

Services in the United Benefice

26th to 31st March 2018 – Services during Holy Week

Monday 26 th	LC 7pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday 27 th	Ch 7pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 28 th	NW 7pm	Evening Prayer
Maundy Thursday	LC 7pm	United Benefice Holy Communion
30 th March	LC 9am	Prayer Walk with LC Baptist Church and Our Lady of Light
Good Friday		
Good Friday	Ch 10am	The Passion Story in hymns and readings
Good Friday	NW 11am	Good Friday Family Service
Good Friday	LC 2pm	Stations of the Cross, Devotional
31 st March	Ch 4pm	'Messy Easter': activities, worship and food together
Holy Saturday		
Holy Saturday	Ch 8pm	Benefice Communion and Service of Light

Sunday 1st April 2018 – Easter Day

10:00 am (note time)	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Gordon Kuhrt
10:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Steve and Rose Williams
10:30 am	Family Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips

Sunday 8th April 2018 – Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Please note there is no Morning Celebration in Chearsley today

Sunday 15th April 2018 – Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Richard Phillips

Sunday 22nd April 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	John Scholefield
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Richard Phillips/Robert Hutton

Sunday 29th April 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am	Benefice Service	LC	Richard Phillips
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This is a fifth Sunday and there will be no other Benefice service on this day

If you have events coming up in the Benefice and would like them included in future Pew Sheets, please let us have the details on johnscholefield.ilm@gmail.com Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield

You are very welcome to take your Pew Sheet home.
Please see the back page for a list of upcoming services in the United Benefice

Sunday 1st April 2018 - CW edition



**The United Benefice of Long Crendon (LC),
Chearsley (Ch) & Nether Winchendon (NW)**

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Parish prayer points for April

Prayer is the foundation of all we do in our daily lives as well as in our church life - after all, a relationship thrives on communication. As we pray throughout the month on our own, or in gatherings on Sunday and during the week, can I invite us to pray for these particular people: In our 3 churches, giving thanks for all those who give to us financially. We rely on voluntary contributions, so this giving helps to make our worship of God and our service to the community possible. "God loves a cheerful giver" [2 Corinthians 9:7]! In our 3 villages, praying for everybody who works in the construction and property maintenance industries. For our businesses and individuals based here, and the many people who are working on projects around our villages.

Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**



Readings for Today:

For the Old Testament: Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He

commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Gospel: St. John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at

the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Wednesday 28th March 1:30pm at Long Meadow, Dark Lane, Chearsley, or Thursday 29th March, 8:00pm in Church House, Long Crendon, last Benefice Lent Group.
Saturday 7th April , Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Mary's Long Crendon, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin
Sunday 22nd April, APCMs in all three villages: Long Crendon 11:30 am in St. Mary's Chearsley 3:00 pm at the Village Hall Nether Winchendon 6:30 pm in St. Nicholas'. A key task of each annual meeting is to appoint our churchwardens and PCC members. If you are considering a call into church leadership then please talk to Rev Richard who can talk you through these roles and the nomination process.
Saturday 12th May, 7:30 pm "Opera Pops Concert" at St. Mary's Long Crendon, (organised by The Friends of St. Mary's with Aylesbury Opera). Tickets (include drinks/canapes) £12 from Geoff Smith on 208205 or Philip Hayes on 07725 868092 or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org