

- ◆ **Our Joint Annual Report:** the Annual Report for our two parishes is available from today. Please take your copy and read it in preparation for our Joint Annual Parish Church Meeting to be held in two weeks time (15th April)
- ◆ **Confirmation:** This year's Deanery Confirmation Service will be held in September. Traditionally, confirmation was part of a wider ceremony of Christian initiation in the Church of England. It only became a separate rite in the middle ages when bishops were no longer able to preside at all baptisms. Anglicans who choose to be confirmed make a further commitment to the Christian journey that began with their baptism. At baptism their parents and Godparents made promises on their behalf. At confirmation they affirm that faith for themselves. Through prayer and the laying of hands, the bishop asks God to send his Holy Spirit to give them the strength to live as disciples of Christ. You can be confirmed at any age. It is a special moment in our lifelong journey of faith. If you would like to discuss Confirmation on your own behalf or on behalf of another, please contact the Vicar as soon as possible.
- ◆ **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.



Services next Week

Wednesday, (4th): 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

Sunday, 8th April: 1st Sunday after Easter

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) 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

Easter Sunday

1st April, 2018



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)

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

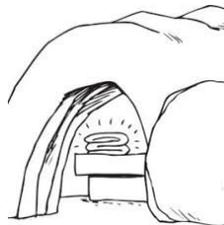
First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

The Gospel: John 20:1-18 *The Empty Tomb*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.



Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Antem: *The Lord is my shepherd* Howard Goodall

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices



... to Jane our Vicar for leading us through Holy Week with wonderful opportunities for reflection, worship and devotion

... to all those who helped 'spring clean' our churchyard on Friday

... to those who have decorated our church so beautifully for Easter

◆ **Ministry Opportunities:**

- a) The new **Church Office will be manned by volunteers**. If you would consider committing to a 2½ hour morning session to help in this work (technical skills not essential!) please ask Jane about it (more information about this development is on our website).
- b) There is a vacancy on the **PCC for a new member**. It is an exciting time to share in achieving our plans. Please talk to Jane about it.

◆ **Southside Appeal Activities**

- a) **Cake Sales:** Next Sunday (8th) and then every second Sunday, the Sunday School is running a cake stall at St Nicolas Church. Please do support it.
- b) **Help us create a recipe book:** We would like your favourite recipes to include in a book to raise money; as simple or as complicated as you like and from a variety of cultures. Please speak to Tony Bridges 07747 613900 tony.bridges@gmail.com
- c) **The Psalmathon:** Everyone can be part of this (Sunday, 16th September) - singing, listening or sponsoring (or all three!). Contact Neil or Gillian about singing. Go to the website to sponsor on-line.
- d) **Royal Wedding themed Afternoon Tea:** This will be in the Rectory Garden on the afternoon of Sunday, 20th May. Note the date now!
- e) **Other things coming up:** The Summer Fete (30th June) is a great opportunity for us to raise money. Could you run a stall? Also, Phil is cycling from Buckingham Palace to Windsor Castle in October. There will also be a Bonfire and Bangers Evening at the Rectory in October.

Please think about your commitment to this important cause and keep up to date with activities in the Southside Appeal section of the website and by keeping an eye on the Parish Calendar (on website).