

- ◆ **Bridging the Gap:** Following Phil and James' presentations at Harvest Thanksgiving, have you been able to review your Stewardship giving particularly with reference to levels and gift aid? If not, try googling 'Parish Giving Scheme: donors' for more information. Also, have you had any thoughts about fund raising for our new heating system? We need more **organisations/companies** to whom we could apply for funding and we'd also appreciate new **fundraising ideas**. **PLEASE TALK TO JENNY HARRIS ABOUT ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP US 'BRIDGE THE GAP'.**



- ◆ **A Prayer from St Martin's in the Field related to Brexit**
God of justice and mercy, in your Son you warned that a house divided against itself would fall. Look with grace upon this country. Bring wisdom in the face of haste and humility in the context of dispute. At this time of division and anxiety show your people a true way, a deep truth, and an abundant life; that in years to come we might look back on these moments and say this was when we truly understood who you are and discovered who we are. Through the work of your Son in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (23rd Oct): 12:00 to 3:00pm—**Open Wednesday** with a service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch; St Nicolas Church

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

Sunday, 27th October: 19th Sunday after Trinity

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

10:45—**Worship for All** Service at St Nicolas Church, Taplow

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 date you want it in. This leaflet is on the website from the Friday preceding each Sunday.*

We are part of

St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

St Nicolas' Church Taplow

18th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, 20th October, 2019

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to today's Service. At St Nicolas, children are invited to join the Sunday School after the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 *The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge*

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had



respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them.

And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Anthem: *Psalm 119 (verses 97-104)*

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **The Quiz Night:** Thanks are due to all those involved in planning and carrying out last night's Quiz evening. It was a lovely opportunity for us to share time together and for some of us to demonstrate in public just how limited our general knowledge actually is! And of course we raised more money for our heating funds whilst having fun too. Thank you for the idea and for organising it all.
- ◆ **Connections:** Our fortnightly sessions are focusing on *God in the Spirit* and the next session is planned for **next Wednesday (23rd) from 7:00pm to 9:00pm** including dinner. The title is *'Spirit of Love: Loving Neighbour'*. All sessions are self-contained so you can just attend a single session. Come and enjoy fellowship, food and fortification!
- ◆ **Worship for All:** The title of this month's Worship for All service (next Sunday) is *'Inside, Not Outside'* in St Nicolas Church at 10:45am (preceded by refreshments from 10:15).



- ◆ **Local History Talk: Next Saturday, (26th):** We have a very special opportunity to hear Lucy-Anne Taylor giving us a talk on ***Anglo-Saxon Wind Instruments including examples from Taeppe'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 £10 (for the heating fund).
- ◆ **Sue Blore's Delicious Dinners:** Following the success of last year's Sunday lunches, Sue plans to host more to help raise money for St Nicolas heating fund. The first will be on **Sunday 3rd November at 1:00pm.** A two course traditional Sunday lunch with (she hopes) good company! A donation of a minimum £10 is requested. Please contact Sue on 01628 661815 if you would like to attend (leave a message with your phone number if she's out). Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment!
- ◆ **The remarkable and unknown story of the hill peoples of Burma** who in WWII, fought so bravely and loyally for Great Britain in the brutal war with the Japanese Imperial Army in Burma/Myanmar at immense cost to themselves. This will be presented by the Chair of Help for Forgotten Allies (H4FA), Sally McLean and fellow Trustee, our own Peter Mitchell. **Saturday 16th November at 6:00pm** in St Nicholas' Church; £5 with refreshments and wine by the glass £2.
- ◆ **Cake Sale;** Last Sunday's sale raised a further £50 for our heating fund. Many thanks to bakers and buyers. Next sale is 8th December.
- ◆ **Operation Christmas Child:** Operation Christmas Child helps children around the world that may not receive any gifts at Christmas. *Please look at the poster or check out our website for details.* Caroline Breede is happy to collect your shoe boxes from the church and take them to the local collection point on behalf of St Nicolas. She would need to collect your shoe boxes by **Sunday 10th November** at the latest.
- ◆ **Temporary Heating:** We are now starting to use our propane powered portable gas heaters to warm up our church before services. Only approved persons may operate the gas heaters. **Parents and carers must be vigilant in keeping children away from them at all times.**