

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 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, a 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 **next Sunday (15th) 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"**. It is preceded by a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am which people are welcome to attend. Full details of this event are on the website and poster. 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 (11th) 12.00 until 4.00pm including 12.30 Service followed by ploughman's lunch

Next Sunday: Trinity 18 (15th October)

09.15: Matins at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10.45: Parish Communion 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

17th Sunday after Trinity

8th October, 2017



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

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 Meredith Hamilton who is being baptised today.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 *The Ten Commandments*

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female

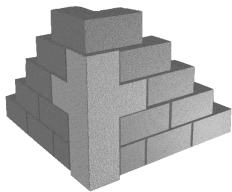
slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46 *The Parable of the Wicked Tenants*

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."



When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Anthem: *Ave Maria* Josef Arcadelt

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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 (or have mislaid yours), 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 next Sunday (15th)** at the latest. Thank you. Reviewing our commitments to our church is so important in prospering God's mission in our community now and in the future.

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:** Thanks again to those who contributed to this event. The final total sent to Macmillan Cancer Care was **£180** and the height of 'the tallest cake' was 94cms (and if you don't know what this is about, don't miss next year's event!).
- ◆ **Tim Anderson's funeral:** this will be held at St Nicolas Church on **Monday 9th October at 2.30pm**. Family Flowers only. Donations