

keep the church open and also get some administrative tasks done. You don't need to commit to every Monday morning – perhaps once a fortnight or even once a month. We can use more volunteers; please have a word with Carole to find out more.

- **Connections:** The next Connections meeting is next **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June at St Nicolas Church** starting with supper at 7:00pm and finishing at 9:00pm. This is a lovely opportunity to use some bible passages and an interesting written commentary on them to quietly reflect on how we are living our Christian lives. All are welcome to what is always a stimulating discussion. No charge!
- **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, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October**. There are several routes planned and each stage is between three and nine miles meeting at Christ Church on the Sunday afternoon. Might we assemble a St Nicolas Group to go to the cathedral?

#### **Diary for next Week**

**Wednesday, (26<sup>th</sup>):** 12:00—Open Wednesday with Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch

7:00pm to 9:00pm: Connections at St Nicolas Church

**Saturday, (29<sup>th</sup>):** 12:00 to 3:00pm – St Nicolas School and Church Fete

6:00pm to 8:00pm – Ordination of Suzanne Johnson at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford

#### **Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9:15am: Holy Communion at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10:45am: 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: [janecresswell523@gmail.com](mailto:janecresswell523@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. This leaflet is on the

	<p><b>St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common</b></p> <p><b>St Nicolas' Church, Taplow</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2019</b></p>	
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*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

*Welcome to this morning's Service and a particular welcome at St Nicolas church, to families of children who have been baptised in the church over the last two years.*

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

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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: Galatians 3: 23-29**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can

anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**The Gospel:** Luke 8: 26-39 *Jesus heals the Gerasene Demoniac*

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.). Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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**Anthem:** *Jesu the very thought of thee* Simon Lole

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

- ◆ **London to Brighton Cycled!** Phil and his daughter Christine successfully cycled the British Heart Foundation London to Brighton 54 mile cycle ride in 4 hours and 27 minutes. Phil says "As the BHF says 'Together we ride, to beat heartbreak forever'. Thank you for your support, which meant so much to us, as we rode together into the wind, through the rain and conquering Ditchling Beacon.



- ◆ **Summer Fete, Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June from 12:00 until 3:00pm:** Our summer Fete on the Village Green is now just **six days away**. This week the priorities for action are as follows:
  - Please take raffle tickets and do what you can to sell them to friends and family
  - This is the week to gather plants for the plant stall and bake cakes etc both for the cake stall and as part of our provision of teas
  - Please also take a poster and put it up in your window
  - Finally, please do encourage as many people as possible to come to the fete.

Thank you for all your offers of help and support on the day; if you aren't sure what you are doing or need help, please ask Nicki, Caroline or Julie.

- ◆ **St Anne's Cream Teas:** this lovely event starts at St Anne's Church, Dropmore on Sunday afternoons from 7<sup>th</sup> July – **in two week's time**. Tea with scones, jam and cream will be served each Sunday afternoon throughout the summer from 3pm to 5pm. Think about when you and your friends could go over there and also Sue Blore would welcome any offers of help in serving the teas on a Sunday or two. Please contact her on 01628 661815. Thank you.
- ◆ **Help in the Church Office:** Many thanks to the two volunteers who have offered to help man the church on Monday mornings to enable us to