

- ◆ **“Prayer in a Busy World”** : Oasis is offering a lovely Lenten opportunity to take time out from the busyness that surrounds us for a morning of prayer in the tranquillity of **Burnham Abbey** and discover resources, old and new, that can help us remain rooted in prayer in and for a busy world. This session will be led by Maranda St John Nicolle, Director of Christian Concern for One World. **Tuesday 13th March 2018 from 10.00am to 1pm** [with the opportunity to attend Holy Communion with the Community at 9:30am if you wish]. **Please book by 6th March** by contacting Rob Penn Tel:07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com

- ◆ **Visit to hear our Choir sing Evensong at Wells Cathedral:** Once again, this year our choir is going to sing Evensong at one of our great cathedrals. This year it is at **Wells Cathedral on Friday, 1st June**. We will be hiring a coach to transport most of the choir and any members of our parish who would like the opportunity to attend this lovely event in a beautiful cathedral. If you would like to join the party, please have a word with Judy to book a place on the coach.



Diary for next Week

Wednesday, (28th): 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman’s Lunch and Lent Group A, Session 2 (at 2:00pm)

Thursday, (1st March): 7:30pm—Lent Group B, Session 2

Friday, (2nd): 2:00pm—Women’s World Day of Prayer Service at St Peter’s Church, Burnham

Sunday, 4th March: 3rd Sunday in Lent

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

10:45am: Parish Communion at St Nicolas’ Church, Taplow

3:00pm: Stations of the Cross Reflection at St Anne’s Church, Dropmore

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.*

We are part of

St Anne’s Church, Littleworth Common

St Nicolas’ Church, Taplow

2nd Sunday in Lent

25th February, 2018

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning’s service. All age worship is also taking place at 10:45 today in St Nicolas School

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7 *The Sign of the Covenant*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai,

but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”



Anthem: *Wash me thoroughly* S.S. Wesley

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Choral Evensong:** Taplow Youth Choir will sing Choral Evensong at St Nicolas Church **today at 6.30 pm**. All are welcome to attend. The service will last no more than 45 minutes. They will also be singing Choral Evensong at St George's Chapel, Windsor on **Wednesday 7th March at 5.15 pm**. All are welcome there too.

- ◆ **Fair Trade Fortnight:** This year, Fairtrade Fortnight 2018 runs from **26 February to 11 March**. As you know, Fairtrade supports the farmers and workers around the world who grow our food. **Next Sunday (4th March)** at St Nicolas, our Sunday School is holding **a Cake and Jam Sale** to raise money for Traidcraft. We shall also be holding our normal monthly Traidcraft stall next Sunday.



- ◆ **Women's World Day of prayer: Next Friday (2nd March)**, we are warmly invited to **St Peter's Church, Burnham at 2:00pm** for a special service with the theme "All God's creation is very good" praying with and for the women of Suriname - the land of the Kapok tree. The service lasts about one hour followed by refreshments.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross:** We are all invited to St Anne's Church, Dropmore **next Sunday (4th March) at 3:00pm** for this Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. It will be suitable for all levels of mobility as the stations will be displayed one by one instead of asking people to move around the church. As we view each image we will use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us. Do join us if you can.
- ◆ **Launch of the Southside Roof/Wall Appeal:** Next weekend brings the launch of our £75,000 appeal to address vital repairs to our lovely church. The launch will include an introduction by Phil and the issuing of an appeal leaflet. We need to engage everyone in our congregations and in our local community to address this major challenge.
- ◆ **Making good use of our new Hymn Books!:** Before the morning service at St Nicolas in two weeks' time (**Sunday 11th March**), our organist and choir master, Neil and the choir have offered to help us to become more familiar with some of the new hymns in our hymnbook so that we can confidently enjoy singing them in our worship. The 'sing along' will begin at **10:00am**. **Please come early in two weeks' time.**