

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:** There are now just two more Sundays to enjoy a delicious Cream Tea at St Anne's Church, Dropmore (3:00-5:00pm). If you haven't been yet, what about this afternoon!
- ◆ **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?

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (21st): 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch; St Nicolas Church

Sunday, 25th August: 10th Sunday after Trinity

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

10:45—Worship for all at St Nicolas Church (preceded by refreshments from 10:15)

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: janeccresswell523@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	
	St Nicolas' Church, Taplow	
9th Sunday after Trinity		
Sunday, 18th August,		

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Holy Communion Service. At St Nicolas, a particular welcome to the family and friends of Isobel Griffiths and Emily Cook who are being baptised today. Children are invited to our Sunday School at the end of the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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: Hebrews 11:29-12:2 *The Faith of Other Israelite Heroes*

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was

not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56 *Jesus the Cause of Division*

“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Anthem: *O sing joyfully* Adrian Batten

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Vicar's Newsletter:** If you didn't pick up a copy of the latest newsletter last week, please do take one 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!
- ◆ **Oasis:** The next session is called **“Growing through Losing”**. The day is an exploration of the topic of loss – whatever that means to you - using creativity, other resources and quiet reflection to focus on it. The day is aimed not at problem solving but in finding a deepening intimacy with God, acknowledging what arises and bringing it in prayerful reflection to God. The session will be led by Fi Ivin, an Ignatian Spiritual Director who has recently completed studies in Christian Spirituality. With a background in education and training, Fi runs workshops and individual programmes for women at transitional points in their lives and careers. The session is on **Thursday 12th September, 2019 from 10.00am to 3pm at Burnham Abbey**. The nuns hold a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am on the day; so, if you wish to attend that, just arrive early and come to the chapel – the session will start a short while after the end of the service. Please say if you need help with transport and book by Thursday 5th September by phoning Rob Penn on 07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com
- ◆ **Last Sunday's monthly Cake and Jam sale:** This raised a further £82.50 for the church heating fund. Many thanks to all who baked and bought.
- ◆ **Churchyard Working Party:** On Saturday 14th September from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon, Phil will be working in the churchyard to prepare the churchyard for a) St. Nicolas' Church to be open for <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting> on 18th September Open Wednesday and b) for Remembrance Sunday. Would you be able to join Phil to help? Please have a word with Phil if you can come.
- ◆ **Worship for All: Next Sunday** at St Nicolas, our worship has the title **‘Look Up; Be Free’** using the Gospel reading to explore not getting side-tracked being the person we really want to be. Do come.
- ◆ **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