

**Tuesday, 10th December, 2019 from 10am – 1pm.** Please book by 3rd December by contacting Rob Penn Tel:07768483385 or email [robi-penn@aol.com](mailto:robi-penn@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](mailto:musicforamoment@hotmail.com).



- ◆ **Sue Blore's Luscious Lunches:** Sue will be holding another Sunday Lunch to help raise money for the heating in St Nicolas Church. A two course, traditional lunch will take place in her home on 19th January at 1pm. A donation of a minimum of £10 is requested. If you would like to join her please ring 01628 661815. If she isn't in, leave a message with your phone number and she will return the call.
- ◆ **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, (27th):** 12:00 to 3:00pm—**Open Wednesday** with a service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch; St Nicolas Church

**Thursday, (28th):** 1:30 to 3:00pm—Taplow Tots and Tea; St Nicolas Church

### **Sunday, 1st December: Advent Sunday**

09:15—Holy Communion at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

10:45: Parish Communion 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: [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**

**Christ the King**

**Sunday, 24th November 2019**



*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

*Welcome to this morning's Service.*

### **Collect (or Prayer for Today)**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading: Colossians 1:11-20**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### **The Gospel: Luke 23:33-43**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus

said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."



One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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**Anthem (St Anne's): Rejoice in the Lord always** Anon

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### ***This Week's News and Notices***

- ◆ **PCC Meeting:** St Nicolas PCC met last Tuesday dealing with issues around the new heating system arrangements, fund-raising and the developing Church budget crisis (more of this soon!). The PCC also adopted a model for the on-going evaluation of everything we are doing and heard reports from the Worship, Mission and Outreach and Social Sub-committees. ***For full details of everything covered, look at the report on the website and/or talk to a PCC member.***

- ◆ **Bowled Over:** Jim has his 'Woodwork' Stall open both before and after the morning service at St Nicolas today. The stall will also be open after the service at St Nicolas on the next two Sundays. All takings for the heating fund.



- ◆ **Winter fuel Allowance:** All those in receipt of this allowance will be receiving notification of it about now. If you know you can easily manage without this allowance this year, might you consider donating your allowance

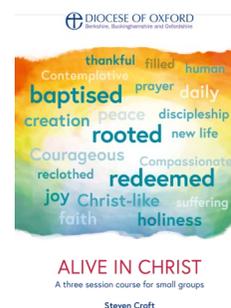
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for our church heating? It could make a significant contribution to helping us get this job done. If you can do this, please would you have a word with Phil to transfer the money. Thank you.

- ◆ **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.***



- ◆ **Our Own Advent Course:** This year, Jane is leading a three session Advent Course for us on three Mondays in December in the warmth of the Rectory! ***'Alive in Christ'*** is based on Paul's letter to Colossians, a letter addressed to the smallest, least important town of any New Testament letter. Yet Paul provides us with an essential description of what it means to live as a Christian disciple and what it means to be the Church. ***Please sign up in church to be part of this Advent group meeting on Monday 2nd, 9th and 16th December 2019 at***



**7.30pm.** Hot drink on arrival, with home made vegetable soup available to those who have come straight from work without time to eat! Numbers capped at 12 people for reasons of space.

- ◆ **Connections:** These meetings are being suspended until January so that participants can join the Advent course.
- ◆ **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 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."***

