

♦ **Allegrì Miserere:** we have a real treat at St Nicolas Church on **Sunday, 17th March**. Our choir will be augmented and the service will include the wonderful Miserere by Allegrì. Don't miss it!



♦ **Synergy Exhibition:** Pam Taylor has an exhibition of her drawings and Paul Mitchell's award winning photographs at **Old Court in Windsor (SL4 3BL)** from **17 February to 18 March**, open daily from 11am.

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

♦ **Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme:** This starts at the beginning of March and ends at the end of April. We could receive between £1K and £4K depending on how many visits we make and how many votes we are able to accrue at any local Tescos. Please prepare to shop there—everyday if you can! - and encourage all your friends to vote when they go too. Thank you.



♦ **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.

♦ **Painting of St Nicolas Church and the Village Green:** Ann King sold her painting in minutes last week! Thank you Ann for this useful contribution to the appeal. *Does anyone else have anything they could offer which might raise some funds for our appeal?*

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, 27th February: 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch.

Friday, 1st March: World Day of Prayer

12:00—Service at United Reformed Church in Burnham

Sunday, 3rd March: Sunday next before Lent

9:15—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) 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

2nd Sunday before Lent

24th February, 2019



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Service of Choral Matins (St Anne's) and Worship for All "No to Poverty...Yes to Life" (St Nicolas)

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

First Reading: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-end *Another Account of the Creation*

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper

as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

The Gospel: Luke 8:22-25 *Jesus Calms a Storm*

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

Worship for All Service Reading: Mark 12:28-31

Anthem (St Anne's): *Comfort, O Lord* William Crotch

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Seasonal Newsletter:** If you didn't take a copy of the Vicar's latest newsletter last Sunday, please do take one home today. In addition to a reflection on preparing for Lent and the Church Calendar through to Easter, there is information about Confirmation, the Electoral Roll, Stewardship and Oasis.
- ◆ **Parish Giving Scheme.** Our Parochial Church Council (PCC) is committed to transferring our Stewardship arrangements to the **Church of England Parish Giving Scheme** (in place of the envelop scheme). This makes our regular giving much easier, ensures we obtain gift aid on as much income as possible and eases our administration. Before you leave today, please do visit the **Parish Giving Help Desk** and **take/complete the simple form to enrol onto the scheme.** The introduction of this scheme is part of The PCC's plans to find improved ways to

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balance our books. This will include introducing the scheme to the wider community and using contactless card readers in church.

- ◆ **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 and put it in the box at the back of church.** There is a help desk too if you need to ask something.

- ◆ **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. **Next Friday, (1st March) at 12:00pm**, we are invited to 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.



- ◆ **Fair Trade Fortnight:** As part of our response to this, **next Sunday (3rd March)**, there will be a **Traidcraft Stall** before and after the service at St Nicolas Church. This will be combined with a **cake stall** to raise money for Traidcraft Exchange.



- ◆ **Oasis:** The next session is called "**Courage in the Early Church**" led by The Venerable Guy Elsmore, Archdeacon of Buckingham. Whether they journeyed far or stayed nearer home, the first Christians faced hostility, danger, persecution and the unknown. During this quiet morning, we will have a chance to explore the courage and the spirituality of the early church through story, contemplation, prayer and conversation. The session will be held from **10:00—1:00pm on Wednesday, 13th March at Burnham Abbey.** Please book by 6th March by contacting Rob Penn Tel:07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com



The Oasis at St Anne's