

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 4th February 2018 – Second Sunday before Lent, Sexagesima, Bell Sunday (Chearsley)

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| 9:00 am | Holy Communion (BCP) | NW | Richard Phillips |
| 10:00 am | Café Sunday | LC | Café Sunday Team |
| 10:00 am | Family Holy Communion | Ch | Steve and Rose Williams |

Sunday 11th February 2018 – Sunday next before Lent

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| 8:00 am | Holy Communion | LC | Richard Phillips |
| 10:00 am | Morning Celebration | Ch | Morning Celebration Team |
| 10:00 am | Matins | NW | Robert Spencer Bernard |
| 10:30 am | Holy Communion | LC | Richard Phillips |
| 6:00 pm | Evensong | Ch | John Scholefield |

Wednesday 14th February 2018 – Ash Wednesday

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| 7:30 pm | Ash Wednesday service | NW | Richard Phillips |
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Sunday 18th February 2018 – First Sunday of Lent

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| 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 25th February 2018 – Second Sunday of Lent

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| 8:00 am | Holy Communion (BCP) | LC | Richard Phillips |
| 10:00 am | Family Service | Ch | Derek Witchell |
| 10:30 am | Holy Communion | LC | Richard Phillips |
| 5:00 pm | Evensong | NW | Robert Hutton |

Sunday 4th March 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent,

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| 9:00 am | Holy Communion (BCP) | NW | Richard Phillips |
| 10:00 am | Café Sunday | LC | Café Sunday Team |
| 10:00 am | Family Holy Communion | Ch | Richard Phillips |

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 4th February 2018 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Prayer

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

Ringers' Collect

Send, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, as we ring the bells of your house of prayer. May we never forget its sacredness; and may we ever ring to your praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for Today:

The Old Testament: Proverbs 8. 1 and 22-31



Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth - when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's

first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

The Epistle: Colossians 1.15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Gospel: St. John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

From Friday 2nd February: "Marriage Matters" Our friends at Long Crendon Baptist Church are running a 5 week course looking at what the Bible has to say about marriage and its practical implications. See lcbc.org.uk for details.

Saturday 3rd February, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Chearsley, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin

Sunday 4th February, St. Nicholas', Chearsley: We will be celebrating the third anniversary of the installation of our ring of six bells at the 10:00 o'clock Family Holy Communion.

Shrove Tuesday 13th February, 12:00-2:00pm, St. Nicholas' Chearsley. Come and enjoy a Pancake with us!

The Alpha meeting for all three villages continues on **Thursdays, 8:00 - 9:30pm** until 1st March. Do come and join us in Church House, Long Crendon. Alpha is for anyone who is curious to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning. The sessions are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Enjoy homemade treats, a short film and a discussion where you can share your own thoughts. You can still join in. To ask any questions, please e-mail Robert at needlecottage@btinternet.com