

◆ **Southside Appeal:**

★ **The Royal Wedding themed Afternoon Tea:** thanks are due to Jane, Clive and their family for making us all so welcome last Sunday. It was a memorable occasion during which Simon Bradley won a prize for his ninja hat and Ella MacFarlane won a prize for her princess tiara and veil. Amazingly, the event also raised almost £1000 for our appeal—brilliant!

★ **Sunday Lunch:** Following the success of the first Traditional Sunday Lunch, Sue Blore will be holding another **next Sunday, (3rd June)**. Minimum donation of £10 a head for a great lunch. She will have a very well behaved dog staying at her home on that date. Please ring her on 01628 661815 to book your place.

★ **Five Weeks to the Summer Fete (30th June):** Please keep those



Tombola items (unwanted gifts of any sort) coming in (leave at the back of the church). White Elephant items go to Jennifer, Books go to Jan (or leave in church), Plants and Cakes are needed on the day so please plan for these too.

**Help is needed** to set up, clear down and man stalls. Please sign up on sheet in Church or

contact Nicki directly on 07801504681.

★ **Other fundraising ideas:** Whilst we have a good programme of fund-raising events, we will undoubtedly need more. Do you have an idea for another way to raise funds? If so, please talk to Phil.

**Services next Week**

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

Friday, (1st) - Choir to sing a Festal Eucharist at Wells Cathedral

**Sunday, 3rd June, Trinity Sunday**

09:15—Holy Communion at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

*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](mailto: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.*

	<b>St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common</b> <b>St Nicolas' Church, Taplow</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b> <b>27th May, 2018</b>	
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*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

*Welcome to this morning's Service of Matins. All-Age Worship is also taking place this morning starting on Taplow Village Green at 10:45*

**Collect (or Prayer for Today)**

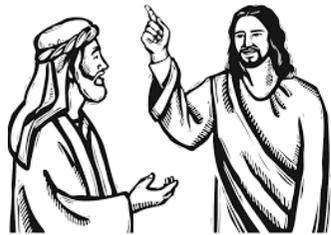
Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 6:1-8 *A Vision of God in the Temple*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

## The Gospel: John 3:1-17 *Nicodemus Visits Jesus*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a



Jesus Talks With Nicodemus

teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a

second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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**Anthem:** *Hymn to the Trinity* Tchaikovsky

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## *This Week's News and Notices*

- ◆ **PCC Meeting last Tuesday:** The new PCC for this year began its work with a Eucharist in the Lady Chapel with thoughtful intercessions by members. The business of the meeting included updates on the Fete (30th June) and the Southside Appeal, further consideration of how to improve internal arrangements at St Nicolas enabling us to open the church more and establish the church office, the adopting of a PCC Code of Conduct and the annual review of our Safeguarding Policy. The meeting looked at a 'Life Treasury' proposal (more on this in due course if we pursue it) and planned for future work related to raising our income and the next stages of our 'patterns of worship' work. A report is on the website under 'News'.
- ◆ **Considering Our Patterns of Worship:** Once again, a big thank you to everyone who has spent time reflecting thoughtfully on our patterns of worship. Over fifty responses have been made so far (there is still time to get your views considered if you haven't yet responded) and the Sub Committee will now look in detail at everything that has been submitted. The next phase of this work will be to follow up the survey by interviewing a sample of respondents. Then we will present the findings to the PCC in July, publish the analysis for everyone and then begin to look at possible areas for change or improvement.
- ◆ **Wells Cathedral Visit:** next Friday our choir will be singing for a Festal Eucharist in the Cathedral. If you are booked on the coach going to Wells, please be at St Nicolas Church by **12:15 on Friday**. The coach will leave promptly at 12:30.



- ◆ **Cream Teas at St Anne's** start on Sunday 1st July and continue each Sunday until 26th August serving from 3pm to 5pm. Sue would welcome any offer of help to serve and clear the teas. Please contact Sue Blore on 01628 661815. Thank you.

- ◆ **Taplow Court:** the gardens are looking stunning, and are open to the public again next Sunday afternoon (3rd), 2:00 to 5:00pm. There is an exhibition called 'Seeds of Hope' about environmental and ecological matters and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals in the main house, and there will be cream teas in the restaurant.