

- ◆ **“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, (7th): 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman’s Lunch and Lent Group A, Session 3 (at 2:00pm)

Thursday, (1st March): 7:30pm—Lent Group B, Session 3

Sunday, 11th March: Mothering Sunday

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

10:00am: Choir will sing through newer hymns at St Nicolas Church

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

3rd Sunday in Lent

4th March, 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)

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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: Exodus 20: 1-17 *The Ten Commandments*

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your

towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

The Gospel: John 2: 13-22 *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Anthem: *Cast me not away from thy presence* S.S. Wesley

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **It's Cake and Jam Day!:** Today at St Nicolas, our Sunday School is holding **a Cake and Jam Sale** after the morning service to raise money for Traidcraft. The Traidcraft stall is also open today. This is our contribution to Fairtrade Fortnight which runs from **26 February to 11 March**. As you know, Fairtrade supports the farmers and workers around the world who grow our food.
- ◆ **It's also Southside Roof/Wall Appeal Day!:** Today is the launch of our £75,000 appeal to address vital repairs to our lovely church. Please make sure you take an Appeal Leaflet to consider how you can contribute to this major challenge for our church community.
- ◆ **A Lenten Opportunity today:** We are all invited to St Anne's Church, Dropmore **this afternoon at 3:00pm** for a Lenten devotion on the **Stations of the Cross** which 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.
- ◆ **Another Lenten Opportunity:** You may have noticed that we are building up personal prayer and meditation resources in our Lady Chapel. There is now a small bookcase there with some devotional materials for us to take, use and return. We will continue to build up this resource and you are encouraged to contribute any of your own devotional books which you are prepared to share with others.
- ◆ **Choral Evensong:** Taplow Youth Choir will sing Choral Evensong at St George's Chapel, Windsor next **Wednesday (7th) at 5.15 pm**. It is always a lovely occasion.
- ◆ **Making good use of our new Hymn Books!:** Before the morning service at St Nicolas **next Sunday (11th)**, our organist and choir master, Neil and the choir have offered to help us to become more familiar with some of the newer hymns in our hymnbook so that we can confidently enjoy singing them in our worship. **PLEASE DO COME EARLY (AT 10:00) NEXT SUNDAY TO SING OR JUST LISTEN.**