

underway and much of the very high level work will be completed by 21st March. Detailed inspection of the stonework at this very high level has found problems which are only visible from the top of the scaffolding. To avoid falling debris, permission has been given for this stonework to be safely restored while the scaffolding is in place.

- ♦ **Tesco Voting:** The Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme will give us **TESCO** 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 Tesco.* We have worthy competition and 'every vote counts'!

♦ **Musical Opportunities:**

- ♦ **Taplow Youth Choir:** Next **Wednesday (20th)** this 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.
- ♦ **Taplow Girls' and Youth Choirs:** These wonderful choirs are giving a concert of choral music spanning six centuries at All Saints Church, Boyn Hill on **Saturday 30th March at 7.30 pm**. Tickets from [thelittleboxoffice.com/taplowchoirs](http://thelittleboxoffice.com/taplowchoirs)
- ♦ **Invitation to Rochester Cathedral to hear our Choir:** To join the coach going to hear our choir sing Evensong on **Monday, 27th May** at Rochester Cathedral, have a word with Judy.



**Services/Events next Week**

- Tuesday, (19th):** 7:45 for 8:00pm—PCC Meeting at St Nicolas Church
- Wednesday, (20th):** 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch.  
7:00-9:00pm—Connections
- Thursday, (21st):** 1:00pm – David Thomas's Funeral
- Friday, (22nd):** 1:45pm—Wedding at St Nicolas Church
- Sunday, 24th March: 3rd Sunday in Lent**  
9:15—Choral Matins at St Anne's Church, Dropmore  
10:45—Worship for All 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: [janeccresswell523@gmail.com](mailto:janeccresswell523@gmail.com)  
**Notices in the Pew Leaflet:** If you have a notice or news for the *Pew Leaflet*, please email it to [Jim Oliver \(oliverjim1@sky.com\)](mailto:oliverjim1@sky.com) by the end of the Wednesday preceding the Sunday date you want it in.



We are part of

**St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common**

**St Nicolas' Church, Taplow**

**2nd Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday, 17th March, 2019**



Faithful to God Caring for each other Serving the Community

*Welcome to this morning's Holy Communion Service and a particular welcome to Revd Malcolm White who is leading our worship today. At St Nicolas, children are invited to Sunday School at the end of the first hymn*

**Collect (or Prayer for Today)**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**At St Nicolas:** *Miserere* Allegri (in place of first reading)

**First Reading:** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 *God's Covenant with Abram*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years

old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates”.

### **The Gospel:** Luke 13:31-35 *The Lament over Jerusalem*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”



**Anthem:** “Cast me not away from thy presence” S S Wesley

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **This Week's News and Notices**

- ◆ On behalf of the St Nicolas congregation, sincere thanks to those who have joined our choir today to contribute to our worship in music. It is much appreciated.



- ◆ **Our new Training Curate:** As Jane announced last Sunday, Suzanne Johnson, who did a training placement with us last year, will be joining us as a part-time training curate following her ordination on 29th June and we look forward to welcoming Suzanne and her husband Mark as she completes her training with us. Her ordination is on Saturday, 29th June (6:00pm) at Christchurch Cathedral in Oxford and it is hoped that some of us will be able to attend this event in support of Suzanne.
- ◆ **The PCC:** the next meeting is **this Tuesday (19th)** at which members will receive updates on the St Nicolas South Side repairs, the parish giving scheme and preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (7th April). There are also items related to the installation of a phone line/broadband into St Nicolas (for contactless card reader, the church office computer, etc) and the arrangements for the Summer Fete, 2019. A report will be on the website by next Sunday.
- ◆ **Connections:** Next **Wednesday (20th) at 7:00pm**, Connections meets for supper and the first of two Lenten discussions. This title is ‘*The Choice is Yours*’ and centres on how we make decisions in life.
- ◆ **Worship for All: Next Sunday's Service** is called ‘*Drip, Splash, Waterfall*’ and is about how our need for God can be likened to our need for water...and lots of it! All are welcome.
- ◆ **Church Electoral Roll:** Thank you to everyone who has enrolled. The new roll is on the church office partition for people to check.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **The Taplow Christmas Card:** We do need images of our lovely village (not just the church!) so that we can sell a selection of cards at events from the summer onwards. We would like to create a display of photos for Easter Sunday so please use the next few weeks to look out winter photos or take some new ones. Then send them to: [tony.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:tony.bridge@gmail.com)
- ◆ **South Side Roof and Wall Restoration**
  - ◇ The work on the tiling and replacement of rainwater goods is well