

Barak Obama tweeted this week:

"No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

Prayer for Racial and Religious Harmony

God and Father of all, in your love
you made all the nations of the world
to be a family,
and your Son taught us to love one another.
Yet our world is riven apart
with prejudice, arrogance, and pride.
Help the different races and religions
to love and understand one another better.
Increase among us sympathy,
tolerance, and goodwill,
that we may learn to appreciate the gifts
that others bring to us,
and to see in all people
our brothers and sisters for whom Christ died.
Save us from jealousy, hatred, rioting, and fear,
and help us to live together
as members of one family at home in the world,
sons and daughters of one Father
who live in the liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Further information on **St Nicolas Church Website**: <http://st-nicolas-taplow.org>
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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.

	<p>St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common</p> <p>St Nicolas' Church, Taplow</p> <p>10th Sunday after Trinity</p> <p>20th August, 2017</p>	
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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)

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 45:1-15 *Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers*

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over

all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.



The Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 *The Canaanite Woman's Faith*

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Anthem: *Clare Benediction* - John Rutter

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **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. today and next Sunday. You are most welcome to come along. 
- ◆ **Oasis at St Anne's:** Following last week's session on 'Body Prayer', the next scheduled session is on Thursday, 28th September, 10.00 to 12.00 led by Revd Helen Chamberlain, Associate Priest, Holy Trinity Church, Cookham. The subject of the session will be "Pray with Clay". More details in due course.
- ◆ **All Age Worship:** No service in August, but 'All Age Worshippers' are warmly invited to come to a special service on 3rd September at 10:45am in St Nicolas Church on the theme "Starting Afresh". There will be a bring-and-share picnic for families after the service in the Rectory Garden.



The Oasis at St Anne's

Next Sunday: Trinity 11 (20th August)

10:00—Joint Service of Choral Matins at St Anne's Church, Dropmore