

- ◆ **The World's Biggest Coffee Morning:** We are holding the coffee morning next **Friday (28th) and Saturday (29th) from 10:00 to 12:00** at St Nicolas Church for Macmillan Cancer Care. Donations of cakes would be gratefully received; Please contact Pam 07786296307 (hosting Friday) or Nicki 07801504681 (hosting Saturday) if you would be able to bake or help in any way on either day, but most importantly, COME AND SUPPORT IT!
- ◆ **Harvest lunch:** Harvest lunch at St Anne's Church is on **Saturday, 29th September, 12:30 for 1:00pm**. St Nicolas Harvest lunch is on **Sunday 7th October at 1:00pm** following the Festival Service. The St Nicolas Church menu is home made soup, super-ploughman's style main course, fruit crumbles, custard and ice cream. Bring your own drinks. £12.50 per adult, £5 per child (£25 family ticket—for family of 4). Please sign up on the list at the back of church.
- ◆ **Traidcraft:** the stall will be open next **Sunday, 30th September**.
- ◆ **Phil's next challenge:** Phil plans to cycle from Buckingham Palace to Windsor Castle on **Sunday 7th October** to raise money for The Prince's Trust and St. Nicolas' Southside Appeal. You can sponsor him either by a donation to Phil or Pam or through Phil's Just Giving site <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/phil-taylor-palace-topalace-2018> (Phil will match every £ on this Just Giving site for The Prince's Trust with a £ for St. Nicolas' Southside Appeal).
- ◆ **Oasis:** The next Oasis session is called '**Collages and poetry of compassion**' led by Fi Ivin on **Tuesday 9th October 10am - 1pm at Burnham Abbey**. Details of how to apply are on the website.

Services/Events next Week

Tuesday, (25th): St Nicolas School Harvest Services: 11:15 and 2:00pm

Wednesday, (26th): 12:00pm: Open Wednesday: Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

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

Saturday, (29th): 9:30am to 2:30pm—Mission Shaped Grace Conference
12:00 to 2:00pm— St Anne's Church Harvest Lunch

Sunday, 30th September, 18th Sunday after Trinity

10:45am: Joint Parish Communion at St Nicolas' Church with baptism

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.



We are part of
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Churches

St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

17th Sunday after Trinity

23rd September, 2018



ST NICOLAS CHURCH
TAPLOW

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this joint Holy Communion service and a particular welcome to Jonathan Farnhill, Diocesan Generous Giving Advisor who is preaching for us this morning. Children are invited to our Sunday School at the end of the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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: Proverbs 31: 10-31 *Ode to a Capable Wife*

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings, her clothing is fine

linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The Gospel: John 12:1-7 *Mary Anoints Jesus*

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial."



Anthem: *Comfort, O Lord, the soul of thy servant* William Crotch

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **The Psalmathon:** "Praise the Lord!" (Psalm 150 and numerous other psalms!). After thirteen hours of singing (interrupted only during our morning service), our augmented choir completed the challenge of singing 150 psalms and raising over £3,700 in the process. It was a monumental effort from an impressive number of singers who produced a worthy sound throughout the challenge encouraged and supported throughout by Neil and Gillian (music), Pam and Judy (refreshments), various people who came to listen (top accolade going to Barbara Smith who was there at the beginning and there at the end and much of the time in between), and, of course, the many, many people who gave money so generously. Huge thanks to everyone involved in this memorable and fitting event.
- ◆ **PCC Meeting:** the PCC meet last Tuesday and approved proposals for the installation of the Life Treasury, the introduction of the Parish Giving Scheme and plans for a monthly 'family' service. The Council heard that the War Memorial is to be refurbished shortly, we are to flush out our heating system pipes and obtain advice about the longer term options for heating and that we are now about half way to reaching the £75K for the South Side. Full report is on the website.
- ◆ **Families Bring and Share Picnic:** Today at 12:00, our families with children have been invited to the Rectory Garden for a picnic offering the opportunity to follow up on the Worship Survey findings.
- ◆ **Deanery Confirmation service:** This is at 6pm today at St Peter's Burnham. Do come to support Florence and William Snoxell, Anna Shanu-Wilson and Emily Rutt from St Nicolas if you can.

O Christ, bless these your servants who have opened their lives and hearts to you. By the power of your cross, protect them from evil. In the passion of your love, save them from half-heartedness. In the depth of your mercy, pick them up when they fall. Be close to them when they face difficulty and distress, And dance in their lives with your light and delight. AMEN

- ◆ **Connections: Next Wednesday (26th),** the session is called '**It's not too late**' which addresses times we might say 'It's too late'! It's never too late to learn something new, to pick up some new perceptions about issues of the day in the context of relevant bible readings. Everyone is welcome; supper at 7:00pm at St Nicolas Church, finish at 9:00pm.