

♦ **Southside Appeal: your 'To Do' List for this week hopefully includes:**

- ✓ This week for the **Summer Fete (30th June)** we need...
 - a) **Quality gifts and items** suitable for the tombola— to Nicki please—leave in church or at Pax Cottage
 - b) We still 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.
 - c) **Other raffle prizes** such as Champagne, chocolate, quality gifts etc would also be very welcome. Thank you.
- ✓ Get your tickets for the **Royal Wedding themed Afternoon Tea**: This will be in the Rectory Garden from **2:00 to 4:30 on Sunday, 20th May**. Tickets available from janecresswell523@gmail.com or 01628 661182: £10 for adults and £5 for children (Children 5 and under FREE).
- ✓ Get your recipes to Tony for **the Special Recipe book**: Thank you. Tony 07747 613900, email: tony.bridge@gmail.com
- ✓ **'First Come, First Served' for Traditional Sunday Lunch!**: Sue Blore is generously inviting up to seven people to **Sunday Lunch at 1pm on 29 April**. Minimum donation £10 a head is requested. The only proviso is that you must like dogs as she often has dogs staying with her. Go on your own or with others and meet new people too. Please contact Sue on 01628 661815 (leave a message if she's out). If the first occasion is a success it will be repeated throughout the year—first come, first served!

Services next Week

Wednesday, (25th): 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

Sunday, 29th April: 5th Sunday of Easter

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

10:45am: Parish Communion with baptism 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 \(oliverjim1@sky.com\)](mailto: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 St Nicolas' Church, Taplow Fourth Sunday in Easter 22nd April, 2018	
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Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Service of Matins. There is also an All Age Worship Service in St Nicolas School Hall at 10.45 today.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 4: 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Gospel: John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the

sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”



Anthem: *Brother James' Air* Bain arr Alan Bullard



This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **The Worship Questionnaire:** There is surely nothing more important to our relationship with God and the future of our churches here in Taplow and Dropmore than the quality of our worship. We are committed to reviewing our patterns of worship and the first stage of this process involves consulting widely about what we do and how it might be improved. ***Please do spend some time completing the questionnaire*** (copies at the back of church together with a box for completed responses) or complete the survey online using [the link on our website](https://goo.gl/forms/GBX6xFKiJdKwWCng2) or going directly to <https://goo.gl/forms/GBX6xFKiJdKwWCng2>. Thank you.

- ◆ **The Vicar's Springtime Newsletter:** If you haven't had a copy yet, please take one from the back of church. It contains a prayer list, Baptism and Confirmation Course details, information about fund-raising events, an introduction to this year's 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative, an update on the work of the Worship Sub-Committee and the full Parish Calendar between now and Trinity Sunday. All this information is also on our website.
- ◆ **Ministry Opportunity—Summer Fete Support:** Nicki Jeffries is co-ordinating our Church's involvement in what promises to be an exciting project this year linking Church, School and Community. Nicki needs someone to work alongside her on the planning team to share in decision making and ensure we plan appropriately for this event. Might you be willing to help in this way? Please contact Nicki on 07801504681 or at paxcottage@aol.com. Thank you.
- ◆ **Taplow Girls' Choir:** They are singing Evensong again at St George's Chapel, Windsor on **Wednesday 2nd May at 5.15pm**. All welcome.
- ◆ **Oasis at St Anne's:** The programme of sessions for the next year is now available (see 'Events' on the website). In line with the Diocese of Oxford's common vision, the programme focuses on being more Christ-Like; through the themes of the Beatitudes: contemplative, compassionate and courageous for the sake of God's world. The first session is about **St John of the Cross** led by our Area Dean, Rod Cosh. Wednesday 9th May, 7:30pm -9:30pm at St Mary's Church, Wexham.
- ◆ **'Thy Kingdom Come':** As in the last few years, the ten days from Ascension Day to Pentecost will mark a season of focussed prayer for the life and mission of our church across the Church of England. In our area, different churches will host corporate prayer on different days. St Nicolas Church will lead worship on **Wednesday, 16th May at 12.30pm** as part of our usual Open Wednesday. This is a great opportunity to support this important initiative and join in Open Wednesday—please do come if you can. Details of all the services over the nine days are on the website (see 'Services').
- ◆ **When did you last look at our Website?:** Our pew leaflet can never cover all the details of our parish life. Please do visit our website regularly for full details of services and events, appeals, news, new opportunities, reflections and prayers and—as they say—much, much more!