

- ◆ **Taplow Girls' Choir:** This choir is singing Choral Evensong next **Wednesday (1st May)** at St George's Chapel, Windsor at **5.15 pm**. Those of us who have attended this service sung by this Choir in the past know what a special treat it is. The music is by Malcolm Archer, Malcolm Arnold and Ben Parry and the service lasts about 40 minutes.
- ◆ **St Nicolas Church Concert:** The next Concert at St Nicolas Church is at **7:00pm on Saturday, 11th May** when the Taplow Girls' Choir and Ascot Brass are joining forces once again. Band numbers will include You raise Me Up, Bohemian Rhapsody, 42nd Street and Come follow the Band. Tickets are available on the night (£10, £8 concessions).
- ◆ **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. 
- ◆ **When did you last browse our website?:** Our pew leaflet can never do justice to all our parish activities but our website does! There is news of passed events, the parish calendar, details of services and other coming events, suggestions for prayer, updates on appeals and, as they say, much, much more! Our website is our 'shop window' for both our own congregations and the wider community. If you ever have any thoughts about how it might be improved or you have entries for the website, please contact Jim Oliver (details at the bottom of this page).



### Services/Events next Week

**Wednesday, (1st May):** 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch.

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

### **Sunday, 5th May: 3rd Sunday of Easter**

09:45—Holy Communion at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10:45—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: [janeecresswell523@gmail.com](mailto: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.

We are part of



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

**St Nicolas' Church, Taplow**

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, 28th April, 2019**



*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

*Welcome to this morning's Service*

### **Collect (or Prayer for Today)**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading:** Acts 5:27-32 *The Apostles before the Council*

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

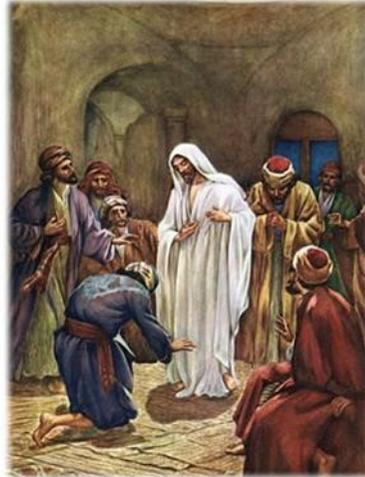
### **The Gospel:** John 20:19-31 *Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy

Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”



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**Anthem (St Anne's):** *This joyful Eastertide* Trad Dutch (arr Charles Wood)

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

- ◆ **More Big Thanks:** . . . to all those who contributed to making our Easter Day services so special; the dawn service at Tuppa's Mound followed by celebratory refreshments at the Rectory was greatly appreciated by those attending. The special flowers, music (and hot cross buns!) also helped to make our Easter services very special.

. . . to those in our congregation who step up to help us pay for things like the heating repairs and the contactless card reader.

. . . to those who made cakes for the Sunday School cake sale on Palm Sunday and those who bought the cakes making another £109.05p for the south roof appeal.

***We don't take these things for granted; thank you so much.***

- ◆ **Oasis:** The next session is called **“Luke and the Resurrection”** and will be led by Rev'd Mark Pullinger who is an engaging communicator with a great depth of Biblical knowledge and who ministers in a team of parishes in Surrey. The Resurrection passages in Luke's Gospel are so familiar in our seasonal reading, yet all hold hidden depths that are worth reflecting on and exploring further. This is an opportunity to draw ourselves deeper into this gentle Gospeller's vision for all people. **Friday 17th May from 7pm to 9pm.** Please book by 10th May by contacting Rob Penn Tel:07768483385 or email [robipenn@aol.com](mailto:robipenn@aol.com)

- ◆ **Connections:** To start the Easter season, **next Wednesday's session (7:00-9:00pm including supper)** is called *'The Uprising Begins'* and focuses on how we can see our world with Easter eyes. As always, 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:** James and Tony have been doing research



into obtaining a contactless card reader.

Evidence from elsewhere suggests that this will increase ad hoc contributions to the church.

We have a working one at the back of church at the moment for us to make contributions for

this year's Christian Aid Appeal. Please do bring in your card and use the card reader to make your contribution for the appeal and also make your own assessment as to whether you think it would be good to have this permanently to raise contributions for our church.

- ◆ **The Taplow Christmas Card:** The wonderful selection of photographs submitted for a Taplow Christmas Card are on view in the north aisle. Thanks to all those who took pictures and those who have provided valuable feedback. If you haven't 'voted' yet, there is still time!