

◆ **Lenten Opportunities:**

1. **Reading and Reflecting:** There are several suggestions for Lenten reading listed on our website—see 'News' Section.
2. **Lent Pilgrim:** As with the C of E #FollowTheStar, (the Christmas campaign) there are daily reflections available for Lent which you can receive by email or by downloading the app. It provides a brief quality daily focus—<https://www.churchofengland.org/pilgrim>
3. Oasis session **"Courage in the Early Church"** led by The Venerable Guy Elsmore, Archdeacon of Buckingham is **this Wednesday 10:00—1:00pm at Burnham Abbey**. Details on our website.
4. **"New Testament Live"** - an inter-active and engaging study day at **St Peter's Church, Iver** from **10:00 to 4:30pm next Saturday, (16th)**. Details and video link on our website. Contact Rachel 01753 651001 or email office@iverparishchurch.org.uk

- ◆ **South Side Roof and Wall Restoration Appeal, Tesco Voting:** The Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme will give us between £1K and £4K in May depending on how many votes we get during March and April. **Please can you implore all your friends/work colleagues/neighbours to vote for us every time they shop in Tescos.** We have worthy competition and 'every vote counts'!

- ◆ **Unblocking our Surface Drains:** While cleaning the Church's surface drains this week, Phil found that two of them are now blocked and collecting rain water is threatening to overflow onto our North Wall. Do you know of anyone with drain clearing rods who might lend them to us? Please have a word with Phil if you can help in any way.

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (13th): 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch.

Sunday, 17th March: 2nd Sunday in 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: janeacresswell523@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	
1st Sunday in Lent		
Sunday, 10th March, 2019		

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

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

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

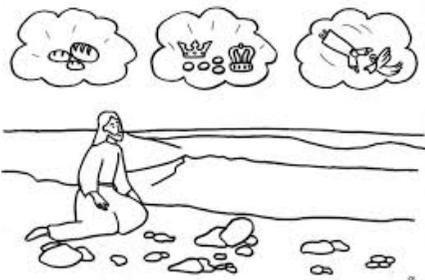
First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 *First Fruits and Tithes*

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and

bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 *The Temptation of Jesus*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.



Anthem: *Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness* S.S. Wesley

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

♦ **Fair Trade Fortnight:** Last Sunday, £83 was raised from the cake sale



for Traidcraft Exchange: many thanks to all who baked and bought cakes. There was also £60 surplus from last year's Traidcraft trading which, with some extra income from the frugal supper, means we are sending a total of £184 to Traidcraft Exchange. Grateful thanks to all those who have contributed to this.

♦ **Have you completed the Parish Giving Scheme form?** 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). If you have queries about this, please do ask James about it (details of what it is and why we are doing it are on the website). Please hand the form in as soon as possible. Thank you.

♦ **Have you filled in the Church Electoral Roll form?:** If you have any queries about this, do ask Jenny or Jane (details of what this is about are on the website). Please hand the completed form in at the box at the back of Church. Thank you.

♦ **Musical Opportunities:**

♦ **Allegrì Miserere: Next Sunday,** we have a real treat at St Nicolas Church. Our choir will be augmented and the service will include the wonderful Miserere by Allegrì.



♦ **Taplow Youth Choir: On Wednesday 20th March at 5.15 pm,** the Choir will be singing Evensong at **St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.** Congregation members assemble on the pavement outside the Henry VIIIth gate at 5.00 pm and are shown in together by a member of the Chapel staff. The service lasts about 40 minutes.

♦ **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.