

♦ **A Cuppa with the Curate:** Suzanne has enjoyed visiting people in their homes and learning more of us and our community. If she has not been to see you yet, do sign up for a visit on the form at the back of church.



♦ **Taplow Christmas Cards:** Thank you to everyone for helping to choose the images for our Christmas Cards, your votes were invaluable. Sorry if your first choice hasn't been picked this year. The choices are: *Church in the Snow* (Phil Taylor), *Deer at Cedar Chase* (Healey Norman Stevens), *St Nicolas stained glass: Clare Dawson 1959* (Keith Thomas), *Nativity stained glass: Rosencrantz 1912* (Keith Thomas). All now available at £5 for a pack of 8. Ann King has added to the range by creating cards from her beautiful acrylic painting *Taplow Village Green*. These are available at £3.50 for a pack of 5.

♦ **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, (11th): 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch; St Nicolas Church

Saturday (14th): 10:00—Churchyard Working Party

09:30—12:30—Bucks Area Diocesan Conference at Aylesbury

Sunday, 15th September: 13th Sunday after Trinity

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

10:45—Parish Communion service at St Nicolas Church

2:00pm—Baptism Preparation Course 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: 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

St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

We are part of



St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

12th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, 8th September, 2019



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Service. At St Nicolas, children are invited to our Sunday School at the end of the first hymn

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so

that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.



One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33 *The Cost of Discipleship*

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Anthem: *Bless, O Lord, us thy servants* Martin How

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week’s News and Notices

◆ **Danish Visitor:** We are excited to welcome Danish artist Troels Andersen to church this Sunday afternoon and Monday morning. He is working on an exhibition and publication about the stained glass windows by Arild Rosencrantz. We have four beautiful Rosencrantz windows in St Nicolas. If you would like to meet him, he is expected to arrive at about midday after the morning service.

◆ **Community Picnic: Today,** 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, puppets and fun and games for all. Any cake donations will be welcome and indeed any help in serving tea!

◆ **Churchyard Working Party: Next 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 join him.



◆ **‘Warm Welcome Wednesdays’:** Over the summer, our Open Wednesdays have expanded to include an afternoon session for parents and young children in our church. It has been well used and appreciated by the families involved. It has also been enjoyed by those in church after the midday service and following lunch. Caroline has led this mission development and she, together with those involved in this project are most grateful for the help, support and encouragement from Pam, Phil, Linda and Anna in facilitating the Warm Welcome Wednesdays play sessions. Apart from the value of these sessions for the participants, the project has already raised over £200 for our heating fund.



◆ **Our Heating System:** There is an ‘update’ document available to explain exactly what is happening to address the issue of our condemned boiler. In summary, we are replacing the complete radiator-based system and the work will commence in January, 2020 which means we will have temporary heating arrangements as needed before this. The total cost is £65,000 so we need to find every possible source of funding and donation this autumn. Please do consider how you can help. Thank you.