

◆ **Advent Sunday:** Next Sunday is Advent Sunday and the choir anthem will be *'The record of John'* by Orlando Gibbons with a visiting Counter Tenor soloist, Morgen Michel. Morgen is a sixth form student in High Wycombe. As 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.

◆ **Carol Singers Wanted!:** We've been invited to join in a Carol Singing group (as part of Burnham Lions Fayre) on **Thursday 13th December 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.

◆ **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.

◇ **'Bowled over':** There is **new stock** in today with an eye to Christmas; come and have a browse after the service at St Nics.

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (28th): 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

Sunday, 2nd December: Advent Sunday

09:15—Holy Communion 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

Christ the King Sunday

25th November, 2018



ST NICOLAS CHURCH
TAPLOW

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's service of Matins. There is also All Age Worship in the School Hall at 10:45 today.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

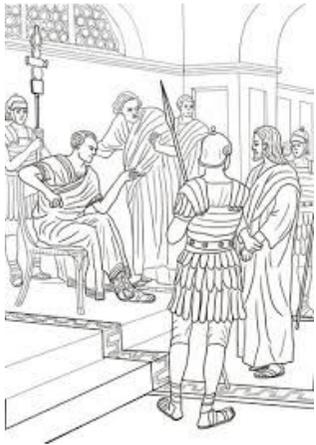
First Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Gospel: John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a



Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Anthem: *The peace of God* John Rutter

Closing Prayer for the last Sunday of the Church's Year

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Joint PCC Meeting:** This took place last Tuesday evening and a summary of outcomes is in the 'News' section of our website. The focus of the meeting was on addressing maintenance issues at St Nicolas Church and also on raising the level of our income to meet our anticipated expenditure. The introduction of the **Parish Giving Scheme** is an important element in raising our income levels and the PCC hope that all members of our church community will consider joining them in enrolling on this scheme (details are now available for you to take away). In the new year, we will also be promoting the scheme throughout our two villages.
- ◆ **Patronal Festival, Sunday, 9th December:** St Nicolas Patronal festival is in two week's time. 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.

- ◆ **Advent Star Trail:** This project gives small groups of schoolchildren the chance to explore the meaning of Christmas as we follow the star to different zones around the church building. On Friday, 7th December, 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 December.
- ◆ **Oasis:** The next Oasis session: ***"Meeting with St Ambrose"*** will be led by Rev'd Malcolm White on **Friday, 7th December**; the day set aside for remembering Saint 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 **30th November** by contacting Rob Penn Tel:07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Taplow Youth Choir Concert: Next Saturday (1st Dec) at 7.30 pm** there will be a concert at St Nicolas Church. This wonderful choir will perform a very broad repertoire of music from 16th century motets to pieces written in this century. The programme will include The Snow - Elgar, written for two violins and piano and a variety of vocal solos. 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!