

## Services in the United Benefice

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 - Advent Sunday

10:00 am	St. Nicholas' Patronal Festival	NW	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Café Sunday Team
2:30-4:00pm	Family Fun 'What's in the Box?'	NW	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Benefice Advent Carol Service	LC	Richard Phillips
There is no service in Chearsley as the Patronal Service is shared			

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
4:00 pm	Lessons and Carols	Ch	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Lessons and Carols	NW	Richard Phillips

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Crib and Christingle	NW	Richard Phillips
4:00 pm	Christingle	Ch	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Lessons and Carols	LC	Richard Phillips

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Christmas Eve

2:00 pm	Crib Service	LC	Richard Phillips
3:30 pm	Crib Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
9:00 pm	Holy Communion	NW	Richard Phillips
11:00 pm	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Christmas Day

10:00 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Christmas Praise	Ch	John Scholefield
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Robert Hutton

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 – First Sunday of Christmas

10:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
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 [llm.chearsley@btinternet.com](mailto:llm.chearsley@btinternet.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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 - BCP edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

#### Parish Prayer Points for December



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 Advent and Christmas on our own, in small groups, and at services, can I invite us to pray for these particular people:

In our 3 churches, giving thanks for our wonderful organists and choirs who lead us in sung worship throughout the year.

In our 3 villages, praying for our local shops and services, for a fair return on all their hard work as they serve us.

#### Collect for the first Sunday in Advent

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen**

#### Collect for St. Nicholas' Day

Almighty Father, lover of souls, who chose thy servant Nicholas to be a bishop in the Church, that he might give freely out of the treasures of thy grace: make us mindful of the needs of others and, as we have received, so teach us also to give; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen**

#### Readings for Today:



### **The Old Testament: Micah 4.1-4 and 6-7**

But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it.

In that day, saith the Lord, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

### **The Epistle: Romans 13.8-14**

Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

### **The Gospel: St. Matthew 21.1-13**

And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall

say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

### **Prayer After Communion**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



**Throughout December** *Chearsley's Knitted Mary and Joseph are looking for somewhere to stay on their way through Chearsley to Bethlehem. Could any Chearsley households offer them a home for one night during December? If so, contact Sharon 208740. We will also be hiding painted nativity rocks around the village to be found and re-hidden during December (see "Chearsley Rocks" face book page).*

### **Note for your diary:**

<p><b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin</p>
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