

- ◆ **An introduction to Buddhist philosophy:** There is to be a public talk **today at 2.00pm.** at Taplow Court. It is free to attend and a great opportunity to find out more about our Buddhist neighbours.
- ◆ **Shrove Tuesday Pancakes at St Peter's Church, Burnham:** On 13th February, St Peter's Church is having a Pancake, Books and CDs evening (6-8pm) where you can enjoy a pancake and browse through a massive CD collection (everything from Mozart to the Manic Street Preachers) and a lot of beautiful books.
- ◆ **Our Second Hand Book Store:** Honesty Box Books now have their own bookcase at the back of the church. Books are £1 each (or more if you like . . .). All profits to St Nicolas' Church Roof/Wall Fund. Paperbacks in good condition are welcome - just leave them on or near the bookcase.
- ◆ **Taplow's new Community Choir:** This monthly singing workshop meets **this afternoon at 2-4pm** in Taplow Village Centre. For more information, contact Zoe Hatch on 07974 457925. Songs from Africa, Gospel songs, songs of peace, freedom and joy. All songs are taught by ear and no musical experience is necessary. Everyone is welcome.



Services for next Week

Ash Wednesday, (14th): 12.30—Open Wednesday with Communion Service followed by Ploughman's Lunch.

7.00pm: Holy Communion Service with ashing.

Sunday, 18th February: 1st Sunday in Lent

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

10.45am: Parish Communion at St Nicolas' Church, 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

St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

1st before Lent

11th February, 2018



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's service. At St Nicolas, children are invited to join the Sunday School after the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12 *Elijah Ascends to Heaven*

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the

Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Gospel: Mark 9:2-9 *The Transfiguration*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



Anthem: *If ye love me* Thomas Tallis

Post Communion Prayer

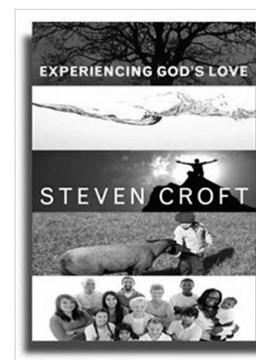
Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.



This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Ash Wednesday (14th):** There will be two Communion services on Wednesday with ashing to mark the start of Lent: one is at 12.30pm and the other is at 7.00pm. Both services are at St Nicolas Church.

- ◆ **Our Lent Course: *It's Signing up day!*** Having enjoyed Bishop



Steven's material on the Beatitudes in Advent, we will follow another course he has written in Lent: "***Experiencing God's love: Five images of transformation.***" Everyone is welcome to be part of a Lent group—we will run as many small groups as we need to include everyone who wants to take part. The options are:

Mondays at 7.30p.m.: 19th, 26th February, 5th, 12th 19th March

Wednesdays at 2.00p.m.: 21st, 28th February, 7th, 14th and 21st March

Thursdays at 19.30p.m.: 22nd February, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March

Please sign up on the forms at the back of church or contact Jane directly.

- ◆ **Other Lenten Materials:** Jane has also obtained some books from the Diocese for people to use during Lent. Do have a word with her if you would like to have some materials to reflect on over the Lenten weeks. There is also a book for use with children.