

- ◆ **'Connections':** This is a new and exciting opportunity for us to reflect on how our Christian faith has relevance to our daily lives. There will be a fortnightly meeting (7:00pm to 9:00pm) starting with a simple supper and then sharing our thoughts about a different topic each meeting. The first meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, 4th July at St Nicolas Church**. More details are on the website and will appear in the pew leaflet next week. Do think about coming along.
- ◆ **All Age Worship:** Next Sunday (24th) is the last All Age Worship of the term (no All Age worship in July or August) and it will be the 'End of Term Praise Party'!
- ◆ **Southside Appeal:**
 - ★ **Two Weeks to the Summer Fete (30th June):** Thank you to all those who have taken raffle tickets to sell. Now please can you return sold ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets either to Church or to Nicki directly (just pop into Pax Cottage post box by the gate in the High Street). 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.
 - ★ **Some really good news:** Thanks in no small measure to Phil's work in putting in grant applications, we have received **a grant of £1,500 from the Allchurches Trust** for the Southside Appeal. Praise the Lord and let's pray that other applications start to reap rewards too.

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (20th): 12:00: Open Wednesday: Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

Sunday, 24th June, 4th Sunday after Trinity

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

10:45am: Choral Matins at St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

10:45: All Age Worship in St Nicolas School Hall

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.



St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

3rd Sunday after Trinity

17th June, 2018



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Holy Communion Service and, at St Nicolas, a particular welcome to Carol Bader of Burnham Lighthouse. Children are invited to our Sunday School after the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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: 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13 *David Anointed as King*

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. 1 Samuel 16:1-13 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to

the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Gospel: Mark 4:26-34 *The Parables of the Seeds*

Jesus also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."



He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Anthem: Psalm 31 (1-5)

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Sunday School Cake selling:** thank you once again for your support in buying cakes last Sunday. The next cake sale will be on Sunday, 8th July. As Tesco puts it: 'Every little helps'!
- ◆ **The Church Office:** the office will be opening on a Monday morning from tomorrow. This also provides the opportunity to come to church for morning prayer at 9.15am that day—or drop in at any time; the Church will be open to visitors.
- ◆ **Burnham Lighthouse:** Today at St Nicolas, we are going to hear something about Burnham Lighthouse which is a Christian run, week long, daily Holiday Club for children aged 4 – 11. The Lighthouse team need craft items and there is a box at the back of church in which we can leave things. They need: **100 roll tubes, flattened cereal boxes, wool/string/thin ribbon, wrapping paper, glue sticks and colouring pens.** In addition, Lighthouse is also looking for **volunteers to help** during the week (30th July to 3rd August) for a day or two, or even during the evening for site security. Please go to: lighthousecentral.org to register.

- ◆ **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.

