

at the **Methodist Church** (87 Lent Rise Road SL1 7NZ) on the afternoon of **Sunday 21st January at 3pm** for a short act of worship produced this year by the Caribbean church, based on material in Exodus 15, a song of triumph over oppression. Please do join fellow Christians if you can. On our website (Personal Prayer section), there is the opportunity to follow the Caribbean Church's excellent daily reflections during the week. They include a bible reading, a reflection, some questions to think about and a prayer. Do make use of these in your personal prayers.

- ◆ **A Service of Remembering:** If you have been bereaved whether recently or many years ago, and would like an opportunity to remember your loved ones and light a candle in their memory, this short service of music, prayer and silence is for you. It will be held on **Sunday 4th February 2018 [Candlemas] at 3.00pm** in the peaceful surroundings of St Anne's Church, Dropmore. Everyone is welcome. Bring the family. Tea/coffee/cake will be served after the service.



Services for next Week

Wednesday, (10th): 12.30—Open Wednesday Service followed by Ploughman's Lunch.

Sunday, (21th) Epiphany 3

9.15am: Holy Communion at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10.45am: Parish Communion at St Nicolas' Church, Taplow with the baptism of Vivian Alice Williams;

3pm: Churches Together service at the Methodist Church, 87 Lent Rise SL1 7NZ

*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

Epiphany 2

14th January, 2018



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

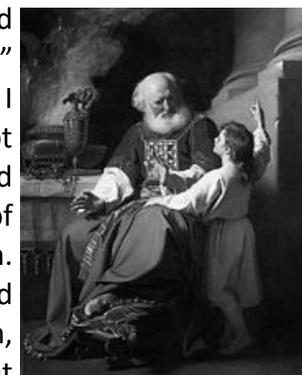
Welcome to our Service today. At St Nicolas, Children are invited to join the Sunday School after the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 *Samuel's Calling*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that



the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The Gospel: John 1:43-51 Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Anthem: *O Lamb of God* Basil Harwood

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **New Year Newsletter:** If you haven't yet had a copy, please take a copy of the latest seasonal newsletter from the back of church. It contains the Vicar's letter on the season of Epiphany and details of a special service of Remembering on the afternoon of Sunday 4th February when there will be an opportunity to light candles for those we love who have died. There are also reflections from members of both St Nicolas and St Anne's congregations who attended the recent Advent course on the Beatitudes, as well as information about other events coming up and a prayer for the New Year.
- ◆ **Baptism Preparation Course:** The new course for people being baptised in February/March begins this afternoon at 2.00pm at the Rectory. Another course will run in early April.
- ◆ **Dr Peter Maddocks:** A memorial service will be held at St Nicolas Church at 2.30pm on Thursday 25th January followed by refreshments in church. Please remember Astrid and all the family in your prayers.
- ◆ **Jane Nutt:** A memorial service will be at St Nicolas Church at 2.30pm on Friday 2nd February. Please remember Richard and all the family in your prayers.
- ◆ **The next Joint PCC Meeting:** This will be held next Tuesday (16th). Amongst other things, the Council will be reviewing our Christmas Services, planning for the building project on the South Side of St Nicolas Church and discussing the outcomes of the Stewardship Appeal. If you have views on these or any other matters, please do not hesitate to talk to any member of PCC.
- ◆ **'What do you want most in life?':** Also next Tuesday (16th), there is the opportunity to the first in the annual interfaith dialogue series organised by the Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum (WAMCF) hosted at Taplow Court. It is at 7.00pm and the discussion is followed by refreshments. Entrance is FREE.
- ◆ **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the **18th to the 25th January**. Our local "Churches together in Burnham" meet this year