

- ◆ **Taplow Court Open Day:** Taplow Court and gardens is open today from 2pm to 5pm. 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. There will be a themed tour of the gardens on the subject of roses. Do go and have a picnic and enjoy the grounds.

- ◆ **Southside Appeal:**

★ **The Summer Fete:** A massive thank you to everyone who helped to make our Church and School Fete such a great success. Apart from the very necessary fund raising (final figures soon), this was a wonderful opportunity for us all to work together as a Christian community with our school. Nicki, with the help of Janet, made it all happen for us and helped develop the links between our church and our school and its PTA. Particular thanks to them for commitment to this cause.

THANK YOU!

★ **What's next?!** Well, there's the **St Nicolas Quartet Concert** on 15th July at 3.00pm and the **next Cake Sale** will be on Sunday, 12th August. Then in the autumn there is the **Psalmathon**, Phil's **Palace to Palace cycle ride**, and the **Bonfire and Bangers** event. **Tony's Recipe Book** will be on sale and Jim Oliver will be running a **Woodwork Stall** every Sunday from October. But we will need more....can you help with a fund-raising idea?

- ◆ **More help needed:** Please is anyone willing to provide and serve a simple ploughman's lunch during the Marriage Preparation Day on Saturday 14th July? Sue Blore normally does this but can't do this one. Please speak to Jane if you can help. Expenses reimbursed.

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (4th): 12:00: Open Wednesday: Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

7:00 to 9:00pm: Connections at St Nicolas: Awe and Wonder.

Sunday, 8th July, 6th Sunday after Trinity

09:15 am: Matins 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: janeacresswell523@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.



St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

5th Sunday after Trinity

1st July, 2018



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Holy Communion service and, at St Nicolas a special welcome to the family and friends of Matilda Malynn who is to be baptised today. Children are invited to our Sunday School at the end of the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 1:1 , 17-27 *David Mourns for Saul and Jonathan*

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me

was wonderful, passing the love of women. How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

The Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 *A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed*

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately



the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Anthem: *Fairest Lord Jesus* Trad. arranged Antony Baldwin

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

◆ **'Connections':** Starting this Wednesday (4th July), "Connections" will take place every other Wednesday evening from 7pm to 9pm in St Nicolas Church. Helping us to make connections between life and faith, strengthening our connections with one another and deepening our connection with God, these sessions reflect on a different topic each time using Brian McLaren's book "We make the road by walking". You don't need to have the book. The session titles for the next few months are listed on our website. ***The first session this Wednesday*** is called ***"Awe and Wonder"*** offering the opportunity for us to reflect on the wonders of creation and our response to it. Each session begins with supper. There is no charge and you don't have to attend every session. Is this an opportunity for you to grow your connections?



◆ **Cream Teas at St Anne's** start today and continue each Sunday until 26th August serving from 3pm to 5pm. Do go along and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere. Sue would also welcome any offer of help to serve and clear the teas. Please contact Sue Blore on 01628 661815. Thank you.



◆ **Burnham Lighthouse:** Thank you to all who have brought in materials for Lighthouse. There is still time to add to the box at the back of church: ***flattened cereal boxes, wool/string/thin ribbon, wrapping paper, glue sticks and colouring pens.***

◆ **Woodlarks Community Choir:** This choir meets again at St Nicolas Church next Sunday (8th) afternoon (2pm). Everyone welcome!