

- ◆ **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 or by email: bucksareaconference@oxford.anglican.org. Jane and Sue are going; might you join them?

- ◆ **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, (14th): 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch and Lent Group A, Session 4 (at 2:00pm)

Thursday, (15th): 7:30pm—Lent Group B, Session 4

Sunday, 18th March: 5th Sunday in Lent

9:15am: Holy Communion 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
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St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

Mothering Sunday

11th March, 2018



ST NICOLAS CHURCH
TAPLOW

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

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

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 2:1-10 Birth and Youth of Moses

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's



daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

The Gospel: Luke 2: 33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Anthem: *The Lord bless you and keep you* John Rutter

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **The Sunday School Fairtrade Fortnight Cake and Jam Sale:** this sale held last Sunday made an amazing £97.40. Many thanks to all who baked and bought. Together with the donations to Traidcraft during the year this means we have accumulated a total of £182.35. The even better news is that, because our donation to Traidcraft is being made



before the 11th April, it will be "doubled" thanks to the current Government UK Aid Match scheme. So we are contributing a grand total of **£364.70** to help the work that Traidcraft does with rural communities in some of the poorest parts of the world. Particular thanks to Pam for co-ordinating this outreach work.

- ◆ **John Coombes:** You may know that John was organist at St Anne's Church, Dropmore. His funeral is at Slough Crematorium on Tuesday 20th March at 11.30am. Those attending are also invited for refreshments at Wexham Golf Club at 12.30. The family would be delighted to welcome John's friends from church. If you would like to make a donation to St Anne's Church, Dropmore in memory of John, there will be a box at the funeral. Before John went to St Anne's, he was also organist at St Mary's Hitcham for some forty years. We give thanks for his ministry.
- ◆ **Have you read the Southside Roof/Wall Appeal leaflet yet?:** ...and have you started to think how you might contribute to this major challenge for our church community. If not, please take a leaflet and do give this some serious consideration. Thank you. There is also a section on our website about this.
- ◆ **"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 contacting Rob Penn Tel:07768483385 or email: robipenn@aol.com
- ◆ **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.

