

♦ **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. Our website also has the Parish Calendar, news about forthcoming events and much, much more.

♦ **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 **next Friday (30th)** in St Nicolas Church 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, (28th): 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman’s Lunch; St Nicolas Church

Friday, (30th): 2:30pm—Brenda Burns Memorial Service at St Nicolas Church.

Saturday, (31st): 1:30pm— Wedding in St Nicolas Church

Sunday, 1st September: 11th Sunday after Trinity

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

10:45—Parish Communion at St Nicolas Church (with baptism)

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

We are part of



St Nicolas’ Church, Taplow

10th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, 25th August,



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning’s Service. Below are the prayers and readings set for today which you might like to look at again at home.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 12:18-29

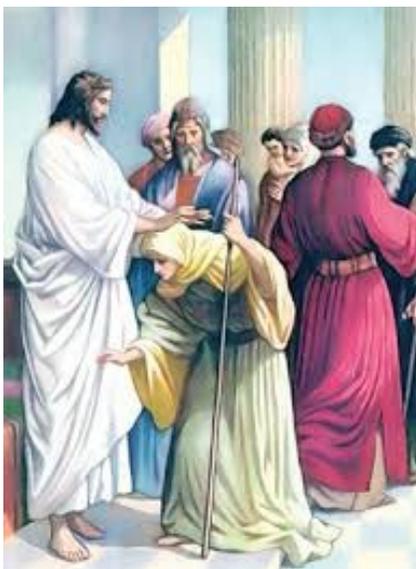
You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”) Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that

is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 *Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman*

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.



Anthem (St Anne's): *Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake* Richard Farrant

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Vicar's Newsletter:** If you haven't picked up a copy of the latest newsletter yet, 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!

- ◆ **St Anne's Cream Teas:** Today is the last opportunity this year to enjoy a delicious Cream Tea at St Anne's Church, Dropmore (3:00-5:00pm).
- ◆ **Connections:** An enjoyable and easy way to reflect on our faith is by coming to St Nicolas Church on a **Wednesday evening at 7:00pm** for supper, fellowship and relaxed discussion using bible readings and a commentary. The sessions are fortnightly (first Autumn session is **4th September**) and each session is self-contained so you don't have to come regularly. Might this be something for you this Autumn?



- ◆ **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 and 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

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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).

