

- ◆ **A Cuppa with the Curate!:** Suzanne writes “Being your ‘new’ curate, I’m really looking forward to getting to know everyone and what better way than to chat over a cuppa? I would love to visit you sometime during the summer. If you will have me, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. By the way, I should mention that I am allergic to dogs and cats!”



- ◆ **Oasis:** the next session (at St Anne’s) on **next Thursday, (8th; 10:00-1:00pm)** and is called ‘**Luke the Physician**’ lead by Dr Tricia Stradling. Full details are in the ‘Events’ section of the website.

- ◆ **Brenda Burns Memorial Service:** This will take place on Friday 30th August at 2.30pm.

- ◆ **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. **Our Deanery has established an 80 mile route over the week starting Monday, 13th October.**



Full details are on our website... could we link up with other Christians in our area?

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (7th): 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman’s Lunch; St Nicolas Church

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

Sunday, 11th August: 8th Sunday after Trinity

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

10:45—Parish Communion at St Nicolas Church

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



Cream Tea

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

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.

St Anne’s Church, Littleworth Common

We are part of



St Nicolas’ Church, Taplow

7th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, 4th August, 2019



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to today’s Holy Communion Service. At St Nicolas, children are invited to our Sunday School at the end of the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: Colossians 3:1-11 *The New Life in Christ*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 *The Parable of the Rich Fool*

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide

the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable:

“The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years;



relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

This Week’s News and Notices

- ◆ **The challenge to replace our heating system starts well!**: Enjoying ourselves two week’s ago at a wonderful chamber music concert in our church and then relaxing again last weekend at the Rectory Garden Party, has already raised over £1,000 for our new heating system. Of course we need huge amounts of money and we are investigating grant applications and the like, but we also need to continue to raise money. All ideas for more fund-raising will be gratefully received!

- ◆ **Stewardship**: This can be defined as “Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation.” In addition to regularly reviewing our level of giving as part of the Parish Giving Scheme, the mission in our parishes needs the time and talents of us all. The PCC has recently formalised its sub-committees (which typically meet up to six times a year) and members of the PCC would welcome the involvement of the wider congregation in any of these groups. They cover **Finance, Buildings, Worship, Social, Fund-raising, Mission & Outreach**. We ask that our congregations consider to which of these groups they might make a contribution of their time and talents? Please do talk to any member of the PCC about whether you could might enjoy contributing to one of these groups. We need the experience, expertise, help and support of everyone for “the betterment of His Creation” in our parishes.



Stewardship
a way of life

- ◆ **Connections**: Following sessions exploring Christian Fellowship, Discipleship, Worship and Partnership, in the last session we considered our Christian Stewardship reflecting on how we can use our gifts for the benefit of those around us. **Next Wednesday (7th August)**, we sum up this series of sessions in a session called “**Whatever the hardship, Keep rising up**”. This will be an opportunity to reflect on overcoming difficulties in living a Christian life. Supper at 7:00pm, we finish at 9:00pm. You don’t have to come to every session; just pick one and come along.
- ◆ **Final figure from the Summer Fete**: You will be pleased to hear that our Church has now received **£1600** as our share of the profits of the Summer Fete. A positive and valuable review of the event has taken place emphasising the role of the fete in bringing school and church together. We are actively involved with our school in planning an event for next year which will take place on **Saturday, 13th June, 2020**.
- ◆ **Did you know?**: This Pew Leaflet is always available on the St Nicolas website from the Friday preceding the Sunday. This offers the opportunity to look at the readings, prayers and notices in advance of our Sunday worship.
- ◆ **Monthly Cake Sale: Next Sunday (11th)** will be the monthly cake sale with the usual wonderful selection of tempting delights. Thanks to those who bake and those who buy!