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- ◆ **Buckingham Area Day Conference:** We are called to be contemplative, compassionate, courageous people and churches of the Beatitudes. Church members and leaders from the Buckingham Area are warmly invited to join Bishops Steven and Alan and the Area Team for this conference reflecting on our Christian life. It is on **Saturday 24th March, 10am – 4.30pm** at Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School Oxford Road, Aylesbury HP21 8PE. Tea and coffee will be provided throughout the day and you take a packed lunch. Booking is essential, either through Eventbrite: [bucksareaconference.eventbrite.co.uk](http://bucksareaconference.eventbrite.co.uk) or by email: [bucksareaconference@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:bucksareaconference@oxford.anglican.org)



#### **Diary for next Week**

**Wednesday, (20th):** 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch and Lent Group A, Session 1 (at 2:00pm)

**Thursday, (21st):** 7:30pm—Lent Group B, Session 1

#### **Sunday, 25th February: 2nd Sunday in Lent**

9:15am: Matins at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10:45am: Choral Matins at St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

10:45am: All Age Worship at St Nicolas School

6:30pm: Choral Evensong at St Nicolas Church sung by Taplow Youth Choir

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.

	<b>St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common</b>	
	<b>St Nicolas' Church, Taplow</b>	
	<b>1st Sunday in Lent</b>	
	<b>18th February, 2018</b>	

*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

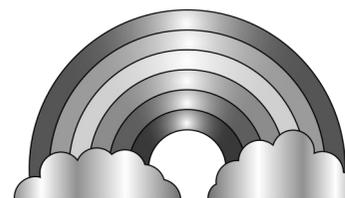
*Welcome to this morning's Holy Communion service. At St Nicolas, children are invited to join the Sunday School after the first hymn.*

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

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Genesis 9:8-17**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark, I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a



sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to

destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

### The Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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**Anthem:** *Let thy merciful ears, O Lord* Thomas Weelkes

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### Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Lent Newsletter:** The Latest newsletter from the Vicar is now available for everyone. It includes a reflection and prayer for Lent, details of the Lent Course, information about Holy Week services and other forthcoming events. There is also a calendar of events available for Lent and Easter listing all our services and events.

- ◆ **Our Lent Course:** Sessions start this week and there is still time to join one of the groups. 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.**" The options are:



**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.
- ◆ **Next Concert at St Nicolas Church:** the local young choir, 'Quire Voices' are coming to our church next Saturday (24th) and they will be singing Parry's Songs of Farewell and other gems. Tickets will be available on the door or go to <https://quirevoices.ticketlight.co.uk> or <http://www.quirevoices.com>.
- ◆ **Choral Evensong:** Taplow Youth Choir will sing Choral Evensong at St Nicolas, Taplow **next Sunday (25th) at 6.30 pm**. All are welcome to attend. The service will last no more than 45 minutes. They will also sing Choral Evensong at St George's Chapel, Windsor on **Wednesday 7th March at 5.15 pm**. All are welcome there too.
- ◆ **Calling all Waitrose shoppers!:** Our wonderful Taplow Choirs are one of the three selected groups during the month of February for 'Community Matters' at Waitrose. St. Nicolas Play Group is also.