

- ◆ **Oasis:** In the next session, Revd Rod Cosh, Area Dean, will lead an event on *The Eucharist*. The session will be held at **Burnham Abbey** and will include attending the Eucharist service there which begins at 09:30—so the session will run from **09:20 to 1:00pm**. This is a lovely opportunity to spend some time at the Abbey; the session is on **Thursday, 13th February**. Please book by contacting Rob Penn. Tel: 07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com



- ◆ **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, (29th): 12:00 to 3:00pm—**Open Wednesday** with a Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch; St Nicolas Church

Sunday, 2nd February, Candlemas

10:45—**Parish Communion** at St Nicolas Church, Taplow

3:00pm to 4:00pm—**Service for the Bereaved** at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

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: janeacresswell523@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
The Jubilee River Churches

St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

Epiphany 3

Sunday, 26th January, 2020

ST NICOLAS CHURCH
TAPLOW

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

*Welcome to this morning's Service. At St Nicolas, 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, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 1:10-18 *Divisions in the Church*

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23 *Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee*

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.



Anthem: *Day by Day* Martin How

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

This Week's News and Notices

◆ **The Parochial Church Council:** The PCC met on 15th January dealing with a number of issues ranging from the installation of broadband to the heating project. The Council reflected on one of the seven marks of a healthy church; being energised by faith, and also spent time addressing an increasing deficit between our income and

expenditure. A brief report of the outcomes from the meeting is available in the 'PCC Information' section of our website. Please find time to read it and keep up to date with what is going on.

◆ **Service for the Bereaved:** Whether you have been bereaved recently or many years ago, you are warmly invited to a service at **Candlemas (next Sunday, 2nd February) at 3:00pm** in the quiet and peaceful surroundings of **St Anne's Church, Dropmore.**



◆ **Easter Newsletter to the whole parish:** Following the success of the Christmas newsletter circulated through our community (thanks to all those who helped deliver!), we plan to produce a further newsletter prior to Easter and we are looking for local businesses to advertise in the newsletter to fund the project. The adverts will cost £25 for half a page and £40 for a full page. If you know of any business you think may welcome this opportunity, please talk to Tony or Hilary.

◆ **'Gift Amnesty':** We need to maintain our fund-raising efforts to pay for our new heating system and one simple idea is to off-load unwanted gifts to the church which can be used in future raffles/tombolas etc. Caroline has put a box at the back of the church for this purpose. Can you think of items which could happily go in it?



◆ **'Gifts for Everyday Faith':** As we move forward in this new decade and year, we have the opportunity to reflect on finding and following God in our everyday lives. There is an excellent 'tool' on the Diocesan website which helps us reflect on where our gifts are strongest. In ten minutes, you can have a clearer insight into what contribution you can make which you can develop into a Personal Discipleship Plan. Have a look: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/personal-discipleship-plan/> and then click 'download questionnaire'.

◆ **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.

CAN YOU HELP?