

◆ 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!

◆ **Tesco Voting:** It is now just two weeks to the end of the voting period. *Please continue to implore all your friends/work colleagues/neighbours to vote for us every time they shop in Tescos.*

◆ **Hitcham and Taplow Society Magazine:** There will be an appeal for our restoration project in the Spring edition of this magazine which is due out at the beginning of May. This is part of our efforts to enlist the support of our community to restore the parish church.

◆ *At our Good Friday worship we will be displaying a crucifix carved by an unknown French prisoner of war who died in captivity in 1942. He gave it to Pierre Renoux, Sergeant Priest, who in turn gave it to Hilary Machen, also a POW, in Stalag IVB, Muhleberg-Elbe, in 1943. It was made from Red Cross packing cases for food parcels, using a razor blade.*

Services/Events next Week

Maundy Thursday, 18th April: 2:30pm Wedding at St Nicolas Church

8:00pm: Holy Communion Service at St Nicolas Church

Good Friday, 19th April: 12:30pm Children at the foot of the cross service

2:00pm: Good Friday Worship at St Nicolas Church

Easter Sunday, 21st April: 5 am Dawn Communion Service at

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

10:45 Easter 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. This*

We are part of



St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

Palm Sunday

14th April, 2019



Faithful to God

Caring for each other Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Holy Communion service. A special welcome to Rudi Hampel, his family and friends as he is baptised. At St Nicolas, children are invited to the Sunday School after the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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: Luke 19:28-40. *Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem*

Jesus and his disciples went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole

multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel: Luke 23:1-5, 13-25. *Jesus Sentenced to Death*

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place." Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him." Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.). Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Anthem: *O Saviour of the world* John Goss

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Sunday School Cake Sale:** There is a cake sale after the morning service at St Nicolas Church this morning. Lots of treats in preparation for Easter are available. Please support it if you can.

- ◆ **Holy Week:** This week is Holy Week and there are special services on **Maundy Thursday** (8:00pm Holy Communion at St Nicolas) and **Good Friday** (12:30pm 'Children at the foot of the cross' service and then at 2:00pm: Good Friday Worship at St Nicolas Church). On **Easter Day**, there is a 5am Dawn Service and first Eucharist of Easter at Tappa's Mound, Taplow Court followed by coffee/Croissants at the Rectory followed by Easter Communion services at both our churches at the usual times.



- ◆ **Worship for All:** The next service is the Sunday after Easter Sunday. The service is called '*New Life, Hope and Butterflies*'. 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.
- ◆ **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 are on the website).
- ◆ **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.