

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



- ◆ **Our heating system:** In addition to the Southside Appeal work, Phil has been grappling with the problems in our heating system. We are looking for a **volunteer to liaise with heating engineers** to sort things out for the next heating season. Do you know anyone could do this?
- ◆ **Summer Fete:** Nicki writes: "Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the day so successful—from raffle donations, items for stalls, buying raffle tickets, running stalls, spending money and being there to support the event. Feedback from those involved and those who came has been really positive". As you know, the total profit was £5,299.39 and our church benefits from £1,766 plus around £500 made on the South Side Appeal Stall. It is worth noting that our fete last year in the Rectory Garden raised £1,163.



### Services/Events next Week

- Monday, (23rd):** 2pm-3pm—St Nicolas School Leavers' Service  
**Tuesday, (24th):** 8pm-10pm—PCC Meeting at St Nicolas Church  
**Wednesday, (25th):** 12:00: Open Wednesday: Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch  
**Sunday, 29th July, 9th Sunday after Trinity**  
 10:45am: Parish Communion at St Nicolas' Church, Taplow  
 3:00pm-5:00pm: St Anne's Cream Teas  
 6:00pm-7:00pm: St Anne's Patronal Festival Choral Evensong sung by St Nicolas Church Choir.

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.



**St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common**

**St Nicolas' Church, Taplow**

**8th Sunday after Trinity**

**22nd July, 2018**



*Faithful to God*
*Caring for each other*
*Serving the Community*

*Welcome to this morning's service of Matins. At St Nicolas, children are invited to our Sunday School at the end of the first hymn.*

#### Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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 7:1-14 *God's Covenant with David*

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest

from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

**The Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.



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**Anthem:** *Bless, O Lord, us thy servants* Martin How

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#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.

#### ***This Week's News and Notices***

- ◆ **The St Nicolas Quartet Concert:** A big 'Thank You' to Helen Styles and the St Nicolas Quartet—Katie, William, Beth and Inara for preparing such a wonderful concert for us last Sunday afternoon. The standard of playing was amazing as was the tea afterwards prepared by Ben, Sarah and Pam! Thanks to those who came, the grand total raised for the Southside Appeal (including Gift Aid) was £362.01 which is a magnificent contribution.
- ◆ **The Burnham Concert Band Celebration:** Last Friday evening, the Concert Band came to St Nicolas and those who came to listen enjoyed a lovely programme of music and some very lovely food! Many thanks to Judy and the Social Committee team for organising this event.
- ◆ **Cream Teas at St Anne's** continue today and 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.
- ◆ **St Anne's Patronal Festival: Next Sunday (29th July),** St Anne's Church celebrates its patronal festival with a Choral Evensong at **6:00pm** sung by St Nicolas Choir. This is always a lovely occasion which can be preceded by a cream tea! Do come and support St Anne's if you can.
- ◆ **Joint PCC Meeting:** The next meeting is this **Tuesday (24th)** at St Nicolas Church. Amongst other things, the Diocesan Generous Giving Adviser will be joining the meeting to lead us in developing our future funding plans, we will be reviewing the Summer Fete and considering a 'Life Treasury' proposal which could provide valuable income for us. The PCC will also take a first look at the findings of our Worship Survey which will soon be available for everyone to read. If you have particular views on any of these matters, don't hesitate to talk with a member of the PCC. News of outcomes next week.
- ◆ **Learning for Discipleship and Ministry:** Our Diocesan Autumn 2018 programme of courses is now open for bookings. The courses are for anyone with a passion to learn more about their faith, God and our place in his world, as well as those in training for Licenced Lay Ministry or ordination. Our website has details of how to click on the Diocesan website to find out more about the excellent range of courses available.