

★ **Other forthcoming fundraising events:**

Sunday 15th July – St Nicolas Quartet will perform a short concert at 3.00 p.m. in St Nicolas Church for the Southside Appeal and St Nicolas School PTA, followed by refreshments. Entry by donation. For more details contact Helen Styles helenstylesuzki@gmail.com

Sunday 16th September – St Nicolas' Church Choir Psalmathon. You are invited to participate for as long as you wish and also to sponsor the event using E-crowdfunding. Details on the website.

Sunday 7th October – Phil plans to cycle Palace to Palace (Buckingham Palace to Windsor Castle) and will welcome sponsorship for his efforts!

Saturday 13th October – Bonfire and Bangers evening at Taplow Rectory. Tickets available in due course. Note the date now.

Trusts and grant applications—Phil has put in a number of applications for grant aid support. Please remember these applications in your prayers; they are so important for us.

We need more—money and events! Please keep thinking of other ways in which you think you might be able to help raise more funds. Our £75K target is such a huge sum.

- ◆ **Woodlarks Community Choir:** This choir is meeting monthly at 3:00pm at St Nicolas Church starting this afternoon (10th).

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (13th): 12:00: Open Wednesday: Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

Sunday, 17th June, 3rd Sunday after Trinity

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

10:45am: Parish Communion at St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

6:00 pm: Youth Alpha/Confirmation preparation at St Mary's.

*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.*

	<p>St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common</p> <p>St Nicolas' Church, Taplow</p> <p>2nd Sunday after Trinity</p> <p>10th June, 2018</p>	
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Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

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

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 8: 4-15

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his

chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.

The Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Then Jesus went home and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Anthem: *Love divine, all loves excelling* David Willcocks

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **It's Cake Sunday again!** Our Sunday School families have raised more than £350 in two monthly cake sales. With your help, they can exceed at total of over £500 by the end of today's sale. Thanks for your support.
- ◆ **June/July Newsletter:** If you didn't collect the Vicar's seasonal newsletter last week, please take a copy home with you today. It contains a reflection on the season and much information about events coming up this summer. All of this information is also on the Church website.
- ◆ **Youth Alpha/Confirmation Preparation:** This starts today (10th) at 6pm in the Parish Room, St Mary's Hitcham. Please pray especially for Florence and William Snoxell, Anna Shanu-Wilson and Emily Rutt from St Nicolas.
- ◆ **The Church Office:** the office will start by opening on a Monday morning from 18th June. Please join us for morning prayer at 9.15am that day or drop in at any time. The Church will be open to visitors.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Southside Appeal:**
 - ★ **Three Weeks to the Summer Fete (30th June): It's Raffle Ticket selling time!** Nicki is issuing tickets for us all to sell and we stand to make over £1000 for our church if we if we sell them all.
 - Nicki attended a Fete meeting on our behalf last week and arrangements are now advanced for a wonderful day on 30th June. Help is still needed to set up, clear down and man stalls. Please sign up on sheet in Church or contact Nicki directly on 07801504681.

