

those of others; and the shifts and changes that growing older brings. Please book for these sessions by contacting Rob Penn
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◆ **South Side Appeal:**

- ◇ **Taplow Christmas Card:** it is proposed that we create a Christmas Card to be sold at community events from the summer onwards. We have some possible illustrations from the work done for the recipe book, but it would be good to cast our net widely. So as to have several Taplow images in a card selection, we would like to run a parish competition for interesting photos. In the next three months (up to Easter), please start taking pictures (or look through ones from past years) which might be suitable for our Christmas Cards. General shots of Taplow in winter may be as popular as ones of St Nicolas itself. More details to follow.
- ◇ **Sue Blore's Legendary Sunday Lunches:** The first one this year is next Sunday (20th) at 1:00pm (minimum donation £10) then there is one planned for 17th February and 17th March. Contact Sue on 01628 661815 if you would like to book in.
- ◇ **Quiz Night:** it is proposed to run a quiz night in the Spring. Please let us know if you are interested in being involved in planning this event.
- ◇ **What else can we do?:** how else do you think we could plan to fund-raise this year?

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, 16th January: 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch.

Sunday, 20th January: 3rd Sunday of Epiphany:

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

10:45—Parish Communion with Baptism 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

We are part of **St Nicolas' Church, Taplow**

**Baptism of Christ; 2nd Sunday
of Epiphany, 13th January, 2019**



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Joint Holy Communion service led by our Area Dean, Revd Rod Cosh. At St Nicolas, children are invited to the Sunday School after the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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: Isaiah 43:1-7 *Restoration and Protection Promised*

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 *The Baptism of Jesus*

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



Anthem: *From the rising of the sun* Frederick Ouseley

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **It's Sunday School Cake Day:** It's the second Sunday in the month and the Sunday School team is once again selling cakes to raise money for our South Side Appeal. Who do you know who would really appreciate the gift of a delicious home-made cake today?!



- ◆ **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an international Christian ecumenical observance kept annually between 18 January and 25 January. Locally, our 'Churches together in Burnham and Taplow' are holding a **special service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service** at Our Lady of Peace Church, Lower Britwell Rd, Burnham next **Sunday afternoon (20th) at 3:00pm.**
 - ◆ **Worship for All:** The first service is in two week's time (**27th January**) It is called '**Goodbye...Hello...**' and offers the opportunity to reflect on aspects of our Christian lives which we may feel are worthy of our attention. Do come along to find out more; it will be accessible and appropriate for all ages and it begins with **refreshments (from 10:15) before the service begins at 10:45.**
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- ◆ **Choral Matins:** The first monthly Choral Matins at St Anne's Church, Dropmore also takes place in two week's time (27th) at 9:15am. Those who have attended services at St Anne's in which the St Nicolas Church Choir has participated, will know what lovely services these can be. Of course like Jane, you could do both!
 - ◆ **Remembering Service:** The annual Remembering Service is now being planned to take place at St Anne's Church, Dropmore on **Sunday, 3rd February at 3:00pm.** This service is a good opportunity for all who are bereaved to remember those who have died and reflect on what they continue to mean to us in our lives.
 - ◆ **Oasis:** On **Wednesday 13th February, 2019 from 10.00am to 3pm,** we are invited to go to Burnham Abbey, Lake End Road (running south from Taplow Sainsbury's), when Alison Webster, Deputy Director of Mission (Social Justice) in the Diocese of Oxford who has recently been involved in a project known as "Death and Life" will be leading a session called "**Courageousness in Later Life**". Growing older is not a choice, but an inevitability. It brings many positive and good things, but also calls out for us to be courageous in the face of vulnerabilities and loss. In particular, as we get closer to the end of our lives, we become more acutely aware of our mortality. The session will explore spiritual journeys – understanding our own and