

◆ **South Side Roof and Wall Restoration Appeal:**

- ◇ **Cake Sales:** A further £107.05 was raised last Sunday; thank you to all who supported the monthly sale and, of course thanks to those who baked such delicious cakes!
- ◇ **Taplow Christmas Card:** Please keep thinking about whether you may have or could create a suitable image for next year's card. Fuller details of this project are on the website.
- ◇ **Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme:** Two weeks to the start of the two month (March and April) voting period at Tescos which could result in us receiving between £1K and £4K depending on how many visits we make and how many votes we are able to accrue. Please prepare to shop there—everyday if you can! - and encourage all your friends to vote when they go too. Thank you.
- ◇ **Painting of St Nicolas Church and Taplow Green:** Ann King is donating a beautiful framed water-colour she has painted. This small photo does it no justice. It will be in church for the next few Sundays and a better photo is on the website. The frame size is 34 x 44 cm and the picture would grace any local home or bring back happy memories for someone who has moved away. Ann will take the best offer over £40—please do put in your bid by contacting Ann: annking3@talktalk.net or ring her on 01628 635710



Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, 20th February: 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch.

7:00pm: Connections at St Nicolas Church.

Sunday, 24th February:

9:15—Choral Matins at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10:45—Worship for All at St Nicolas Church, Taplow (refreshments 10:15)

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: janeecresswell523@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	
3rd Sunday before Lent		
17th February, 2019		

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Holy Communion Service. At St Nicolas, children are invited to our Sunday School at the end of the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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: Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The Gospel: Luke 6:17-26 *Jesus Teaches and Heals*

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem,

and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:



“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets”.

Anthem: *Jesu, the very thought of thee* Edward Bairstow

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Seasonal Newsletter:** Please take a copy of the Vicar's latest newsletter and particularly note the text related to the **Parish Giving Scheme**. From next Sunday, there will be a 'helpdesk' for three weeks to enable us all to consider this form of stewardship.

- ◆ **Electoral Roll:** Every six years, all parishes are required to re-create their Electoral Roll. This year, it is our turn to do this. Everyone who feels that St Nicolas Church is 'their' church—whether they live in the parish or not and whether they attend regularly or not—should be on the electoral roll to provide an indication of the real membership and strength of our church. Those on the list are qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (7th April). **Please fill in the form (with this pew sheet) and put it in the box at the back of church.** There is a help desk too if you need to ask something.

- ◆ **Connections:** Next Wednesday (20th), Connections is called **“The Great Conversation”** using three Old and New Testament passages in which social issues are argued out. We will reflect on how we address such issues today and how we work out whose views we support. Supper at 7:00pm in St Nicolas Church; finish at 9:00pm.



- ◆ **Worship for All: Next Sunday morning (24th)** will be the monthly 'Worship for All' service at St Nicolas Church. The title of the service is **“No to poverty....Yes to Life”** with a focus on Fair Trade (as part of Fair Trade Fortnight). Fairly traded refreshments are available from **10:15 and the service is from 10:45 to 11:30.**



- ◆ **Choral Matins:** Matins will be sung next Sunday morning by the St Nicolas Choir at St Anne's Church, Dropmore at 9:15am.

- ◆ **Brass Rubbing Session:** On **Wednesday, 20th February** (half term week), there will be a brass rubbing session from **1:00 to 3:00pm**. £1.50 donation and all materials are provided. All ages are very welcome to join in.



- ◆ **World Day of Prayer:** This is an international, inter-church initiative which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. On **Friday, 1st March at 12:00pm**, people will gather at the **United Reformed Church in Burnham** to celebrate a service prepared by women in Slovenia. This is a wonderful opportunity to understand and pray about issues raised by the smallest and youngest countries in Europe.

