

- ◆ **Oasis at St Anne's:** The subject of the next session will be *'Pray with Clay'*; a morning of creation and personal faith exploration to be held on **Thursday, 28th September, 10.00 to 12.00.** Full



details on the website. Please book by **21st September** by contacting Jo Saunders Tel:01628 663302 or email josau@btinternet.com

- ◆ **Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning:** this year, our contribution to the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support will be held in St Nicolas Church on **Friday, 29th September from 10.30am to noon.** Do come and enjoy a slice of homemade cake and tea/coffee as we raise money for this charity.



- ◆ **Ecclesiastical Insurance:** to celebrate their 130th anniversary, this insurance company has pledged to make a charitable donation of £130 to your church for every new home insurance policy taken out on or before 31st August, 2018. There is a poster about the deal on the noticeboard. You can find out more by visiting [www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130) or by ringing 0800 783 0130.
- ◆ **Job Vacancy at St Paul's Church, Slough:** Parish Administrator—St Paul's Church is looking for an enthusiastic, experienced and professional Administrator to provide support to the Vicar and staff based at St Pauls Church. 30 hours p.w. A great opportunity to serve the church through your work. Full details on our website.

**Next Sunday: Trinity 15 & Harvest Festival at St Nicolas (24th Sept.)**

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

10.45: Harvest Communion with Sunday school at St Nicolas, 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 Friday preceding each Sunday.

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

We are part of



**St Nicolas' Church, Taplow**

**14th Sunday after Trinity**

**17th September, 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)**

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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: 1 Chronicles 29: 6-18**

Then the leaders of ancestral houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. They gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord, into the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord; King David also rejoiced greatly.

Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given

you. For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you.

### **The Gospel:** John 3: 1-6, 10-17 *Nicodemus Visits Jesus*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**Anthems:** *God so loved the world*—Stainer and  
*Comfort, O Lord, the soul of thy Servant*—William Crotch

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

◆ **Parochial Church Council Meeting:** The PCC meets on Tuesday evening this week and amongst lots of updates, we will be reviewing our Open Wednesdays and finalising details of the Stewardship Campaign. If you have particular views on these or other matters, don't hesitate to talk to PCC members and remember the Council in your prayers.

◆ **Open Wednesdays:** This coming Wednesday, (20th) in addition to our act of worship at 12.30 followed by a ploughman's lunch, Sonia Hart will be joining us to share ***her experiences of the Holy Land*** from when she visited it last February (at 2pm). Please do come if you can; it promises to be most interesting.



◆ **Harvest Festival:** Next Sunday will be St Nicolas harvest thanksgiving. We will welcome our All Age Worship families to this Harvest Celebration. Once again this year, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for *Slough Homeless Our Concern (SHOC)* to use at Christmas so it is important that all items have 'sell by' dates which are at least at the end of this year.

◆ **Help Needed:** Our school is also collecting harvest gifts for SHOC. We need a small team to check sell-by dates on all the harvest gifts for Sell-By dates, sort into Tins/Dry etc. and deliver to SHOC in Slough. Please talk to Phil if you can help. Thank you.

◆ **Harvest Festival Lunch:** Next Sunday's lunch in the Village Centre will be a delicious homemade soup, 'Ploughman's' Lunch and the much appreciated range of Fruit Crumbles! Adult £12.50, Child £5, Family Ticket (2 adults + 2 children) £25 (bring your own drinks). Today is the last day to sign up.

◆ **Our Stewardship Campaign:** Both last Sunday and today, Jane's sermons have addressed our stewardship giving. These sermons can be read on our website ('news' section). Next Sunday, there will be a stewardship leaflet to explain the background to this important campaign and a commitment form for every member of our congregation to take away and consider.