

01865 208290. If you have lived experience of abuse from within the Church of England, you may prefer to call the dedicated telephone NSPCC helpline, which is independent of the Church. Call 0800 802020.

**2. Coronavirus:** The UK Government has assessed the risk from Coronavirus as “moderate”. The Church of England therefore advises that those parishioners who are coughing or sneezing do not to shake hands at The Peace. In line with further Church of England advice, the priest and single chalice server will thoroughly wash their hands before administering and the priest will dip the communicants wafer into the wine, carried by the chalice server and then place the dipped wafer into the communicants hand as “the Body and Blood of Christ”.

**3. New LGBTI+ Chaplaincy:** This has been set up to support LGBTI+ people over 18 who live in the Diocese, their families and friends, clergy and pastoral leaders. Visit [oxford.anglican.lgbt](http://oxford.anglican.lgbt) to find out more and hear from the Chaplains.

*There is more information about all three of these notices in the ‘News’ section of our website.*

#### **A prayer for those affected by Floods.**

*We commend to your fatherly goodness all who are in any way afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or situation; we especially remember those enduring the flooding and its aftermath. Comfort and relieve them in their need, give them patience in their sufferings and hardships, and please bring good out of all their afflictions.*

*In the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.*

[The Rt Revd Peter Maurice, Bishop of Taunton]

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

**Ash Wednesday, (26th): 12:30pm**—Holy Communion with Ashing at St Nicolas Church

7:00pm—Ash Wednesday Eucharist

**Sunday, 1st March: 1st Sunday in Lent**

09:15—Holy Communion 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: [janecresswell523@gmail.com](mailto:janecresswell523@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

# 1st Sunday before Lent

## Sunday, 23rd February, 2020



*Faithful to God*

*Caring for each other*

*Serving the Community*

*Welcome to today’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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading:** 2 Peter 1:16-21 *Eyewitnesses of Christ’s Glory*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**The Gospel:** Matthew 17: 1-9 *The Transfiguration*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was

transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."




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**Anthem (St Anne's):** *My eyes for beauty pine* Herbert Howells

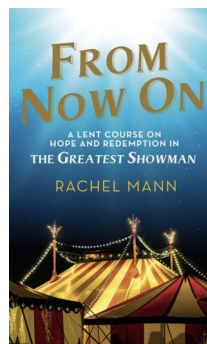
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### ***This Week's News and Notices***

- ◆ **Funding Appeal Leaflet:** There are still quite a few leaflets to deliver; please could you look at the roads we still need to cover and help out if you can? Thanks. Have you done your own Stewardship review yet? Obviously the sooner you can initiate any increase this year, the greater the benefit to our church. Thanks again. As you will see from the leaflet, 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.



- ◆ **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:** We certainly need this, don't we?! You can join millions of Christians throughout the world in praying for our planet and all the people on it. Representatives of our local Churches Together are preparing a wonderful service to take place at St Nicolas Church at **12:30 on 6th March** followed by a soup lunch. Please note the date in your diary; an occasion not to be missed.



- ◆ **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**. 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.



Fellowship Meal

- ◆ **Three Diocesan Messages: 1. Safeguarding:** Our churches and church-related activities must be safe for all, with safeguarding policies and practices that promote a safer church. Every church in the Diocese, including our own, is now undertaking a comprehensive review as part of the national Past Cases Review 2 (PCR2). You can find out more about PCR2 on the Diocese of Oxford website: [oxford.anglican.org/pcr-2](http://oxford.anglican.org/pcr-2). If you have information or need to make a disclosure regarding church-related abuse, please make direct contact with the Safeguarding Team at the Diocese of Oxford on

