

is an exploration of the topic of loss. 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.**

Please book by **this Thursday (5th)** by phoning Rob Penn on 07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com

- ◆ **Churchyard Working Party: A week on Saturday (14th) 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 heritage open days (18th September—Open Wednesday) and b) for Remembrance Sunday. Please have a word with Phil if you can come.
- ◆ **Community Picnic: Next Sunday (8th)**, Churches Together in Burnham and Taplow are holding a **Community Picnic** in front of Burnham Park Hall; 3-5pm. You bring your own picnic, tea and squash is provided, there's a bouncy castle and fun and games for all! All are welcome.
- ◆ **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, (4th): 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch; St Nicolas Church

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

Sunday, 8th September: 12th Sunday after Trinity

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

10:45—Parish Communion at St Nicolas Church

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: janeecresswell523@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.

We are part of



St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

11th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, 1st September, 2019



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Holy Communion Service and a particular welcome to the family and friends of Daisy Powell-di-Bartolomeo who is being baptised today. At St Nicolas, children are invited to our Sunday School at the end of the first hymn

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 13:1-8, 15-16 *Service Well-Pleasing to God*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14 *Humility and Hospitality*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."



He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Anthem: *The Lord's Prayer* Herbert Sumsion

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Burial of Ashes:** John Kennedy's ashes will be buried at a short

ceremony in St Nicolas Churchyard at 12:30 today.

- ◆ **Traidcraft Stall:** Being the first Sunday in the month, our monthly Traidcraft Stall is open before and after the service at St Nicolas. So far this year, we have '**fought poverty through doing £808.75 of trade**'. Traidcraft is an important part of our mission as a church so please support the stall by making your monthly purchases there. On our website, there is more information about the work of Traidcraft...it's inspiring stuff!

- ◆ **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...important reading!
- ◆ **St Anne's Cream Teas:** Last Sunday's sunshine brought out many regular and new friends for a cream tea at St. Anne's. Sue Blore writes: "it is so good to see so many people during the eight weeks we have done these teas this year; some of whom come almost every week! The wonderful ladies from St George's Church, Britwell have once again made the whole project the success it is, we could not manage without them. This year we also had help from several others. Thank you to everyone who helped and to all who came." **The total raised this year is £1,250** which will be used toward the expenses of running St Anne's Church, Dropmore. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to Sue for her commitment in leading this important work.
- ◆ **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 first session this autumn is **this Wednesday (4th)** which begins a series of self-contained sessions called "**Alive in the Spirit of God**". All are welcome.


Open to all; supper provided.
For dates of each session, see our Church Calendar in the Church porch and on our website
- ◆ **Monthly Cake & Jam Sales:** to raise money for our heating funds, these sales take place after the Sunday Service at St Nicolas on the second Sunday in the month. So, it's cakes **next Sunday (8th)**!
- ◆ **Oasis:** The next session is called "**Growing through Losing**". The day