

- ◆ **Pathways:** This is the name of the new 'magazine for the people of the Diocese of Oxford' - that's us! There have been two editions to date covering many interesting topics including 'Growing new congregations', 'How to grieve', 'Reducing our carbon footprint', 'Human sexuality' and many other fascinating articles. There is always a 'Dwelling on the Word' page and suggestions for prayer. It is a really interesting way to keep in touch with life in our wider church and offers valuable food for thought. Copies are free and available at the back of Church. Do have a read.



"I will follow you wherever you go"

Day by Day

Dear Lord of Thee, three things I pray,

To see Thee more clearly,

Love Thee more dearly,

follow Thee more nearly,

Day by Day.

*Richard of Wyche, Bishop of Chichester
in the 13th Century*

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (26th): 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch; St Nicholas Church

Sunday, 7th July: 3rd Sunday after Trinity

09:15—Holy Communion at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10:45—Parish Communion at St Nicolas Church, Taplow

3:00pm—Suzuki Violin Group Concert at St Nicolas Church, Taplow

3:00pm— Cream Teas at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

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) 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 after Trinity

Sunday, 30th June, 2019

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Holy Communion Service and a particular welcome to Revd. Sue Lepp from the parish of Langley Maresh, who is leading our worship today. At St Nicolas, children are invited to the Sunday School at the end of the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Gospel: Luke 9: 51—62 *The Cost of following Jesus*

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."



Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Anthem: *Fairest Lord Jesus* Trad. arr. Antony Baldwin

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

◆ **Fund Raising:** Today, we have some most encouraging updates to our fund raising efforts:



- ◆ **Phil and Christine's London to Brighton Cycle Ride**— Phil says: "Thank you to everyone who supported us on our London to Brighton British Heart Foundation cycle ride. So far, we have raised £1,178.75 for the BHF and over £600 for our church's building (Southside and Heating) funds."
- ◆ **Tescos**— We can report that, following the ballot in March and April, we have just received the Remittance Advice for £2,000 for our account. Thank you to all who kept voting for us; this sum completely pays off the work that has been done on the South side.
- ◆ **Our Church and School Fete**—Of course we haven't got the final figure yet but yesterday's fete was not only successful in obtaining a further significant sum of money for our funds but just as important in fulfilling our Mission Action Plan commitment to work more closely with church school. Thank you to all who worked for many weeks to prepare for this event—especially Nicki, Caroline and Julie—and of course to those who came on the day both to help and to spend money! More news of outcomes soon.

◆ **St Anne's Cream Teas:** Cream Teas at St Anne's Church, Dropmore are due to start **next Sunday (7th July)**. Tea with scones, jam and cream will be served on Sundays until the end of August **from 3pm to 5pm**. This is always a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon—rain or shine! Please try to plan at least one visit—take your friends; they'll



love it. **We also need help in serving the teas.** Could you offer a Sunday afternoon or two? Please let Sue Blore know by phoning 01628 661815. We look forward to seeing you.

◆ **St Frideswide Pilgrimage:** In the 'Events' section of our website, there are details of a Diocesan pilgrimage to our Cathedral Church in Oxford. It is being held on **Friday and Saturday, 18th & 19th October**. There are several routes planned and each stage is between three and nine miles meeting at Christ Church on the Saturday afternoon. Might we establish a St Nicolas group to go to the Cathedral?