

◆ **Connections:** On 4th July, members of our congregations met together at St Nicolas Church to enjoy a lovely summer evening meal and happy fellowship together. Using the Genesis 1 narrative and a fascinating commentary, they reflected on the wonders of creation in our world today. Connections is being held every other Wednesday so the next session 'Being Human' is this **Wednesday (18th) at 7:00pm**. All are welcome.

◆ **A Summer's Evening Celebration with Burnham Concert Band:** this event takes place next Friday (20th) at St Nicolas Church from 6:30pm. Tickets are £12.50 each. Please bring your own favourite drinks! Contact a member of the Social Committee by the end of today (15th) or please sign up on the list in Church.



◆ **Oasis at St Anne's:** The next Oasis session is on **Saturday 28th July**, 10am – 1pm at St Thomas Church, Colnbrook. It is called 'In your room and up the mountain: Jesus and praying' - An exploration into Contemplation and being contemplative. It will be led by Andrew Allen who leads a regular contemplative prayer group "Be Still in Slough". Please book by 21st July by contacting Rob Penn on 07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com.

◆ **Income from the Summer Fete:** Following a meeting of the group which organised the fete, we are pleased to be able to announce that the fete made a net profit of £5299.39, split between church, school and pre-school so our churches benefit to the tune of £1766.

Diary for next Week

Wednesday, (18th): 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

7:00pm to 9:00pm- Connections at St Nicolas Church

Thursday, (19th): 6:00pm- St Nicolas School Play at St Nicolas Church

Friday, (20th): 6:30pm- Celebration with Burnham Concert Band (St Nics)

Sunday, 22nd July, 8th Sunday after Trinity

9:15am: Holy Communion 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: 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



We are part of

St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, 15th July, 2018



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's service. At St Nicolas, children are invited to join the Sunday School after the first hymn. We also extend a special welcome to Suzanne Johnson who finishes her placement today to preach.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 *David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem*

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with

shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.



The Gospel: Mark 6:14-29 *The Death of John the Baptist*

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and

requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Anthem: *Jesu the very thought of thee* Simon Lole

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **St Nicolas Quartet:** This lovely group of young musicians are coming to St Nicolas Church to perform at **3:00pm this afternoon (15th)**. Entry is by donation (for the South Side Appeal fund) and refreshments will be served after the concert. Please do come along if you can.



- ◆ **Or what about this?** Fed up with Football, not interested in Tennis, why not treat yourself to a delicious Cream Tea at St Anne's, Dropmore this afternoon or any Sunday afternoon between 3 and 5pm? A sports free zone and a chance to meet friends. Teas will be served until the end of August but this Sunday has the added of bonus of being away from TV and radio.

