

◆ **Worship for All:** Next Sunday's Service at St Nicolas Church is called 'It's not a Yolk' during which we will be reflecting on freeing ourselves from our burdens. Refreshments are available from 10:15 and the service begins at 10:45 and ends at 11:30am. All are welcome.

◆ **Survey related to St Nicolas Church Parish Communion Service:** Thank you to all those who responded to the two questions about the strengths of the service and how it could be further enhanced. We have some most thoughtful and interesting perspectives which the Worship Sub-Committee will consider most carefully. More feedback in due course....

**Thank You!**

◆ **The Heating Work:** This work at St Nicolas Church is scheduled to take place during February so from 3rd February to 28th February, St Nicolas Church will be closed during the week.

◆ **Our Website:** When did you last consult our website? Apart from the parish calendar and notices about what is going on, there is a 'personal prayer' section which includes prayers about current issues in our world. You can also access the pew leaflet from the Friday preceding the Sunday. Why not visit the website once a week and use it to keep in touch?



**Services/Events next Week**

**Wednesday, (22nd):** 12:00 to 3:00pm—**Open Wednesday** with a Churches together Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch; St Nicolas Church

7:00pm—9:00pm: **Connections** at Appletree Cottage, River Road.

**Sunday, 26th January: Epiphany 3**

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

10:45—**Worship for All** 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: [janeecresswell523@gmail.com](mailto:janeecresswell523@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



We are part of

**St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common**

**St Nicolas' Church, Taplow**

**Epiphany 2**

**Sunday, 19th January, 2020**



*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

Welcome to this morning's Joint Holy Communion Service with the St Anne's congregation. Sarah Smith, our ordinand in training, is preaching for us today. Children are invited to our Sunday School at the end of the first hymn. Pending the replacement of our heating system, we have temporary heaters: **Parents and carers are asked to keep children away from these gas heaters on both sides of our church.**

**Collect (or Prayer for Today)**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 *Salutation*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Gospel: John 1:29-42

### *The Lamb of God and the First Disciples of Jesus*

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."



The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).



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**Anthem: *Brightest and best* Malcolm Archer**

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### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

- ◆ **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** This takes place this week and St Nicolas church has the honour of hosting Prayers for Christian Unity for our local Churches Together as part of the Open Wednesday Eucharist on **this Wednesday (22nd) January**. Please think about supporting this service to



demonstrate our commitment to this important initiative. We are also invited to join with Churches Together to a service **next Sunday (19th) at 4pm at St Mary's Church**. We are encouraged to attend this service and if you would like to participate by either reading or offering prayers or joining the choir, please do contact Rev. Sue Sampson at St Mary's (sueathitcham@gmail.com). Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing kindness to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith. God has been sent to all peoples (see Acts 28:28).

- ◆ **Connections:** The Archbishop of Canterbury's new year message centred on connecting with people. 'Connections' offers the opportunity to grow in knowledge, understanding and faith by sharing food, fellowship, views and opinions. In the fortnightly evening sessions between now and Lent, we are reflecting on aspects of the Holy Spirit working in our lives. Sessions begin with supper at **7:00pm and always end at 9:00pm** and, until the heating is restored, we are meeting in our homes. The first session called '*Spirit of Unity and Diversity*' is on **Wednesday, 22nd January** at the home of Jim & Carole Oliver. If you would like to attend, please have a word with one of them or email Jim (address at end of this pew leaflet).



- ◆ **Sunday School at St Nicolas:** Pam has kindly agreed to continue taking our Sunday School on the first Sunday of each month and Caroline is going to lead it on the third Sunday of the month. The fourth Sunday is always Worship for All so we now just require support for the **second Sunday in the month**. Jane has material available to help those who are new or feel inexperienced at this important work. Is this something you could do? Please speak to Jane today or call her on 01628 661182.