

- ◆ **Help for the Nuns at Burnham Abbey:** Please do take a letter from the back of church related to this community's urgent need for practical help and give some thought to how this need can be met. Nicki Jeffries can answer any questions you may have and she would welcome any thoughts/ideas you may have regarding how this situation might be addressed. Thank you.



- ◆ **South Side Appeal Fundraisers:**

- ◇ **A Taste of Taplow—Our own Recipe Book:** Copies are still available but the stock is diminishing! Get copies for family and friends now. Full details are on the website and you can buy a copy (£10) whenever the church is open.
- ◇ **'Bowled over':** There is *new stock* in today with an eye to Christmas; come and have a browse after the service at St Nics. ***This stall will NOT be available next Sunday (9th)*** but will be there for you to buy Christmas presents on the final two Sundays before Christmas—**16th and 23rd December**. We are on track to raise £1000 from sales; thank you for your support.
- ◇ **Other Sales Items:** the Chutney Kitchen is also open after the service at St Nicholas, selling a variety of delicious home-made delicacies. And don't forget our beautiful Taplow tea towel—a mere £5!

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (5th): 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch
7:00 to 9:00pm—Connections at St Nicolas Church
Thursday, (6th): 09:00—St Nicolas Day Service for St Nicolas School
Friday, (7th) - 10:00 to 3:00pm—Advent Star Trail (see notice above)
Sunday, 9th December: Second Sunday in Advent
09:15—Matins at St Anne's Church, Dropmore
10:45—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 \(oliverjim1@sky.com\)](mailto:oliverjim1@sky.com) by the end of the Wednesday preceding the Sunday date you want it in.



We are part of

St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

1st Sunday in Advent

2nd December, 2018



Faithful to God Caring for each other Serving the Community
 Welcome to this morning's service of Holy Communion. At St Nicolas, children are invited to the Sunday School after the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16
The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David

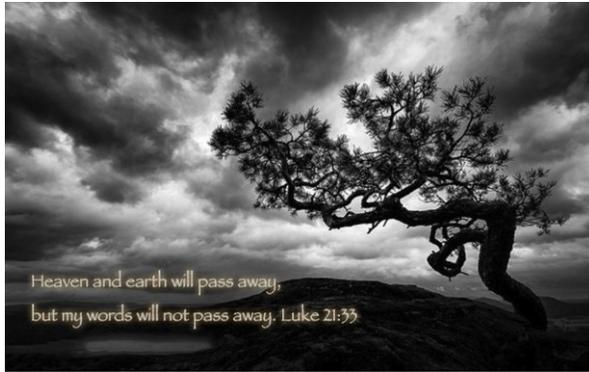
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36 *The Coming of the Son of Man*

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now

when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.



“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Anthem: *This is the record of John* Orlando Gibbons

Soloist: Morgen Michel, Counter Tenor

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Connections:** Following a fascinating discussion on the meaning of the Virgin birth in our last session, **next Wednesday (5th)**, Connections focuses on ***'Keeping Herod in Christmas'*** - highlighting



the stark contrast between the violence of the powerful in our world today and the message of Christmas related to investing in those who are vulnerable, weak or outsiders. Supper at 7:00pm, finish at 9:00pm. A warm welcome to everyone to come.

- ◆ **Carol Singers Wanted!:** Next **Thursday, (6th)**, we've been invited to join in a Carol Singing Group (as part of Burnham Lions Fayre) from 7:00 to 8:00pm (meeting up at 6:45). If you feel you could join in, please email jenny.dobson@jazzhands.org.uk for details.
- ◆ **Advent Star Trail:** Next **Friday, (7th)**, Years 4 and 5 (aged 8-10) from St Nicolas school will visit St Nicolas church in groups of 15 children at a time to take part in the Advent Star Trail. ***If you would be interested in helping (perhaps reading a short Bible passage or encouraging children in their activities, or helping their discussions) or would like to simply observe what is happening, please speak to Jane as soon as possible. Help to move furniture and set up the zones around the church on Thursday 6th December would also be very welcome!*** The same event will run in St Anne's church with Year 2 children from Dropmore Infants (aged 6-7) on Thursday, 13th Dec.
- ◆ **Oasis:** Also on **Friday (7th)**, Revd. Malcolm White will be leading a Oasis session called ***"Meeting with St Ambrose"*** (a Bishop of Milan in the late 4th century). **10.00am to 1pm at Burnham Abbey** with the opportunity to attend Holy Communion with the nuns at 09:30. Please book by contacting Rob Penn Tel:07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com.
- ◆ **Patronal Festival, Sunday, 9th December:** St Nicolas Patronal Festival is next Sunday. There will be the usual celebratory buffet lunch provided after our morning service in church (12:00—2.00pm). £5 for adults, £3 for children. Please sign up today.



- ◆ **Cake Sale:** Next Sunday (9th) is also the next Cake Sale day and those who have ordered Christmas Cakes from Sarah can collect them from her.