

takings from this stall will go to the appeal.

- ◇ **Sunday Lunches:** As you will know, Sue Blore is offering Sunday Lunches to raise more funds for the appeal. She offers a two course traditional roast dinner for a maximum of seven guests and a minimum donation of £10. Those who have already been have had a wonderful time. Future dates are **21st October, 4th November and 2nd December all at 1pm.** Book in with Sue by ringing 01628 661815 (if she is not in, please leave a message with your phone number).
- ◇ **Slimathon:** Yes really... watch this space for more details and speak to Jane if you wish to join in!
- ◇ **What's next?:** The next challenge is to come up with fund raising plans for 2019. **Can you think of a way we could make some more money? Is there anything you could do?** Let's talk about it.
- ◆ We need a representative from St Nicolas or St Anne's to join a planning group for the **Churches Together stall and choir** at Burnham Lions Christmas Fair in Burnham High Street on 6th December. This will involve one or two meetings and acting as a channel for communication back to our congregations. Please talk to Jane about it to find out more.
- ◆ **Royal East Berks Agricultural Association Show and Annual Ploughing match:** This is being held at Barge Farm, Marsh Lane, Taplow SL6 0DE today. Jane blessed the plough this morning. The event is open to the public.



Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (3rd): 12:00pm: Open Wednesday: Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

Saturday, (6th): 10:30am to 5:30pm—Taplow Choirs at St Nicolas Church

Sunday, 7th October, 19th Sunday after Trinity

9:15am: Holy Communion at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10:45am: Harvest Festival Service 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 \(oliverjim1@sky.com\)](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	
18th Sunday after Trinity		
30th September, 2018		

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's joint Holy Communion Service and a particular welcome to the family and friends of Maddison Bates who is to be baptised today. Children are invited to our Sunday School at the end of the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were

in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoying them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Anthem: *Rejoice in the Lord* Anon (16th Century)

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **The Macmillan Coffee Mornings:** Thank you for your support for 'The Biggest Coffee Morning in the World' and particular thanks to Pam and Nicki for hosting our two sessions this year. We will shortly announce how much we were able to make for this great cause.
- ◆ **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** 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—TODAY PLEASE.
- ◆ **Oasis:** The next session is on **Tuesday 9th October from 10am - 1pm at Burnham Abbey**. Led by Fi Ivin, it is called '*Collages and poetry of compassion*'. Contact Rob Penn on 07768483385, robipenn@aol.com
- ◆ **South Side Appeal:** Now we have had time to bask in the success of getting half way to our financial goal, we need to start thinking about how we are going to complete the other half! Things coming up:

- ◇ **Phil's next challenge:** Phil plans to cycle "Palace to Palace", (Buckingham Palace to Windsor Castle) on Sunday 7th October. This is 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 pound on this Just Giving site for The Prince's Trust with a pound for St. Nicolas' Southside Appeal).



- ◇ **The St Nicolas Cookery Book:** This is in production now and will be available in a week or two. Apart from being something we will all enjoy using, it will make a great Christmas present. Full details will be available shortly.
- ◇ **Bonfire and Bangers Evening:** This popular event in the Rectory garden is on Saturday, 13th October from 6.00pm. Tickets are £5 including food (children under 5 free). Tickets are available from Jane or Carole.
- ◇ **'Bowled Over':** Jim's woodwork stall, selling everything from bowls to fridge magnets, will open on Sundays after the morning service at St Nicolas from Sunday, 14th October to Christmas. All