

- ◆ **Christmas Classics Concert:** Professional singers, Peter and Verity Auty are kindly presenting a concert of opera and Christmas music on **Sunday, 15th December at 4:00pm** in St Nicolas Church. Please do all you can to ensure we have a full church. Pre-booked tickets are £10 (£5 for under 16s) and tickets are £15 on the door. So book in advance at church or by emailing musicforamoment@hotmail.com.



- ◆ **Pathways:** This quarterly magazine is the successor to the monthly Diocesan leaflet. The Autumn edition (available free in church), highlights examples of how the church can reach children and young people. It is truly inspirational; do read it.

- ◆ **Part-Time Job Opportunity:** The Sisters at Burnham Abbey (which is less than two miles from our church) are increasing in age and need help. They are looking to employ someone to assist and eventually take over from the kitchen sister in serving, clearing, cleaning, simple cooking and food preparation. More details on our website. Do you know of anyone who might be interested? Please email Nicki Jeffries (paxcottage@aol.com) if you can help in any way.

- ◆ **Temporary Heating:** This consists of four Propane cylinders in the church to power portable gas heaters. Only approved persons may operate the gas heaters. **Parents and carers must be vigilant in keeping children away from them at all times.**

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (30th): 12:00 to 3:00pm—**Open Wednesday** with a service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch; St Nicolas Church
7:00pm (until 9:00pm) - **Connections** at St Nicolas Church

Sunday, 3rd November: All Saints

9:15: **Holy Communion** at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10:45—**Parish Communion** 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

We are part of

St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

Bible Sunday

Sunday, 27th October 2019

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this morning's Service. At St Nicolas, please do join us for refreshments and fellowship before the service.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

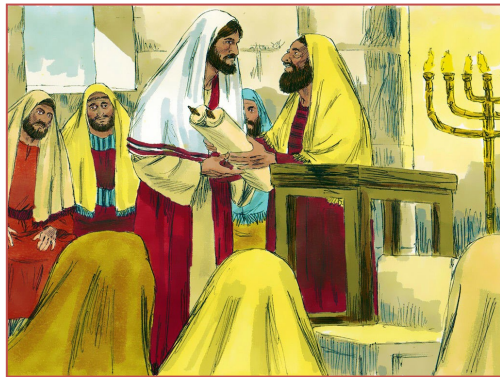
First Reading: Romans 15:1-6 *Please Others, Not Yourselfes*

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 4:16-24 *The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth*

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown."



Anthem (St Anne's): *Teach me, O Lord* Thomas Attwood

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Connections:** The next session is **this Wednesday (30th) from 7:00pm to 9:00pm** including dinner. Our sessions this autumn focus on *God in the Spirit* and the title this week is *'Spirit of Love: Loving Self'*. All sessions are self-contained so you can just attend a single session. Do think about giving it a try.
- ◆ **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 **next Sunday (3rd Nov) 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!

- ◆ **Oasis:** The next Oasis session is called **"Birth Narratives in Luke's Gospel"**. What does Luke's Gospel tell us about the Birth of Jesus? Should we believe it and why does it matter? Take away the donkey, the inn, the stable and the Wise Men, and what are we left with? We will explore the many rich themes of Luke's narrative, that prepare us for the celebration of Christmas, and set the scene for the rest of his Gospel, and beyond it into Acts. The session will be led by Revd Dr Robin Grayson, Associate Area Dean and Rector of Langley Team Ministry. **Thursday 14th November, from 10.00am to 1pm** at Burnham Abbey. Please book by **7th November** by contacting Rob Penn. Tel:07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com

- ◆ **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 our website for details. Caroline Breede will collect your shoe boxes from the church and take them to the local collection point on our behalf. She needs them by **Sunday 10th November**.



- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Bowled Over:** For four weeks starting on **Sunday, 17th November**, Jim will have his 'Woodwork' Stall open after the morning service at St Nicolas. All takings for the heating fund.
- ◆ **Bridging the Gap:** We have a small fundraising action group exploring more ways we can raise money for our heating system. Can you help?
 - ✓ Could you join us and help with planning and support?
 - ✓ Could you run a mini fundraising project; a coffee morning for friends, selling things you've made or things you don't need any more?
 - ✓ Do you know of any organisations to whom we could apply for grant aid?



Please talk to Jenny Harris about any of these options