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- ◆ **Oasis:** If you missed the recent Oasis session at Burnham Abbey, you will be pleased to hear that there are other opportunities on their way! On **Thursday, 9th November from 10 am to 1pm**, our Archdeaconry Parish Development Advisor, the Revd. Gill Lovell, will be opening up how we might explore new avenues for expressing our faith experience. Her title for this exploration is: "**Free from – free for**". [Even if you signed up to come to Gill's original (but postponed) session, please still tell Jo Saunders if you are coming this time].

Then on **Monday, 20th November from 10am to 12.30pm**, Revd. Andrew Allen, priest at St. Mary's Church in Slough and regular leader of Oasis sessions, will help us to get ready for the seasons of Advent and Christmas by leading a quiet morning on: "**Preparing the way**". Please book for either of the sessions by contacting Jo Saunders Tel:01628 663302 or email [josau@btinternet.com](mailto:josau@btinternet.com)

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

Open Wednesday (1st November) and then throughout the winter period, 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 3.00p.m. instead of 4.00p.m.**

Next Sunday: All Saints (5th November)

10.45am: St Nicolas/St Anne's Joint Holy Communion led by Rev'd Joseph Fernandez

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.

	<p><b>St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common</b></p> <p><b>St Nicolas' Church, Taplow</b></p> <p><b>Last Sunday after Trinity</b></p> <p><b>29th October, 2017</b></p>	
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*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

*Welcome to this joint Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd Joseph Fernandez who is a 3rd year curate at Wraysbury and he is looking forward to this opportunity to spend some time with us while our Vicar, Jane is away having an operation on her foot.. There will be a Sunday school in the choir vestry from after the first hymn.*

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

*Moses Dies and Is Buried in the Land of Moab*

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight

was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

#### **The Gospel** Matthew 22:34– 46 *The Greatest Commandment*

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.,,“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, ““You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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**Anthem:** Holy, Holy, Holy - *Schubert*

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#### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



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

- ◆ **Cleaning our Church:** For many years, Roger Askew has quietly and efficiently organised volunteers to clean our church each week. We are often complimented on our clean church which is an encouragement for many people as it shows we care for our beautiful church, Roger is no longer in a position to organise the rota and be part of the cleaning team and we thank him for all he has done over the years to mobilise us in keeping our church clean. This is a good opportunity to also thank all those on the rota for the excellent work they do. **But now we are seeking a volunteer to organise our church cleaning rota 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.
- ◆ **Our Stewardship Campaign:** Huge thanks to all those who have responded so positively to our churches' needs. Apart from offers of help, increases in weekly giving amounts to nearly £4,500 per year at the moment and there are still quite a few forms to be handed in. If you haven't yet made your commitments, please do so using the forms at the back of the church. Thank you.
- ◆ **Operation Christmas Child:** once again, Julia is organising this for us so we can begin to think about what we can put in our shoe boxes this year. Leaflets and boxes will be available at the back of the church and this year's date for collection will be **Sunday, 19th November**. You are warmly invited to participate.
- ◆ **“Taplow Moments: A Unique History”:** We have recently received