lives. Therefore, we pray for growth in our commitments of time, talents and treasure that, with your help, we may dedicate ourselves to the task of being all the things you want us to be. AMEN

- ◆ **Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning:** Many thanks to those who came to this event last Friday and particularly to Pam Taylor for organising it. There may be some cakes left over which you can buy today! We will let you know the final total raised next week.
- ◆ **Tim Anderson's funeral:** this will be held at St Nicolas Church on **Monday 9th October at 2.30pm**. Family Flowers only. Donations in memory of Tim are requested for the Dartmoor Preservation Association and Medecins sans Frontieres. There will be a box for donations at the back of church at the funeral.
- ◆ **Bonfire and Bangers:** We are holding a Musical Fund Raiser in Taplow Rectory Garden on **Saturday 14th October at 6pm**. to raise