

## A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer  
in whatever you do, wherever you go.

Walking with God means...  
walking with honesty and with courage.

Walking with love and respect and concern for the feelings of others.

May you talk to God this summer on every day and in every situation.

Talking with God means...  
praying words of praise for the beauty of creation.  
Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times.

Asking God's help in all your decisions.

Expressing sorrow when you have failed.

May you talk with God every day.

Amen.

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### Next Sunday's Worship (3<sup>rd</sup> September)

09:15 – Holy Communion at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10:45 – Holy Communion Service at St Nicolas Church, Taplow

The theme of this service is "Starting Afresh"

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](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.

 <p>We are part of</p>	<b>St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common</b>	
	<b>St Nicolas' Church, Taplow</b>	
	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	<b>27<sup>th</sup> August, 2017</b>	

*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

*Welcome to this morning's Joint Service of Choral Matins here at St Anne's Church, Dropmore.*

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

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 1:8-2:10 *The Israelites Are Oppressed*

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the

king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

#### *Birth and Youth of Moses*

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

#### **The Second Reading:** Matthew 16:13-20 *Peter's Declaration about Jesus*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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**Anthem:**      *Jesu, the very thought of thee* Edward Bairstow

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#### ***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:** Today is the last day this year for you to enjoy a Cream Tea at St Anne's. Do come along between 3.00p.m. to 5.00p.m. A big 'Well Done' to the St Anne's team for providing another summer season of sumptuous teas for visitors. This plays an important part in the Church's mission in Dropmore.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **"Starting Afresh":** Next Sunday, St Nicolas Church has invited the families of children who have been baptised this year, together with the all age worship families and Sunday school families to join in our 10.45am communion in church. There will be a bring-and-share picnic in the Rectory Garden for families after coffee. Please pray for all our young families and about the ways in which we can fulfil the promises we make at each baptism service "to welcome and uphold them in their new life in Christ."