

♦ **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, 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



Fellowship Meal

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.

♦ **St David's Day:** This is on Sunday 1st March and the social committee would like to invite you all to stay for a hot lunch in St Nicolas church after the 10:45 service to celebrate St David's day and the completion of our new heating system! There will be leek and rice au gratin with shredded ham. Put the date in your calendar now!



Service next Sunday

Sunday, 16th February, 2nd Sunday before Lent

10:45— **Joint Parish Communion** at St Nicolas Church, Taplow led by Revd Sue Smith.

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

St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common

We are part of



St Nicolas' Church, Taplow

3rd Sunday before Lent

Sunday, 9th 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 God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 2:1-12 *Proclaiming Christ Crucified*

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these

things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20 Salt and Light

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.



Antem: *Teach me, O Lord* Philip Stopford

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

This Week's News and Notices

♦ **Funding Appeal Leaflet:** The PCC has prepared an Appeals Leaflet for the whole of our Parish community to address the growing gap between our income and our expenditure. We all need to do two things:

1. Read the leaflet and consider if we can raise our stewardship levels preferably by 10%
2. Look at the delivery list at the back of Church and sign up if you can deliver to roads around where you live. All the leaflets are in road packages at the back of church.

This appeal is NOT fund-raising for the heating system; we need to enlist the active support of the whole community to close the gap between our income and expenditure so that we can fully address our Mission Action Plans.

♦ **The Heating Project at St Nicolas:** The work to replace our heating system is underway and **the church will continue to be closed from Monday to Friday** this week.

♦ **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



♦ **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. Attending the Oasis session would provide a good opportunity to say goodbye to him and wish him well.

♦ **'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? It will be there for you to put things in at any time.

