

- ◆ **Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2pm Good Friday Worship:** we reflect on the crucifixion through a dramatized reading of John's passion narrative and the singing of Bairstow's lamentation.
- ◆ **Good Friday Churchyard clean-up ready for Easter Sunday:** Phil will be spring-cleaning the churchyard from approximately 3.15 p.m. on Good Friday. He would welcome any offers of help. Please have a word with him if you can join in.
- ◆ **Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 6am Dawn Service at Tappa's Mound:** by request we will again this year offer this special act of worship followed by a simple breakfast. Do spread the word.
- ◆ **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**

**Tuesday, (20<sup>th</sup>):** 8.00pm - Joint PCC Meeting at St Nicolas Church

**Wednesday, (21st):** 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch and Lent Group A, Session 5 (at 2:00pm)

**Thursday, (22nd):** 7:30pm—Lent Group B, Session 5

**Sunday, 25th March: Palm Sunday**

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](mailto: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

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**St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common**

**St Nicolas' Church, Taplow**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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)**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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:** Jeremiah 31:31-34 *A New Covenant*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**The Gospel:** John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then

Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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Anthem: *Hosanna to the son of David* Thomas Weelkes

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### Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

### ***This Week's News and Notices***

- ◆ **PCC Meeting on Tuesday (20<sup>th</sup>):** Amongst other things, the PCC will be discussing the draft Annual Report for the Annual Parish Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April, looking at plans for a church office, plans for re-organising our noticeboards and considering Worship Sub-Committee plans for consulting on patterns of worship. Do talk with any PCC member if you would like to know more. As usual, a report on the meeting will be available on the website next week.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Personal Prayer and Meditation Resources:** 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 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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **St Nicolas school vacancy for a teacher:** St Nicolas CofE school require a teacher for either KS1, EYFS or KS2 for September 2018. Closing date 23<sup>rd</sup> March . Application pack can be obtained from the school. Further information from [office@stnicolastaplow.com](mailto:office@stnicolastaplow.com)
- ◆ **Funeral of Nancy Hillier at 10.30am on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Slough Crematorium**
- ◆ **Funeral of John Coombes, former organist at St Anne's, at 11.30am on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Slough Crematorium**
- ◆ **Burnham Concert Band Spring Concert on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 8pm at St Peter's Church, Burnham SL1 7HX:** Tickets on the door £8.
- ◆ **Reflections for Holy Week 6pm Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March in St Nicolas Lady Chapel:** Through Holy Week with the Iona community - calm reflective worship including music, prayers and silence for half an hour each evening during the first part of Holy Week.
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 8pm Eucharist with stripping of the altar:** we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples.
- ◆ **Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm Children at the Foot of the Cross:** we play pass the parcel as we explore the meaning of the Easter story