

◆ **Our new hymn books:** Some people have expressed interest in donating a hymn book and dedicating it in memory of someone. If you would like to do this, there is a sheet at the back of church to sign. It is a lovely way to make a long-term contribution to improving the quality of our worship. The hymn books are £12.50 each.

◆ **The Next Oasis Session:** This will take place **next Tuesday, (17th)**



**from 10.00am to 3pm at Burnham Abbey .** 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. If you wish to attend but haven't yet signed up, have a word with Jane as soon as possible.

◆ **Meg Chandler's funeral:** This service will be held at **2pm on Thursday 19th October** at St Nicolas. No Flowers. Please wear something brightly coloured!

◆ **All Age Worship:** the next service will be on **next Sunday (22nd) at 10.45am in St Nicolas School Hall**. Our theme will be **“Glory.”** If you would enjoy dressing up, please come as a superhero(ine)!

### **Next Week's Services**

Open Wednesday (18th) 12.00 until 4.00pm including 12.30 Service followed by ploughman's lunch

Next Sunday: Trinity 19 (22nd October)

09.15: Holy Communion at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10.45: Choral Matins at St Nicolas, Taplow

10.45: All Age Worship in St Nicolas School Hall

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**

**18th Sunday after Trinity**

**15th October, 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 and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 32: 1-14 *The Golden Calf*

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"

The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

**The Gospel:** Matthew 22: 1-14 *The Parable of the Wedding Banquet*

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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**Anthem:** *Rejoice in the Lord alway* Anon.

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## Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

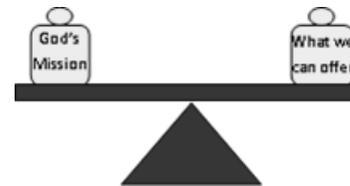
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### ***This Week's News and Notices***

- ◆ **Our Area Confirmation Service:** Today, we will welcome Bishop Humphrey Southern, Principal of Ripon College, Cuddesdon to St Nicolas Church for the Confirmation Service 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.



- ◆ **Our Stewardship Campaign:** After today we will prepare an interim statement summarising what has come out of the Stewardship Commitment forms. If you haven't yet managed to complete yours or if you have mislaid it, please do take a form (envelope) from the table at the back of church and complete it as soon as possible and return it to the box on the table (or post it). Thank you. More news about what we are collectively achieving will be published soon.



- ◆ **The Bonfire and Bangers Evening:** Yesterday, more than 120 people in our community descended on the Rectory Garden for a lovely family evening with good food, great company and some lovely singing from our choir. Thanks are due to all those who helped to make this event such a special one which also raised money for new hymn books for our worship. When the final figures are added up, we will publish how near we are to our target and when we will be able to put in the order for the new books! Particular thanks to Jane and Clive for hosting this event and to Nicki Jeffries for making it happen!