

- ◆ **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!”



- ◆ **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?



- ◆ **Our West Door**: is now fully functional. The problem was that a very old lock on the door, for which no one knew a key still even existed, had been locked! This keyhole has now been blocked off, but should you think you have a key for this “redundant” lock, Hilary, Tony or Phil would be pleased to receive that key.

### **Services/Events next Week**

**Wednesday, (14th)**: 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman’s Lunch; St Nicolas Church

**Sunday, 18th August: 9th Sunday after Trinity**

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

10:45—Parish Communion at St Nicolas Church

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: [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.

**St Anne’s Church, Littleworth Common**

We are part of



**St Nicolas’ Church, Taplow**

**8th Sunday after Trinity**

**Sunday, 11th August,**



*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

*Welcome to this morning’s Service and At St Nicolas, a particular welcome to the family and friends of Imogen Crabbe. At St Nicolas, children are invited to our Sunday School at the end of the first hymn.*

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

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading**: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 *The Meaning of Faith*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners

on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### The Gospel: Luke 12:32-40



“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their

master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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### Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

### This Week’s News and Notices

- ◆ **Vicar’s Newsletter:** Please collect a copy of the latest newsletter to take home today. It contains a reflective message, lots of information about our parish life and the calendar for the next two months. Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest!
- ◆ **Living our Faith:** Today’s readings are all about living our faith day by day. Within our Diocese, we have the opportunity to engage with Personal Discipleship Plans (PDPs), a life-changing process that hundreds of people have already embarked on to nourish their inner spiritual life and offer encouragement and support to share their gifts and passions. A PDP explores:
  - **Core Gifts** – What are my gifts? How am I sharing them?
  - **Attracted by** – Where may God be calling me?
  - **Listening** – Where am I being guided to gain experiences?
  - **Life** – What else is going on in my life now? What is my ideal future?
  - **Experience** – What energises me? What challenges me?
  - **Discipleship** – How am I deepening my daily spiritual life and faith?

For more information, go to Oxford Diocese website and search for Personal Discipleship Plan or talk to Jane or Suzanne about it.

- ◆ **Monthly Cake Sale: Today** is our monthly cake sale with the usual wonderful selection of tempting delights. Thanks to those who bake and those who buy!



- ◆ **Hymn Book Dedications:** When you get your hymn book for the service, do you often notice to whom it is dedicated? There are still some hymn books awaiting dedications. If you would like to remember someone in one of our hymn books, do have a word with the Vicar or one of the Church Wardens (the cost is simply the cost of the book: £12.50).
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **St Anne’s Cream Teas:** St Anne’s Church, Dropmore continues with offering delicious Cream Teas each Sunday afternoon (3:00-5:00pm) this month. If you haven’t been yet, what about this afternoon!