

◆ **Our bookstall:** Jan Wiseman reminds us that now is our chance to cull our bookshelves before Christmas. We need a fresh supply of recently published paperback books in good condition. Please leave them by the book case at the back of the church. Thank you.

◆ **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.
- ◇ **Last Orders for Christmas Cakes:** Sarah is making 8 inch iced Christmas cakes to order. The cakes contain alcohol, although a non-alcoholic version can be ordered and they can be collected at the next cake sale on 9th December. The price is £25, to be paid on ordering. Orders to Pam Taylor **by the end of today**, 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. From next week, the emphasis will change from bowls to candles!
- ◇ **Sunday Lunches:** The last opportunity to enjoy Sue Blore's classic two course traditional roast dinner before Christmas is **2nd December at 1pm** (minimum donation £10). Sue has a couple of places left so book in by ringing 01628 661815 (if Sue is not in, please leave a message with your phone number).

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (21th): 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

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

Sunday, 25th November—Christ the King, last Sunday before Advent.

09:15—Matins at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10:45—Choral Matins at St Nicolas Church

10:45—All Age Worship in St Nicolas School Hall

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	
	St Nicolas' Church, Taplow	
2nd Sunday before Advent		
18th November, 2018		

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's service of Holy Communion and a particular welcome to the family and friends of India Vance and William Schindler who are being baptised today. At St Nicolas, any children are invited to join the Sunday School after the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3 *The Resurrection of the Dead*

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

The Gospel: Mark 13:1-8 *The Destruction of the Temple Foretold*

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Anthem: *Do not be afraid* Philip Stopford

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Remembrance Sunday:** Sincere thanks to all those who prepared our church and grounds so well to receive our community last Sunday. From the preparation of the service sheets, the music, the seating arrangements, the flowers, the churchyard and the War Memorial, visitors to our church would have left feeling an important sense of 'belonging'. Well done.
- ◆ **Oasis:** The next Oasis session: "***Meeting with St Ambrose***" will be led by Rev'd Malcolm White. Most of us are hugely influenced by the example of others, and so on 7th December, being the day set aside for remembering Saint Ambrose (a Bishop of Milan in the late 4th century) we will see if we can find ways of engaging with the saints in such a way as we may be enriched in our own calling and situation. **Friday, 7th December, 10.00am to 1pm at Burnham Abbey** with the opportunity to attend Holy Communion with the nuns at 09:30. Please book by 30th November by contacting Rob Penn Tel:07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com

- ◆ **Connections:** The next session will be held this **Wednesday (21st) from 7:00pm to 9:00pm** with supper. The focus of sessions is now on preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Next Wednesday, the title of the session is "***Women on the Edge***" in which we will reflect on the Jewish context for understanding the virgin birth and what surrendering ourselves to God means in our generation. This is a lovely opportunity to look at the Christmas story from a different perspective. Do join us if you can.



- ◆ **Taplow Youth Choir Concert: On Saturday 1st December at 7.30 pm** there will be a concert at St Nicolas Church given by this lively and confident group of 60+ boys and girls from around the area. They will perform a very broad repertoire of music from 16th century motets to pieces written in this century. The choir has some very talented instrumentalists within its ranks and so the programme will include *The Snow* - Elgar, written for two violins and piano. Together with a variety of vocal solos this will be an engaging evening. If you haven't heard this choir, you really are missing out on something very special. Tickets will be available at the door and Gillian will be donating most of the ticket income from church members to our South Side Appeal—two excellent reasons for coming along!



- ◆ **Something else to look forward to:** In two week's time on Advent Sunday, the choir anthem will be '*The record of John*' by Orlando Gibbons and we have a visiting Counter Tenor soloist, Morgen Michel. Morgen is a sixth form student in High Wycombe studying A Level music who is also a violinist. He leads both the Symphony Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra at the Chiltern Music Academy. He is a member of Taplow Youth Choir and will be auditioning for conservatoires this Autumn. The Gibbons anthem is a favourite with our choir and we hope you will enjoy it too.

