

- ◆ **HTS Magazine:** Hilary has written a wonderful article called 'What does Church mean to you?' in the latest edition of Hitcham and Taplow Society Magazine. It powerfully highlights the significance of the church in the community; in the past, the present and the future encouraging a wider sense of 'belonging' in our wider community; thanks Hilary. It's now on our website. There is also a lovely article about Brenda Burns in it.



- ◆ **Bridging the Gap:** We have a small fundraising action group exploring more ways we can raise money for our heating system. One thing we are thinking about is whether enough of us have **craft skills** to contribute to a pre-Christmas Craft Sale—or perhaps you have a skill you could share with or demonstrate to others. **Please talk to Jenny Harris if you might contribute.**
- ◆ **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:** The latest edition of this quarterly Diocesan magazine is available free in church. It highlights examples of how the church can reach children and young people. It is truly inspirational; do read it.
- ◆ **Temporary Heating:** **Parents and carers are reminded to keep children away from the gas heaters on both sides of our church .**

Services/Events next Week

Wednesday, (6th): 12:00 to 3:00pm—**Open Wednesday** with a service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch; St Nicolas Church

Thursday, (7th): 1:30 to 3:00pm—Taplow Tots and Tea; St Nicolas Church

Sunday, 10th November: Remembrance Sunday

10:15: Joint Service of Remembrance—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

20th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, 3rd November 2019

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 after the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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: Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according

to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Gospel: Luke 6:20-31 *Blessings and Woes*

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.



Anthem: *Heaven resounds with songs of Saints* Victoria

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

♦ **Traidcraft:** Our stall is **open today** before and after our morning worship. We have taken over £1100 so far this year so please stock up on traidcraft items and 'fight poverty through trade'.

♦ **Remembrance Sunday: Next Sunday** is Remembrance Sunday and our joint **service begins at 10.15 a.m.** We will be joined by thirteen uniformed organisations, who will parade to the church through the village from **9.50 a.m. to 10.05 a.m.** during which time Rectory Road and Taplow High Street will not be accessible.



♦ **Operation Christmas Child:** There is now **just one week** to take part in Operation Christmas Child helping children around the world who 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 up to next Sunday and take them to the local collection point on our behalf.



♦ **Oasis:** The next Oasis session is on **Thursday 14th November, from 10.00am to 1pm** at Burnham Abbey. It 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. Please book by **7th November** by contacting Rob Penn. Tel:07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com

♦ **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.