

◆ **Invitation to Rochester Cathedral to hear our Choir:**

To join the coach going to hear our choir sing Even-song on Monday, 27th May at Rochester Cathedral, have a word with Judy.



- ◆ **Update on our heating system:** Phil reports that the main pump has failed and overheated. The system is now off pending a quote for a new pump. More news as we get it; in the meantime, wrap up well!

Today is the beginning of Passiontide. The words of Isaac Watts' famous hymn make a wonderful daily prayer:

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.*

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (10th): 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch.

Sunday, 14th April: Palm Sunday, 6th Sunday in Lent

10:45—Joint Parish Communion starting on Village Green 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: jane.cresswell523@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

We are part of



St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

5th Sunday in Lent

Sunday, 31st March, 2019



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Joint Holy Communion Service. Children are invited to Sunday School at the end of the first hymn

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

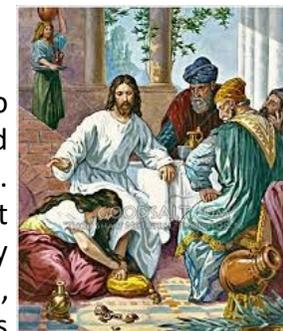
First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Gospel: John 12:1-8 *Mary Anoints Jesus*

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was



filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Anthem: *If we believe that Jesus died* John Goss

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

This Week's News and Notices

◆ **Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** This will be held **after the service this morning**. You are invited to stay for refreshments and then join the meeting in church. Copies of the Annual Report are available if you haven't got your copy yet.

◆ **Big Thanks:** . . . to Pam Taylor for masterminding a huge array of lovely spring flowers for the children to put into bunches for mothers on Mothering Sunday last week. The bunches were extra special.



. . . to the generous donor who has offered to pay for the proposed contactless card reader. We are now able to press on with this project. More about this soon.

◆ **Holy Week:** 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 and Croissants at the Rectory then there will be Easter Communion Services at St Anne's Church Dropmore and St Nicolas Church, Taplow at the usual times.

- ◆ **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 twenty 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).



◆ 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!
- ◇ **Sunday School Cake Sale:** The next cake sale will be on Palm Sunday (next Sunday). There will be some Eastery offerings on sale!
- ◇ **The Taplow Christmas Card:** Less than two 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:** It is now three 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 Tesco.**
- ◇ **Hitchin 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.

