

◆ **Southside Appeal Activities**

- a) **Cake Sales:** Sunday School **Cake Sales begin today** (and will now be every other Sunday) at St Nicolas Church. Please do support it.
- b) **Help us create a recipe book:** Have you sent your favourite recipes to Tony yet for the Parish Recipe book? Please think what recipe you could contribute and contact Tony 07747 613900, email: tony.bridge@gmail.com
- c) **The Psalmathon:** Everyone can be part of this (Sunday, 16th Sept) - 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—tickets on sale soon!
- e) **Do you know someone looking for a mortgage or re-mortgaging?:** Peter Baldacchino DipPFS, CertCiil of High Street Mortgages Ltd, 24 Lower Britwell Road, Burnham, Berks, SL2 2NJ, does not charge broker fees and is happy to meet people regarding any mortgage needs and donate £50 to our appeal for any/every mortgage he is able to arrange.
- f) **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.



Services next Week

Wednesday, (11th): 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

Sunday, 15th April: 3rd Sunday of Easter

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.

	<p>St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common</p> <p>St Nicolas' Church, Taplow</p> <p>Second Sunday in Easter</p> <p>8th April, 2018</p>	
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Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Service and at St Nicolas, a particularly warm welcome to the family and friends of Harry and Joe Searles who are to be baptised today. At St Nicolas, children are invited to join the Sunday School after the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35 *The Believers Share Their Possessions*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Gospel: John 20:19-31 *Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw

the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."



Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Anthem: *A Clare Benediction* John Rutter

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This Week's News and Notices

◆ **Our Joint Annual Parish Meeting:** This meeting for everyone in our congregations is next Sunday (15th) after the 10.45 Eucharist. Our Vicar will be using the sermon to take a look at the challenges we face in the year ahead. The Annual Report (on last year) is available and should be read in advance of the meeting. Please do make sure you are able to be in church next Sunday. Thank you.

◆ **Ministry Opportunities:**

a) The new **Church Office** is to be sited where the children's corner is now. The children's corner will be moved up the south aisle about three metres. The office will be open two mornings per week, probably Monday and Friday and this will also mean the church will be open during the office hours. The purpose of the church office is to relieve our Vicar of various administrative matters which take up her time and be a point of contact for visitors/enquirers. Initially, the office will be manned by volunteers. Would you or someone you know consider committing to a 2½ hour morning session to help in this work (technical skills not essential!)? It promises to be interesting work and an important contribution to our future plans. Please talk to Jane if you would like to know more.



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.

◆ **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.