

Zimbabwe have given us the title *'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'*. Representatives of our local Churches Together are already meeting to prepare our response and there will be a service at St Nicolas Church at **12:30 on 6th March** followed by a soup lunch. Please do support this wonderful initiative if you possibly can.

- ♦ **Vicar's Supper Evenings (Fridays):** You are warmly invited to **Taplow Rectory** for supper at **7.30pm on Fridays; 28th Feb, 6th, 13th & 27th March** and there is a



**lunchtime option at 1:00pm on 20th March.**  
**Fellowship Meal** 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.

**A Prayer for those affected by Coronavirus** (Revd Sam Wells)

**God of healing and hope, in Jesus you meet us in our places of pain and fear. Look with mercy on those who have contracted the new virus, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern, by your Holy Spirit bring out the best not the worst in us. Make us more aware of our interdependence on each other, and of the strength that comes from being one body in you. Through Christ our wounded healer. Amen.**

### **Services/Events next Week**

**Wednesday, (19th):** 7:00pm—Connections (Jim & Carole Oliver's house)

**Sunday, 23rd February, Sunday next before Lent**

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

10:45—**Worship for All** at St Nicolas Church, Taplow preceded by refreshments and activities from 10:15

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

We are part of

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

**St Nicolas' Church, Taplow**

**2nd Sunday before Lent**

**Sunday, 16th February, 2020**

*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

*Welcome to today's Joint Holy Communion Service and a particular welcome to **Revd Sue Smith** who is leading our worship this morning. 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, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

### **First Reading: Romans 8:18-25 Future Glory**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**The Gospel:** Matthew 6:25-34 *Do Not Worry*

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you buy a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.



But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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

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**Post Communion Prayer**



God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**This Week’s News and Notices**

- ♦ **Cake Sale: Today** 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.
- ♦ **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:

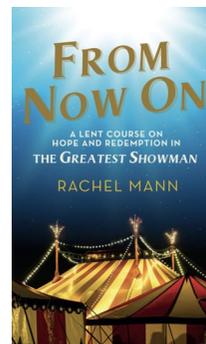


- 1. Read the leaflet** and consider if we can raise our stewardship levels preferably by 10%
- 2. Look at the delivery list** at the back of Church **and sign up** if you can deliver to roads around where you live. All the leaflets are in road packages at the back of church.

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.

- ♦ **Connections:** Next Wednesday, in the last session before the Lent Course begins, we discuss *‘The Spirit Conspiracy’*; how the Holy Spirit can help us in our relationships. Supper at 7:00pm; all are welcome; have a word with Jim or Carole if you would like to try it!

- ♦ **Our Lent Course, 2020:** Using clips from the film *The Greatest Showman* as a starting point, this course explores ways in which themes of faith, hope and redemption run through all our lives. It examines how each of us—like P T Barnum and members of his circus—face and can overcome doubt, temptation and prejudice, and how we can begin to live more authentic lives. The five weekly, two hour sessions begin at the Rectory on Wednesday, 4th March and finish on Wednesday, 1st April each starting at 7:30pm. To join the course, please sign up in church



- ♦ **World Day of Prayer, Friday, 6th March:** The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome us all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Each year, a different country sets the theme and this year, the people of