

◆ South Side Roof and Wall Restoration

- ◇ The work on the *tiling and replacement of rainwater goods* is well underway and will be completed by Easter. This work makes the wall restoration work less urgent giving us more time to raise the funds!
- ◇ **Sue Blore's delicious dinners:** Sue writes: "Thank you to everyone who has joined me for Sunday Lunch during the past year and contributed towards the South Side Appeal. I have enjoyed meeting new people, getting to know others better, and mixing with some of my long time friends. Every lunch has been an enjoyable occasion and added £1019.00 to the Appeal. I am hoping to hold more lunches during the year to raise funds for various local charities so please watch the Pew Leaflets for future dates. Thank you again." Thank YOU Sue for this huge contribution to our appeal.
- ◇ **Tesco Voting: *Please continue to 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 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
- ◇ **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

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

Sunday, 31st March: 4th Sunday in Lent

9:15—Holy Communion at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10:45—Mothering Sunday Parish Communion at St Nicolas Church, Taplow

2:00pm—Baptism Preparation Course at St Nicolas Church

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

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.



We are part of

St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

3rd Sunday in Lent

Sunday, 24th March, 2019



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Service.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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: Isaiah 55: 1-9 *An Invitation to Abundant Life*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are my ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9 *Repent or Perish*

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."



Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Anthem (St Anne's): *Let thy merciful ears, O Lord* Thomas Weelkes

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **PCC Meeting Outcomes:** St Nicolas PCC met last Tuesday. Matters addressed included the installation of broadband into church, extending the reach of the Parish Giving Scheme within our church community and beyond, involvement in the Summer Fete with our school, the establishing of a Fabric/Buildings Committee, the hosting of next year's global service on the World Day of Prayer and the approval of the accounts for the APCM (7th April). Information about these and other matters is available in the 'news' section of our website.
- ◆ **Have you completed the Parish Giving Scheme form?** Our Parochial Church Council (PCC) is committed to promoting Stewardship through the **Church of England Parish Giving 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.

- ◆ **Ministry Opportunities:** Please consider whether you can help with any of the following ministries and talk to Jane about it:



- ◆ **Summer Fete Church Representative:** We need someone to attend a few meetings with our school between now and 29th June to set up our Fete. Nicki Jeffries will provide advice and support.
- ◆ **Fabric/Buildings Committee:** We need a few people to join this new group which will tackle appropriate maintenance issues and perhaps meet about four times a year.
- ◆ **Contactless Card Reader:** We need someone to fund this important project which has greatly increased income for churches using it. Someone is paying for the broadband; would anyone pay for the card reader? (James Snoxall has the costs).
- ◆ **Oasis:** The next session is at St Anne's Church, Dropmore on Tuesday 2nd April from 10.00am to 1pm when Penny Bird, Reader in Southwark Diocese, will be leading us on "Flowers Of The Passion: A quiet morning for Lent". Looking for a quiet space to pray and be with God? Over the three hours we will reflect on the theme of Christ's self-giving love through short meditations, periods of silence and music ending with an informal communion. Please book by 26th March by contacting Rob Penn Tel:07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com
- ◆ **Our new Training Curate:** 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 Saturday, 29th June (6:00pm) at Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford. It is hoped that some of us will be able to attend this event in support of Suzanne. We look forward to welcoming Suzanne and her husband Mark as she completes her training with us.
- ◆ **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