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Sunday 3rd April 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for Today:

In place of the Old Testament: Acts 5.27-32



When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Epistle: Revelation 1.4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Gospel: John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Good news from our Churchwardens:

"We are pleased to announce that after a further interview process, the Parish Representatives, Patron and Bishop Alan have agreed unanimously to offer the post to a candidate and he has accepted. Bishop Alan's office is now making the necessary arrangements for this to be formally endorsed by the relevant authorities (a more drawn out process than usual because there is currently no Bishop of Oxford); once this has been completed a public announcement of the name of the new incumbent will be coordinated with his current parish as quickly as possible."

Notes for your diary:

APCMs (Annual Parochial Church Meetings) will be held in each of our three churches during April. The Churchwardens and PCC members will be elected at these meetings, and reports on all aspects of church activity and management will be presented. Do come and take part. If anyone wishes to consider joining their PCC please contact your Churchwardens as soon as possible for information.

PCCs have the responsibility of cooperating with their vicar, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Our PCCs are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish communities.

Chearsley, Sunday 17th April, 3:30 pm in the Village Hall (the tea is always special)

Long Crendon, Sunday 24th April at 12 noon, in St. Mary's after the 10:30 am Holy Communion

Nether Winchendon, Sunday 24th April in St. Nicholas' after Evensong, which starts at 6:00 pm

Long Crendon Home Groups: please see poster on St. Mary's noticeboard and website with details of the various dates and times for Home Groups, and the subjects covered. Please contact Robert Hutton on 202060 or Ray Copping on 208509 for further information.

Services in the United Benefice

Services Sunday 3rd April 2016 – The Second Sunday of Easter (CW) or The First Sunday after Easter (BCP)

9.00 am	Holy Communion	NW	Derek Witchell
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping

Services Sunday 10th April 2016 – The Third Sunday of Easter (CW) or The Second Sunday after Easter (BCP)

10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Gordon Kuhrt
6.00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Services Sunday 17th April 2016 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Third Sunday after Easter (BCP)

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Derek Witchell
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Ray Copping

Services Sunday 24th April 2016 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Fourth Sunday after Easter (BCP)

10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Ian Ogilvie
6.00 pm	Evensong	NW	Gordon Kurht

Services Sunday 1st May 2016 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Fifth Sunday after Easter (BCP)

9.00 am	Holy Communion	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Steve and Rose Williams
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping

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 llm.chearsley@btinternet.com Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield