

◆ **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 janecresswel523@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
- ✓ Are **YOU** able to do anything to raise money for our Appeal? It is a massive challenge for us to reach £75,000 but we love our church and where there's a will, there's a way. Can you think of anything you could do to raise some cash?



Services next Week

Wednesday, (2nd May): 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

Sunday, 6th May: 6th 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 Fifth Sunday in Easter 29th April, 2018	
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Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Holy Communion Service. At St Nicolas, a particular welcome to the family and friends of Tommy John Power who is to be baptised today. Children are invited to the Sunday School after the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40 *Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch*

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is

taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.



The Gospel: John 15:1-8 *Jesus the True Vine*

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Anthem: *Christ is our Cornerstone* David Thorne

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

This Week's News and Notices

♦ **Have you completed the Worship Questionnaire yet?:** What worship experiences do you most enjoy and how do you think we could improve our worship. ***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 or going directly to <https://goo.gl/forms/GBX6xFKiJdKwWCng2>. Thank you.

♦ **Taplow Girls' Choir:** This wonderful choir are singing Evensong again at St George's Chapel, Windsor **next Wednesday (2nd May) at 5.15pm**. It is always a lovely experience to which you are 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 culminating in a **Deanery service at St Anne's Church, Dropmore at 3.00pm on Sunday, 13th May** led by our Vicar, Jane and Rev'd Malcolm White. In addition, St Nicolas Church will lead the daily worship on **Wednesday, 16th May at 12.30pm** as part of our usual Open Wednesday. Please do join in these services if you can. Details of all the daily prayer services is on the website (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!