

Webster Deputy Director of Mission (Social Justice) in the Diocese of Oxford 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 own mortality. The session will explore the shifts and changes that growing older brings. Contact Rob Penn Tel:07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com

◆ **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. The idea is to have several Taplow images in a card selection so the first step is to run a competition for interesting photos. So, in the next three months (up to Easter), please start taking pictures which might be suitable for our Christmas Cards.
- **Sue Blore’s Legendary Sunday Lunches:** There are still spaces for the lunches on **17th February** and **17th March**. Contact Sue on 01628 661815 if you would like to book places (minimum donation £10)
- **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, 23rd January: 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman’s Lunch.

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

Sunday, 27th January: 4th Sunday of Epiphany:

9:15 - Choral Matins at St Anne’s Church, Dropmore sung by the choir of St. Nicolas’ Church

10:45 - Worship for All: ‘Hello...Goodbye...’ at St Nicolas’ Church

	<p>St Anne’s Church, Littleworth Common <i>We are part of</i> St Nicolas’ Church, Taplow</p> <p>3rd Sunday of Epiphany 20th January, 2019</p>	
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*Faithful to God
the Community*

Caring for each other

Serving

*Welcome to this morning’s Parish Communion service
and at St Nicolas Church, particular welcome to the family and
friends of Oliver Pursey who is to be baptised today.
At St Nicolas, children are invited to the Sunday School after the
first hymn.*

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 62: 1-5 *The Vindication and Salvation of Zion*
 For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Gospel: John 2:1-11 The Wedding at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Anthem: *Whence is that goodly fragrance?* Albert Baker

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** The 'Churches together in Burnham and Taplow' are holding a service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Our Lady of Peace Church, Lower Britwell Rd, Burnham this afternoon at 3:00pm. ◆ **Joint PCC:** This Tuesday, (22nd) the Joint PCC meets at St Nicolas Church. Amongst other things we will be reviewing progress on the Parish Giving Scheme, considering buildings issues, reviewing our Christmas services and beginning to plan for our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, 7th April.
- ◆ **Open Wednesday:** This week, the Open Wednesday service at 12:30 at St Nicolas Church will be a Eucharist as our offering for the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'. Do consider attending. ◆ **Connections:** The next session is this **Wednesday (23rd)** at St Nicolas Church starting with supper at 7:00pm followed by the opportunity to share thoughts and ideas around three bible readings and a short commentary. This session is called 'From Ugliness, a Beauty emerges'.
- ◆ **Fourth Sunday Services:** Next Sunday (27th) sees the start of our changed arrangements for the fourth Sunday in the month. The 9:15am service at St Anne's Church will be Choral Matins sung by the choir of St. Nicolas' Church and the 10:45am service at St Nicolas Church will be 'Worship for All'. This month, the 'Worship for All' service 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.
- ◆ **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 lovely opportunity for all who are bereaved to remember those who have died and reflect on what they continue to mean to us.
- ◆ **Oasis:** On Wednesday 13th February, 2019 from 10.00am to 3pm, we are invited to go to Burnham Abbey when Alison