

◆ Southside Appeal Activities

a) **Cake Sales:** Last week's first Sunday School Cake Sale raised an amazing **£195!** Thank you to all who contributed by baking or buying—next opportunity will be next Sunday!

b) **Summer Fete, 30th June, 12:00—4:00pm:** This event needs to be a big success so please do consider how you can help achieve this. *This week's request for help is this:* we need some **serious raffle prizes**. Do you have any contacts that may want to make a donation towards the Fete, restaurateurs, wine retailers, holiday accommodation etc. Do please think about asking them and getting in



touch with the Fete planning team via Nicki—paxcottage@aol.com tel 07801504681. Other raffle prizes such as Champagne, chocolate, quality gifts etc would also be very welcome. Thank you.

c) **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!

d) **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.

e) **Help us create a recipe book:** Please get your recipes to Tony as soon as possible so that work can begin on putting this book together. Tony 07747 613900, email: tony.bridge@gmail.com

Services next Week

Wednesday, (18th): 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

Sunday, 22nd April: 4th Sunday of Easter

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

10:45am: Choral Matins at St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

10:45am: All Age Worship in St Nicolas School Hall

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

Third Sunday in Easter

15th April, 2018



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Holy Communion Service followed by our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**. Children are invited to join the Sunday School after the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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: Acts 3:12-19 Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out".

The Gospel: Luke 24:36-48 *Jesus Appears to His Disciples*

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.



Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Anthem: *O for a closer walk with God* CV Stanford

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Our Joint Annual Parish Meeting:** Please enjoy coffee or tea after this morning's service and then stay for this meeting. 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.

