

- ◆ **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. To book, please contact 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 **next Friday, (29th) from 10.30am to noon**. Do come and enjoy a slice of homemade cake and tea/coffee as we raise money for this charity.

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- ◆ **Bonfire and Bangers:** We are holding a Musical Fund Raiser in Taplow Rectory Garden on **Saturday 14th October at 6pm**. to raise money for new up-to-date hymn books for our worship. 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.

Next Week's Services

Open Wednesday (27th) including 12.30 Service followed by ploughman's lunch

Next Sunday: Trinity 16 (1st October)

10.45: Combined Parish Communion with Baptism and 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

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.

St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

We are part of



St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

15th Sunday after Trinity

24th September, 2017



Faithful to God



Caring for each other

Welcome to this morning's Harvest Thanksgiving.

Serving the Community



Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron

spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16 *The Labourers in the Vineyard*

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay,



beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it,

they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Anthem: *Ye shall dwell in the land* John Stainer

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Harvest Thanksgiving:** Thanks are due to many people for making our Harvest thanksgiving today such a joyful celebration: the team involved in making the church look so beautiful, the team laying on our harvest lunch, Mrs Dobson and St Nicolas school for loaning us percussion and the members of our All Age ensemble for their contribution to leading our music. They will be back in action at the next All Age Worship service in St Nicolas school hall, at 10:45am on 22nd October. Do join us for a fun, informal service featuring bible story telling and creative prayers.



- ◆ **Parochial Church Council Meeting:** The Joint PCC met last Tuesday and discussed Open Wednesdays, the Stewardship campaign, the updating of our hymn books (and the Bonfire and Bangers event to help pay for this), the future options for our Summer Fete and the assembling and distribution of our Welcome Leaflet. A full report on the meeting is available on our website ('News' section)

- ◆ **Our Stewardship Campaign:** In recent weeks, Jane's sermons have addressed our stewardship giving. These sermons can be read on our website ('News' section). Today, there is a **stewardship leaflet** for every member of our church community explaining the background to this important campaign. **Please take your envelope today** and spend some time this week considering your response to our churches' needs. Thank you.

