

chaplains and her own experience the morning will be spent exploring the concept of compassion and what difference it makes to prayer. If you wish to attend, contact Rob Penn Tel:07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com

- ◆ **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.

### A prayer for those on holiday

Thank you Father for the rhythm of rest and Sabbath at the heart of creation. Bless those who are on holiday now; may they be refreshed and re-created, and come home with new vision, energy and contentment.

Amen



### Services/Events next Week

**Wednesday, (8th Aug):** 12:00: Open Wednesday: Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

**Sunday, 12th August, 10th Sunday after Trinity**

09:15am: Matins 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.

	<p><b>St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common</b></p> <p><b>St Nicolas' Church, Taplow</b></p> <p><b>10th Sunday after Trinity</b></p> <p><b>5th August, 2018</b></p>	
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*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

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

### Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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.

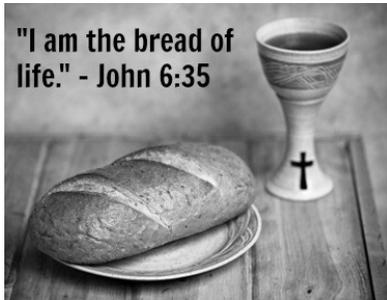
**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 11:26—12:13

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over

Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

#### The Gospel: John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread



always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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**Anthem:** Psalm 42 ( verses 1 - 9 )

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#### Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **St Anne's Patronal Festival:** Thanks to all those involved in last Sunday's celebration—the delicious cream teas and the wonderful Choral Evensong. It was a lovely event. Cream teas continue so do think about which Sunday afternoon(s) you might relax there.
- ◆ **Lighthouse Burnham:** During the past week, Burnham Academy has been the home of 'Lighthouse' - a Christian holiday club for around 900 local children led by over 130 volunteers. You may have noticed the Circus Tent and numerous marquees on the field. A wonderful example of Christian mission in action and a very good time was had by all!
- ◆ **Extraordinary PCC Meeting:** After the service at St Nicolas this morning, the PCC are meeting to agree a plan for addressing our problems with the heating system.
- ◆ **Summer Newsletter:** The Vicar's Summer Newsletter is published today. It contains a summer message, prayer suggestions and lots of information about coming events. Do take a copy home.
- ◆ **Oasis:** Next **Tuesday, (7th) 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

