

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 4th March 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 11th March 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Morning Celebration Team
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
11:00 am (<i>note time</i>)	Mothering Sunday Service	NW	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	Richard Phillips

Sunday 18th March 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passiontide begins

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Richard Phillips

Sunday 25th March 2018 – Palm Sunday

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Benefice Procession to Church from Chearsley Village		
	Green followed by Family Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Benefice Palm Sunday Service with choir	LC	Richard Phillips

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
Good Friday	LC 9am	Prayer Walk with LC Baptist Church and Our Lady of Light
	Ch 10am	The Passion Story in hymns and readings
	NW 11am	Good Friday Family Service
	LC 2pm	Stations of the Cross, Devotional
31 st March	Ch 4pm	'Messy Easter': activities, worship and food together
Holy Saturday	Ch 8pm	Benefice Communion and Service of Light

Sunday 1st April 2018 – Easter Day

10:00 am (<i>note time</i>)	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

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 March 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 March

Prayer is the foundation of all we do, after all, a relationship thrives on communication. As we pray throughout March on our own, or in gatherings on Sundays and during the week, can I invite us to pray for these particular people: In our 3 churches, giving thanks for all those who maintain our churchyards throughout the seasons. In our 3 villages, please pray for everybody who works in our health and social care services. For those who work elsewhere; for our doctors' surgery, dental practice, and care providers; and for the many carers who serve our residents.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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. **Amen**

Readings for Today:



The Old Testament: Exodus 20.1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

- I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.
- You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

- You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
- Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.
- Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Gospel: St. John 2.13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the

doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Saturday 3rd March , 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
Thursdays 15th, 22nd and 29th March, 8:00pm, Benefice Lent Group: Church House, Long Crendon, with repeats on 16 th , 23 rd and 28 th March at Long Meadow, Dark Lane, Chearsley. This is a powerful, Lent course, written by our Bishop of Oxford, Steven Croft. The programme asks those who attend to read the supplied booklet and the Bible readings before each session, so we ask that anyone who is interested signs up in church on the form supplied, or e-mails johnscholefield.ilm@gmail.com to get the booklet.
Saturday 24th March: 10am-4:30pm , Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, Oxford Road, Aylesbury, Buckingham Area Day Conference . Bishop Steven Croft writes: "I'm very much looking forward to engaging with lay people and clergy from across the Area. I hope the day will be inspiring for all of us as we imagine together the kind of Church God is calling us to be and all that we are called to do in God's name". Tea and coffee provided but please bring a packed lunch. Please do book (essential) soon by emailing: bucksareaconference@oxford.anglican.org
Saturday 24th March: The Witchert Chorale 7:30 pm St. Mary's, Long Crendon (organised by The Friends). Tickets (include drinks/canapes) £12 (under 16s free) from Geoff Smith on 208205 or Ann Millar on 215632 or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org