

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!?

♦ **Church of England Prayer for the Royal Baby:**

Loving Father, we rejoice with the Duke and duchess of Sussex at the birth of their new son.

Guide and protect him, that he may follow you all his days.

May the love of his parents help him to know your love which is revealed to us all in Jesus Christ, your son. Amen

- ♦ **A.B.Walker, the Funeral People:** are holding a bereavement after care drop in COFFEE MORNING from 10:00 to 12:00 on Thursdays, 23rd and 30th May, 6th, 13th, 20th June at 115, Bridge Road Maidenhead SL6 8NA. All Are Welcome. Tea, coffee and cake available.
- ♦ **Cantorum Choir and Orchestra:** This wonderful Choir will bring the Cookham Festival to a close **tonight 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 at the concert tonight.

Services/Events next Week

Tuesday, (21st): 7:30pm—Holy Communion followed by PCC Meeting

Wednesday, (22nd): 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch.

Saturday, (25th): Wedding at St Nicolas Church

Sunday, 26th May: 6th Sunday of Easter

09:15—Choral Matins at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10:45—Worship for All 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>5th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Sunday, 19th May, 2019</p>	
<i>We are part of</i>		
Faithful to God	Caring for each other	Serving the Community

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

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18 *Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and

saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Gospel: John 13:31-35 *The New Commandment*

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



Antem: *Love divine, all loves excelling* David Willcocks

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **PCC Meeting:** Our PCC is meeting on Tuesday (21st). Members will be discussing St Nicolas Church heating, our safeguarding policy, stewardship initiatives, PCC Sub Committee development, the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative and Summer Fete Co-ordination. Do talk with any PCC member to express any views you may have.

- ◆ **Worship for All Service:** Next Sunday, this service is called '*The Gift that keeps on Giving*' and focuses on the Power of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. As usual, the service is preceded by refreshments from 10:15.



are you stuck for words?

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.

- ◆ **Our second-hand Book Stall:** Paperback books in good condition are needed all year round but particularly now in readiness for the Summer Fete on 29th June. Please bring in books at any time and leave them by the bookcase (near the font). Thank you.



- ◆ **Our Christian Book Library:** The bookcase just outside the Lady Chapel contains a variety of Christian books which we can all borrow. Do have a browse after a service sometime. If you have such books at home which you think others may enjoy, please donate them to our library—thank you.

- ◆ **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 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.
- ◆ **Fabric/Buildings Committee:** We still need a few people to join this new group which will tackle appropriate maintenance issues and