

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 very soon now 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.

Two Diocesan Messages: 1. 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”.

2. Safeguarding: 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. 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 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.

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

Services/Events next Week

Friday, (6th): 12:30pm—Churches Together World Day of Prayer Service at St Nicolas Church (followed by a soup lunch)

Sunday, 8th March: 2nd Sunday in Lent

09:15—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

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) 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

1st Sunday in Lent

Sunday, 1st March, 2020



ST NICOLAS CHURCH
TAPLOW

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, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Romans 5:12-19 *Adam and Christ*

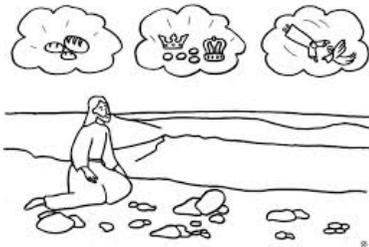
Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of

righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 *The Temptation of Jesus*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 

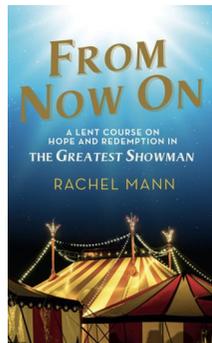
Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Anthem: *Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake* Tye

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Fair Trade Fortnight:** this began last Monday and ends next Sunday. **Today**, we have our Traidcraft stall open at St Nicolas both before and after our service. There is also an **extra Cake Sale** today to increase our contributions for Traidcraft.
- ◆ **World Day of Prayer, Next Friday, (6th):** We will be joining 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 Friday** followed by a soup lunch. This promises to be a very special service; please do come and welcome our visitors from other local churches. 
- ◆ **Our Lent Course, 2020:** This begins **next Wednesday** so please do sign up if you want to join the course. 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. There are five weekly, two hour sessions begin at the **each starting at 7:30pm**. 
- ◆ **Delivering leaflets around our Community:** Thank you to all those who have spent time over the last two weeks delivering our Appeal Leaflets. There are just a few roads left to cover; please look to see if you can help to finish the job. The next delivery exercise will be our Spring Newsletter due to be published soon. We were keen to separate the delivery of the Appeals Leaflet from the Newsletter which does mean more deliveries but hopefully will result in a greater impact.
- ◆ **The Heating Project:** The work is proceeding well and we hope it will be finished within the next two weeks. We will postpone our celebratory lunch (scheduled for next Sunday) and also the first Tots & Tea session (scheduled for next Thursday). More news next week.
- ◆ **Vicar's Supper Evenings (Fridays):** You are warmly invited to **Taplow**