

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Our Parish Calendar:** We now have a parish calendar which lists all services and events planned for the year. It will be updated regularly and extracts from it will appear in the Vicar's seasonal newsletters, on the church noticeboard and in the pew leaflet. Please do make use of the calendar which you will find by clicking the 'calendar' tab under 'Events' on our website. Particular thanks to Tony Bridges who found a way we could include our calendar on the website.



Services for next Week

Wednesday, (24th): 12.30—Open Wednesday Service followed by Ploughman's Lunch.

Sunday, (28th) Epiphany 4

9.15am: Matins 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 \(oliverjim1@sky.com\)](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.

We are part of

St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

Epiphany 3

21st January, 2018

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Holy Communion Service. At St Nicolas, a particular welcome to the family and friends of Vivian Alice Williams who is to be baptised today. Children are invited to join the Sunday School after the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

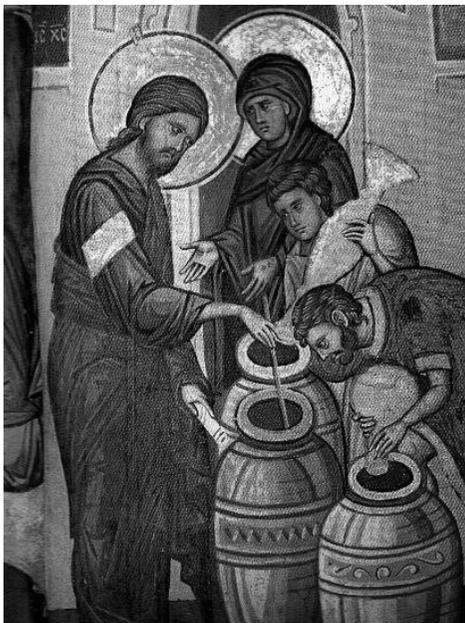
First Reading: Genesis 14:17-20 *Abram Blessed by Melchizedek*

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

The Gospel: John 2:1-11 *The Wedding at Cana*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six

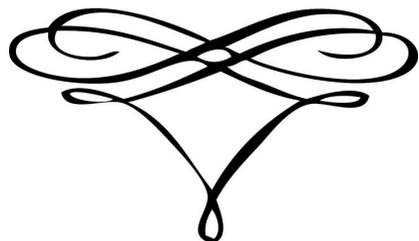
stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



Anthem: *Whence is that goodly fragrance* Trad arr. A.E. Baker

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Last week's Joint PCC Meeting:** At last Tuesday's PCC meeting, members spent some time considering the role of the Church (at the next meeting, they will think about the role of the PCC). The meeting also reflected on our Christmas services, agreed plans for the £75,000 South Roof and Wall Appeal, made arrangements for the production of the Annual Report to be published prior to the Annual Parish Church Meeting scheduled for Sunday, 15th April, considered the outcomes of the Stewardship Campaign and noted the new calendar arrangements (see below). A brief report on the meeting is in the 'News' section of the website.
- ◆ **Dr Peter Maddocks:** A memorial service will be held at St Nicolas Church at **2.30pm this Thursday (25th)** 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.
- ◆ **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** We are now into the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This afternoon, our local "Churches together in Burnham" will meet at the **Methodist Church** (87 Lent Rise Road SL1 7NZ) 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.
- ◆ **January All Age Worship:** this month's service is scheduled for **next Sunday, (28th) at 10.45am in St Nicolas School Hall**. All Age Worship is an informal service lasting 30-40 minutes. This month, we will be asking the question "*What is a Prophet?*" and featuring fizzy explosion prayers! Do join us.