

◆ 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. It will cost all the funding we have available to date. Our next challenge is to raise a further £27.5K to start work on the south wall. All ideas for fund raising initiatives are very welcome!



◆ **The Taplow Christmas Card:** Less than three weeks now to submit 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 look out photos or take some new ones. Then send them to: tony.bridge@gmail.com

◆ **Tesco Voting:** *Please continue to implore all your friends/work colleagues/neighbours to vote for us every time they shop in Tesco.* We are now half way through the voting period.

◆ **Worship for All:** The first three monthly services have proved increasingly popular and last Sunday, it was good to welcome more new families as well as our usual congregation. The next 'Worship for All' service will be on the Sunday after Easter Sunday (28th April) and it is called "New Life, Hope and Butterflies". Do come.



Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (3rd): 09:15—St Nicolas School Easter Service

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

7:00pm to 9:00pm—Connections at St Nicolas Church

Thursday, (4th): 10:30—St Nicolas Pre-school in Church

1:30: Funeral in St Nicolas Church

Sunday, 7th April: Passion Sunday, 5th Sunday in Lent

10:45—Joint Holy Communion at St Nicolas Church followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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: janeecresswell523@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.

St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

We are part of



St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

Mothering Sunday

Sunday, 31st March, 2019



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this Mothering Sunday Holy Communion Service. At St Nicolas, Children are invited to Sunday School at the end of the first hymn

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: 1 Samuel 1: 20-28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord." The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there forever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time." Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord." She left him there for the Lord.

The Gospel: Luke 2:33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."



Anthem: *The Lord bless you and keep you* John Rutter

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Next Sunday, 7th April:** There will be a joint Holy Communion Service at St Nicolas at 10:45 followed by refreshments and then the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** which everyone is asked to attend. *Please take a copy of the Annual Report today in preparation for the meeting.*
- ◆ **Oasis:** The next session is at St Anne's Church, Dropmore is next 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 robi-penn@aol.com



- ◆ **Connections:** Our Lenten sessions around bible passages and a written commentary, have been about judging others and making choices in life. The final session **next Wednesday (3rd April) from 7:00pm to 9:00pm** at St Nicolas Church is called "*Peace March (Palm Sunday)*" during which we will reflect on the Palm Sunday story and public demonstrations today. Supper included, all are welcome.



- ◆ **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? Whilst this could be an investment of around £1000 (to cover two years) evidence from elsewhere shows that it will bring in ad hoc contributions far in excess of our existing cash donations.
- ◆ **Have you completed the Parish Giving Scheme form?** Some 20 people are signed up on the scheme so far. If you haven't considered this yet, please collect a form from the back of church and do ask James about the scheme and why we are promoting it (details of what it is and why we are doing it are on the website).
- ◆ **Our new Training Curate:** You might like to know something about Suzanne Johnson who will join us after her ordination at the end of June. Our website now has some information about her; do have a look at it; we are truly fortunate to have her joining us.
- ◆ **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.

