

communicate our messages and 'tidy' our church.

- ✓ **Data Protection rules** and **Safeguarding training**.
- ✓ The plans of the **Worship Sub-Committee** to consult on patterns of worship both within and beyond the church community.

A report of the meeting (with more details) is on the website.

◆ **Ministry Opportunities:**

- 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 (there is more information on our website).
- 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.

- ◆ **Your Muffins could save our Southside!**: We would like your favourite recipes to include in a book to raise money for our appeal; 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



Diary for Holy Week (all services at St Nicolas Church unless stated otherwise)

Monday, (26th): 6pm-6:30pm - Holy Week Reflection 1

Tuesday, (27th): 6pm-6:30pm - Holy Week Reflection 2

Wednesday, (28th): 12pm-3pm - Open Wednesday with Worship at 12.30, **6pm-6:30pm** - Holy Week Reflection 3

Maundy Thursday (29th): 8pm-9pm - Holy Communion and stripping of altar

Good Friday (30th): 12:30pm-1:10pm - Service for Children and Families, **2pm-3pm** - Good Friday Worship

Sunday, 1st April: Easter Day

6.00am-7am—Service at the Mound

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.*

St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

We are part of



St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

Palm Sunday

25th 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 and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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: Isaiah 50:4-9 *The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward, I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Gospel: Mark 14:1-15

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."



Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.



On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

Anthem: *O Saviour of the World* John Goss

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Reflections for Holy Week 6pm this Monday to Wednesday 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:** 8pm Eucharist with stripping of the altar: we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples.
- ◆ **Good Friday:** 12.30pm Children at the Foot of the Cross: we play pass the parcel as we explore the meaning of the Easter story.
- ◆ **Good Friday:** 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:** our festive worship begins at 6am with a 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. Other services for Easter Day are recorded overleaf.
- ◆ **PCC Meeting Outcomes:** Last Tuesday, the PCC met and discussed:
 - ✓ Arrangements for this year's exciting **Summer Fete** taking place on the Village Green and offering the opportunity for our church to work closely with our school and the local community.
 - ✓ The five **Southside Appeal** events which are already planned and the opportunity to plan many more—what are you doing?!
 - ✓ The **purpose of the PCC** and **the role of PCC members**.
 - ✓ The creation of our **Annual Report** including worrying financial accounts showing that our outgoings continue to exceed our income. The report will be published on Easter Day in preparation for our Annual Parish Meeting on 15th April.
 - ✓ The establishing of a **Church Office** to relieve our Vicar (and Churchwardens) of some administrative duties and also have the church open more during the week.
 - ✓ The re-ordering of **our noticeboards** to improve how we