

◆ **Lenten Opportunities:**

1. **Ash Wednesday Evening Communion** (with Ashing) will take place **next Wednesday (6th) at 7:00pm** followed by a frugal supper and then there is a 'Connections' discussion group: "A New Identity". Would you like to make 'Connections' a commitment for Lent (three sessions)?
 2. Oasis session "**Courage in the Early Church**" led by The Venerable Guy Elsmore, Archdeacon of Buckingham. **10:00—1:00pm on Wed., 13th March at Burnham Abbey.** Details on our website. Contact Rob Penn Tel:07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com
 3. "**New Testament Live**" - an inter-active and engaging study day at **St Peter's Church, Iver** from **10:00 to 4:30pm on Saturday, 16th March.** Details and video link on our website. Contact Rachel 01753 651001 or email office@iverparishchurch.org.uk
- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **South Side Roof and Wall Restoration Appeal:**
- ◇ **Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme:** This starts **this week** 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.

Services/Events next Week

Ash Wednesday, (6th): 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch.

7:00pm—Holy Communion (St Nics) with Ashing, then 'Connections'

Sunday, 10th March: 1st Sunday in Lent

9:15—Matins 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	
	St Nicolas' Church, Taplow	
Last Sunday before Lent		
Sunday, 3rd March, 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 Sunday School at the end of the first hymn

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

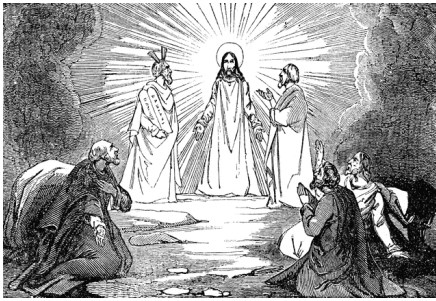
First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35 *The Shining Face of Moses*

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 *The Transfiguration*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and

John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.



On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Anthem: *Bless, O Lord, us thy servants* Martin How

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Fair Trade Fortnight:** As part of our response to this, **today** there will be a **Traidcraft Stall** before and after the service at St Nicolas Church and there is also the **Sunday School Cake Stall**. These stalls will raise money for Traidcraft Exchange.



- ◆ 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 see our treasurer, James Snoxell at 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 balance our books. This will include introducing the scheme to the wider community and using contactless card readers in church.



- ◆ **Parish Electoral Roll:** Every six years, all parishes are required to re-create their Parish 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 have questions.

- ◆ **Invitation to Rochester Cathedral to hear our Choir:** Each year, St Nicolas Church Choir leads a service in one of our Cathedrals—and our congregation is warmly invited to come and listen! This year, we are visiting Rochester Cathedral to sing Evensong on **Monday, 27th May**. Judy has organised a coach so if you would like to join the party, please have a word with Judy to get your name down on the list. The journey is only about an hour and a half.

