

Maidenhead Suzuki Strings (Helen Styles) and Maidenhead Suzuki Flutes (Julia Bentley Dawkes) **next Sunday (3rd December)** at 6.00 pm. Tickets will be available at the door or at [thelittleboxoffice.com/taplowchoirs](http://thelittleboxoffice.com/taplowchoirs) £10 (£8 students under 16).

- ◆ **Funeral of Tony Hickman:** This will be on **Friday 8th December** 2.30pm in St Nicolas Church. We remember Brenda and all the family in our prayers.
- ◆ **Our Patronal Festival:** This year, The St Nicolas festival is on **Sunday, 10th December**. The service is followed by a Festival lunch Buffet with wine. Everyone is welcome, Adults: £5 Children: £3. Please contact a member of the Social Committee or sign the sheet at the back of church by Sunday, 3rd December.
- ◆ **St Nicolas School Governor Vacancy:** Another vacancy has arisen on the Governing Body of our school. It would be good if we can identify someone from our church community who may feel called to this ministry: ideally (but not essentially) with a background in education. If you would like to know more, please have a word with Jane.
- ◆ **Cleaning our Church:** As you will know, Roger Askew is no longer in a position to co-ordinate the cleaning team so we now seek a volunteer to take this on from the start of 2018. You don't have to do all the cleaning; we are just seeking help drawing up the rota itself. We are also seeking new volunteers to join the cleaning rota. If you feel you can help in any way, please make contact with Phil or Judy.

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

**Open Wednesday (29th November):** the church will be open from 12.00 with a service at 12.30 followed by ploughman's lunch and then the church will close at 3.00pm.

#### **Sunday, 3rd December—Advent Sunday**

09:15: Holy Communion at St Anne's Church

10.45: Holy Communion at St Nicolas Church

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**

### **Feast of Christ the King**

**26th November, 2017**



*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

*Welcome to this morning's joint Choral Matins Service led by Rev'd Joseph Fernandez who is a 3rd year curate at Wraysbury and is looking after us while our Vicar, Jane is away recovering from an operation on her foot. Also this morning, there is All-Age Worship taking place at this time in St Nicolas School Hall.*

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

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **First Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 *God, the True Shepherd*

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and

butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

**The Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46 *The Judgment of the Nations*

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”




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**Anthem:** *The Peace of God* John Rutter

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**Post Communion Prayer**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

♦ **Joint Parochial Church Council:** The Council met last Tuesday and discussed the distribution of welcome leaflets to the homes of new residents, Oasis sessions and how we can make greater use of them, the process for producing a Church calendar of events, the new year appeal for the south roof, and arrangements for Advent and Christmas. The Council also reviewed this year's harvest thanksgiving and lunch, the excellent outcomes from the Bonfire and Bangers event and the follow up needed for our Stewardship Campaign. A report on the meeting is in the 'News' section of our website (address is always at the bottom of this newsletter)

♦ **Open to God in Advent:** The Bishop of Oxford, Dr Steven Croft encourages all the churches in the Diocese to explore the Beatitudes using a newly written three session course focusing on the three themes of being contemplative, compassionate and courageous. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you are interested in joining a group at



the Rectory at 7.30pm on **Tuesday evenings 5th, 12th and 19th December** or a group in the church during **Open Wednesday at 2pm on 6th, 13th and 20th December.**

♦ **Operation Christmas Child:** Julia says “a huge thank you to people who put together a box or donated fillers. We had a wonderful 32 boxes from St Nicolas Church, which will mean so much to each of the recipients. The destination for boxes from Maidenhead this year is likely to be Liberia”. Thank you Julia for giving us this opportunity.

♦ **The next Choral Concert Opportunity:** St Nicolas will host a concert presented by Taplow Girls' Choir (Gillian Dibden),