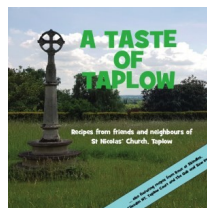


◆ **South Side Appeal Fundraisers:**

- ◇ **A Taste of Taplow—Our own Recipe Book:** If you haven't got hold of a copy of this yet, get one soon—it is fascinating and compulsive reading! Full details are on the website and you can buy a copy (£10) whenever the church is open.



- ◇ **'Let them eat cake':** There are exciting plans in store for the Sunday School Cake Sale in December. Sarah has offered to make 8 inch iced Christmas cakes to order. The cakes contain alcohol, although a non-alcoholic version can be ordered and they will be ready to be collected at the next cake sale on 9th December. The price is £25, to be paid when they are ordered. Orders to Pam Taylor by Sunday, 18 November, please. Pam will also take orders for her homemade mince pies - £2 for 6.
- ◇ **'Bowled over':** the woodcraft stall is open again after the St Nicolas service this morning; come and feel the items...!
- ◇ **Sunday Lunches:** Sue Blore has vacancies for her delicious and sumptuous two course traditional roast dinner on **4th November and 2nd December both at 1pm** (minimum donation £10). Book in with Sue by ringing 01628 661815 (if she is not in, please leave a message with your phone number).



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Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (31st): 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

Sunday, 4th November—4th Sunday before Advent

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

10:45am: Parish Communion 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) by the end of the Wednesday preceding the Sunday date you want it in.

St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common		
We are part of	St Nicolas' Church, Taplow	
		Bible Sunday
		28th October, 2018

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's service of Matins. At St Nicolas, any children are invited to join the Sunday School after the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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: Isaiah 55:1-11 *An Invitation to Abundant Life*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our

God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The Gospel: John 5:36-47

“The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

“You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?”

Anthem: *If ye love me* Thomas Tallis

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

This Week’s News and Notices

- ◆ **‘Postcards from the land of grief’:** The BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship last Sunday was very different from the norm. With the help of appropriate music, the Rev. Richard Littledale led a meditative and personal act of worship based on the loss of a partner. If this is part of your life, this is highly recommended as something which may be helpful to you. You can hear it by going to the BBC Sunday Worship website or entering <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m0000ssp>
- ◆ **Diocesan prayer for this year:** As we draw towards the end of the Christian Year, we can renew our commitment to our mission through this prayer (which is also in the ‘Personal Prayer’ section of our website)

God of gentleness and love, draw near to us as we draw near to you. Dwell in every heart and conversation. Fashion in us the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to discern together all that you are calling us to be and all that you are calling us to do. Assist us, by your Spirit, to become a more contemplative, more compassionate and more courageous Church for the building of your kingdom and the glory of your Son. Amen

- ◆ **Oasis:** The next Oasis session will be led by our own Vicar. Jane’s session is called **‘Being Compassionate to ourselves’** and will be held on **Saturday 17th November from 10am - 1pm** at St Mary’s Church, Wexham. If you would like to attend, please contact Rob Penn on 07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com



- ◆ **When one Door closes:** The Autumn edition of the Diocesan Newspaper (always available at the back of church) will be the last issue of ‘The Door’. In its place will be an inspiring, informative, encouraging quarterly magazine that is relevant to the challenges and opportunities of living the Christian life today. There isn’t a first publication date yet. See ‘The Door’ for more details.