

- ◆ **Cake Sale: Next Sunday** is 'Sunday School Cake Sale Sunday'; it's going to be the third Sunday in the month this year. Please come and buy; all proceeds are for the heating fund.



- ◆ **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. If you know of any business you think may welcome this opportunity, please talk to Tony or Hilary.

- ◆ **Vicar's Supper Evenings (Fridays):** Do you fancy Hungarian Goulash,



## Fellowship Meal

Salmon on a bed of fennel and tomato, Chicken curry with rice, Gardeners or Fish Pie? How about following it up with Apple and cherry charlotte, Mango Cheesecake or Cherry Trifle? You are warmly invited to

**Taplow Rectory at 7.30pm on Fridays; 28th Feb, 6th, 13th & 27th March** and there is a lunchtime option at **1:00pm on 20th March.**

Minimum donation £10 per person in aid of Heating fund. The work will be completed by the end of February and the initial deposit paid but we still have to pay off the balance £1,000 per month for 24 months. Please check the menus out and sign up on the form at the back of church.

- ◆ **Area Dean; Revd Canon Rod Cosh:** Rod is to leave the Diocese on Easter Sunday to take up the post of Lead Chaplain at St Monica's Trust in the Diocese of Bristol. We pray for God's blessing as he prepares to take up this new role.

### *Services/Events next Week*

**Wednesday, (5th):** 7:00pm to 9:00pm—**Connections** at Appletree Cottage, River Road, Taplow

**Sunday, 9th February, 3rd Sunday before Lent**

09:45—**Matins** 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: [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

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

We are part of



**St Nicolas' Church, Taplow**

**Candlemas**

**Sunday, 2nd February, 2020**



*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

*Welcome to today's Holy Communion Service. At St Nicolas, 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 and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading:** Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### **The Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40 *Jesus Is Presented in the Temple*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is

stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying; “*Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.*”



And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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**Anthem:** *When to the temple Mary went* Johann Eccard

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## Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

- ◆ **Service for the Bereaved:** Whether you have been bereaved recently or many years ago, you are warmly invited to a service **today at 3:00pm** in the quiet and peaceful surroundings of **St Anne's Church, Dropmore.**
- ◆ **The Heating Project at St Nicolas:** The work to replace our heating system begins this week so **the church will be closed from Monday to Friday.**



- ◆ **Connections:** This **Wednesday (7:00pm to 9:00pm)** including supper), Connections is called ‘*Spirit of Service*’ exploring the nature of the Suffering Servant and its relevance for how we live our lives. All are welcome. It is at the home of Jim & Carole Oliver; do have a word with them if you would like to attend this session or email Jim (address at the end of this pew leaflet).



- ◆ **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](mailto:robipenn@aol.com)



- ◆ **‘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?

