

◆ **Connections: Next Wednesday (1st August) from 7:00 to 9:00pm,**



you are invited to come to Connections— to share supper, enjoy fellowship with others in our congregations and this week, reflect on 'A World of Meaning' - making sense of reality and adopting a Christ-like approach to reality as we see it. Do join us if you can.

◆ **Oasis: On Tuesday, 8th August from 10:00 to 1:00pm** at St Annes,



Jacki Thomas, who is a licenced lay minister at All Saints Church, Dedworth and a retired Hospice Chaplain, will be leading a session called "**How do we pray with compassion**". Using Jacki's research with hospice chaplains

and her own experience the morning will be spent exploring the concept of compassion and what difference it makes to prayer.

Please book by 1st August by contacting Rob Penn Tel:07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com

◆ **South Side Appeal:** Yet another of Phil's applications to trust funds has delivered a positive result. We have just received £6000 from the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. This puts the income to our £75K appeal to just under £25K: 1/3rd achieved, 2/3rds to go!

◆ **Sides-persons:** The role of our sides-person team is vital to how people attending church services perceive us. There is shortly to be a get-together of our sides-people in celebration of what they do. If you would like to join this team, please do have a word with Jane or one of the church wardens. You would be most welcome.

**Services/Events next Week**

**Wednesday, (1st Aug):** 12:00: Open Wednesday: Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

7:00pm: Connections at St Nicolas Church

**Sunday, 5th August, 10th Sunday after Trinity**

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

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

3:00pm-5:00pm: St Anne's Cream Teas

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**

**9th Sunday after Trinity**

**29th July, 2018**



*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

*Welcome to this morning's Holy Communion service and a particular welcome to the family and friends of Phoebe Aroha Hobson who is to be baptised at St Nicolas today. At St Nicolas, children are invited to our Sunday School at the end of the first hymn.*

**Collect (or Prayer for Today)**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 11:1-15 *David Commits Adultery with Bathsheba*

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you

not go down to your house?” Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.” Then David said to Uriah, “Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.”

### **The Gospel:** John 6:1-21 *Feeding the Five Thousand*

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.”

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.



When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet

come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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**Anthem:** *O taste and see* Vaughan Williams

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### **Post Communion Prayer**

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

- ◆ **Joint PCC Meeting:** Last Tuesday, the PCC met and received a presentation from the Diocesan Generous Giving Adviser about the Parish Giving Scheme which the finance committee is now going to consider. The treasurer reported that our expenditure continues to be in excess of our income. The PCC also reviewed the Summer Fete, and unanimously approved becoming part of the National Life Treasury scheme. Approval was also given for the refurbishment of the War Memorial. In reviewing the service times, it was agreed that this should be considered as part of the Worship Sub-Committee’s work. The Worship survey findings were shared and this document will be available to everyone after the next meeting of this group in early August. A report on a recent Deanery Synod meeting was shared which included a talk on ‘Mission Enablers’ stressing the role of the church in the community. Other matters included the need for PCC members to complete an online Safeguarding course, approval of a new application to join the electoral roll and an update on churchyard matters. ***A report on the meeting can be read in the “News” section of the website and the minutes will be published on the office area noticeboard in due course.***
- ◆ **St Anne’s Patronal Festival:** **This is today** and St Nicolas Choir will be there this afternoon in preparation for the annual Choral Evensong at **6:00pm**. This is always a lovely occasion which can be preceded by a cream tea! Do come and support St Anne’s if you can.