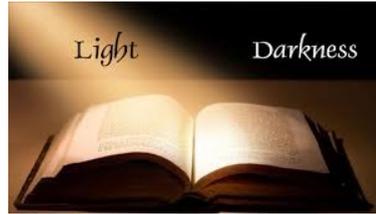


the darkness of the world Christ came bringing light and life. As we journey through Advent towards the celebration of Christ's birth, take time to pause and be still in God's presence. This is an opportunity to reflect together on the themes of darkness, light and shades of grey as we remember that we live in the light of eternity amongst the shadows of earth." **Tuesday, 10th December, 2019 from 10am – 1pm.**



Please book by 3rd December by contacting Rob Penn  
Tel:07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com

- ◆ **Christmas Classics Concert:** Tickets are now available for this very special 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.

- ◆ **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**

**Tuesday, (19th):** 20:00—PCC Meeting at St Nicolas Church

**Wednesday, (20th):** 12:00 to 3:00pm—**Open Wednesday** with a service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch; St Nicolas Church

**Thursday, (21st):** 1:30 to 3:00pm—Taplow Tots and Tea; St Nicolas Church

**Sunday, 24th November: Christ the King**

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

10:45: Worship for All Service at St Nicolas Church, Taplow 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: [janeccresswell523@gmail.com](mailto:janeccresswell523@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](mailto: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**

**2nd Sunday before Advent**

**Sunday, 17th 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)**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 *Warning against Idleness*

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

**The Gospel:** Luke 21:5-19 *The Destruction of the Temple Foretold*

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon an-

other; all will be thrown down.” They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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**Anthem:** *O salutaris hostia* Edward Elgar

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### Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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### This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Our busy Church life:** We acknowledge with gratitude lots of people who have made special contributions to our Church life recently:
  - ◇ Phil for liaising with many people in our community to make our **Remembrance Sunday Service** such a special occasion. Half the collection went to the British Legion amounting to £337.
  - ◇ Caroline for co-ordinating our response to **Operation Christmas Child** and the people who brought in about ten gift shoe boxes.
  - ◇ Peter and Esme for organising such an informative evening yesterday about **the hill people of Burma in WWII.**

## Thank You!

- ◇ Andy and Julie for **power washing our external paths** which were getting so slippery.
- ◇ Tony for producing our **first Church Newsletter** to be distributed throughout our local community to tell people about what we are doing as a Church community. Copies are available in church and on our website.

**Please sign up to help deliver batches to roads in our parish.**

- ◆ **Bowled Over:** Are you beginning to think about Christmas gift giving? **Starting today** and for the next four Sundays, Jim will have his ‘Woodwork’ Stall open after the morning service at St Nicolas. All takings for the heating fund.



- ◆ **PCC Meeting:** Our PCC meets on Tuesday this week and will be discussing the five marks of mission and seven marks of a healthy church. We will also hear reports from our sub-committees; Worship, Mission and Outreach, Finance, Fund-Raising & Social) and receiving updates on our heating system project. Outcomes will be reported next week.

- ◆ **Bridging the Gap:** Our fundraising action group is 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.**



- ◆ **Worship for All:** Next Sunday is ‘Christ the King’ and our Service is called **“What kind of King?”** providing the opportunity to reflect on Jesus’s kingship. As usual, refreshments and activities will be available from 10:15.



- ◆ **Advent Calendar Collection:** Chocolate advent calendars and selection boxes are being collected for Home-Start Slough supporting vulnerable families. Suzanne will be pleased to receive our donations (up to next Sunday) which she will pass on (more details on website).
- ◆ **Oasis:** The December session is called **“Light, Dark and Shades of Grey”** and will be led by our own Vicar, Rev’d Jane Cresswell at St Thomas’ Church, Vicarage Way, Colnbrook SL3 0JY. Jane writes *“Into*

