

- ◆ **Taplow Christmas Cards:** Do have a browse at the wonderful selection of exclusive St Nicolas Christmas Cards for sale at the back of church. 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 £3.50 for a pack of 5.

The Archbishop of York's Prayer related to the Brexit Votes:

*God of eternal love and power, save our Parliamentary Democracy;
Protect the High Court of Parliament and all its members from
partiality and prejudice; that they may walk humbly the path of
kindness, justice and mercy.*

Give them wisdom, insight and a concern for the common good.

*The weight of their calling is too much to bear in their own
strength, therefore we pray earnestly, Father, send them help from
your Holy Place, and be their tower of strength.*

Lord, graciously hear us. Amen.

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (18th): 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch; St Nicolas Church

7:00-9:00pm—Connections in St Nicolas Church

Thursday, (19th): PCC Meeting at St Nicolas Church

Sunday, 22nd September: 14th Sunday after Trinity

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

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

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

We are part of



St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

13th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, 15th September,



Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

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

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 *Gratitude for Mercy*

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel: Luke 15:1-10 *The Parables of the Lost Sheep & Lost Coin*

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the

one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.



"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Anthem: *Psalm 121—I will lift up mine eyes* Walford Davies

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Last Week's Cake Sale:** this raised a further £75.25 for the church heating fund. Many thanks to all who made and bought cakes. The next cake sale will be on **Sunday, 13 October**.
- ◆ **Connections:** In the first of our autumn series of discussions, we reflected on the power of the Holy Spirit to change how we think and feel. In the next session (**next Wednesday 18th**), we will look at three bible passages related to enabling the Holy Spirit to work more effectively in our lives. Our reflections come after a lovely supper. Do consider coming to a session; **7:00 to 9:00pm**.
- ◆ **PCC Meeting:** The PCC meets **next Thursday (19th)**. The agenda

includes updates on the heating and installing broadband, and we will be following up the PCC July 'Away Day' during which we reviewed our Mission Action Plan. Consideration will also be given to how we can improve our communications. Do pray for the PCC as members address these things.

- ◆ **Worship for All:** Next Sunday's service is called '**First Things First**' exploring how we can redress our priorities in life. All are welcome.



- ◆ **Three October dates for your diary** (*more details on the website*):

- ◇ **Sunday, 6th October: Harvest Festival** at St Nicolas Church followed by the traditional **Harvest Lunch** which will be in church at 12.30; hot main meal and fruit crumbles, £10 per head (in aid of the heating fund).



- ◇ **Saturday, 19th October:** Get your thinking caps on and join us for the St Nicolas **Quiz Evening** in aid of our heating fund. A light supper will be provided. Tickets are £7.50 each.



- ◇ **Saturday, 26th October:** We have a very special opportunity to hear Lucy-Anne Taylor giving us a talk on **Anglo-Saxon Wind Instruments including examples from Taepa's Mound in Taplow**.

This promises to be a fascinating look at how musical instruments developed in Anglo-Saxon times and will be of interest to the whole of our community so please spread the message widely. Lucy-Anne is a PhD Student in Archaeology and Music at Southampton University. The talk will be at **4:00pm** followed by tea and cake. Tickets on the door at £10 each (in aid of the 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.