

◆ South Side Appeal

- ◇ **The Taplow Christmas Card:** The photos (in north aisle) with the stickers on are the ones which are most popular. It looks like they will make a wonderful set of Christmas Cards for us to sell at events in the summer and beyond. Thanks to all involved in this project.
 - ◇ **Tescos Tokens:** It looks like we finished in second place behind the Adventure Playground. This means £2K for our appeal. Huge thanks to everyone who made this possible.
 - ◇ **Gift Ideas:** the definitive and fascinating book, *'Taplow Moments'* is still available and would make a wonderful gift to anyone with an association with our village (or even if they don't!). The same is true for our cookery book *'A Taste of Taplow'* which is so much more than just a cookery book and which has already found its way to homes across the world! Who do you know who would love one of these? Do ask for copies before they run out.
- ◆ **Cantorum Choir and Orchestra:** This wonderful Choir will bring the Cookham Festival to a close **next Sunday (19th) at Holy Trinity Church, Cookham** by performing Handel's magnificent *Dixit Dominus*. The piece was written when Handel was only 22 and is considered a triumph of Baroque Art. The Choir will also sing a Handel Anthem *'O Praise the Lord with One Consent'*. The orchestra will play *'Summer'* from *The Four Seasons* by Vivaldi. Tickets available online via the Cookham Festival ticket site, or The Stationery Depot, Station Parade, Cookham SL6 9BR.

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (15th): 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch.

7:00-9:00pm—Connections, starting with supper

Sunday, 19th May: 5th Sunday of Easter

09:15—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

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.

	<p>St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common</p> <p>St Nicolas' Church, Taplow</p> <p>4th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Sunday, 12th May, 2019</p>	
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Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Service. At St Nicolas, a particular welcome to the family and friends of Theo Sandy who is to be baptised today. Children are invited to Sunday School at the end of the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43 *Peter in Lydda and Joppa*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Gospel: John 10:22-30 *Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Anthem: Brother James' Air MacBeth Bain

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Christian Aid:** This week is Christian Aid week and the focus this year is on providing adequate care for expectant mothers in Sierra Leone. Please do use the contactless card reader (by the porch door) to make your card donation. We are using the card reader in order to evaluate its use for all ad hoc contributions for our church.



- ◆ **Connections:** following a fascinating discussion at the last Connections meeting about the hope of the resurrection in the Eucharist, this Wednesday (15th), our topic is called *'The Uprising of Fellowship'* and centres on a greater understanding of how the first disciples began to spread the Good News. Supper at 7:00, we finish at 9:00. All are welcome.



- ◆ **Oasis:** The next session is **this Friday (17th)** from **7pm to 9pm** at **St Anne's Church** called **"Luke and the Resurrection"** and 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. There is still time to book in for this stimulating Friday evening. Contact Rob Penn Tel:07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com

- ◆ **'Talking Jesus' Course:** The people we know are more open to faith than we might think—43% believe Jesus rose from the dead...But many Christians struggle to talk about Jesus. Our Jubilee Group of Churches is organising a **six session video-based course** to inspire us to share our faith. It will be held at **St Peter's Church, Burnham on six Tuesday evenings (7:30pm) starting on 4th June.** For full details and how to register online, go to the *'Events'* section of our website.



- ◆ **Invitation to Rochester Cathedral to hear our Choir:** The Choir are rehearsing some beautiful music for what will be a very special Evensong. There are still spaces on the coach for **Monday, 27th May;** have a word with Judy.

- ◆ **Ministry Opportunities: [please do talk to Jane about any of these]**



- ◇ **Burnham Abbey:** The sisters continue to look for someone to plan and serve meals (7-10 people). Do you know anyone who might be interested in part-time, self-employed work for a very worthy cause? Full details are on the website.
- ◇ **Summer Fete Church Representative:** We still need someone to attend a few meetings with our school between now and 29th June to set up our Fete. Nicki will support; who can help?
- ◇ **Fabric/Buildings Committee:** We still need a few people to join this new group which will tackle appropriate maintenance issues and perhaps meet about four times a year. Do you know of anyone who might be able to help us in maintaining our beautiful church—hands on or hands off!?