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Sunday 6th March 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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**

Collect for Ash Wednesday (said every Sunday in Lent)

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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: 1 Samuel 1.20-end

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord." The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband,

"As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there forever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time." Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord." She left him there for the Lord.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

The Gospel: Luke 2.33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

The Benefice Lent Group will continue to run from 19:30 on **Tuesdays up to and including Tuesday 15th March 2016**, in Church House, Long Crendon. The theme is the Women who encountered Jesus, and also introduces us to women who are being helped by one of Chearsley's charities - ***Embrace the Middle East***. All are welcome. John Scholefield

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.

Saturday 5th March 2016 9:30 - 10:30 am, St. Nicholas', Chearsley:
As we continue the process of finding a new Vicar for our Benefice, come together to pray for faith and vision for our churches, for those involved in preparing the way for the new Vicar, and for our Lent Groups and Home Groups and services. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin

Saturday 12th March at 7.30 at St Mary's, the Witchert Chorale, "Remembering the Golden Age". Tickets £10 each (children £5) from Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org or call Geoff Smith on 01844 208205. Refreshments will be offered.

21st-25th March 2016 - Services during Holy Week:

Monday 21 st	NW	7:30 pm	Compline
Tuesday 22 nd	Ch	7:30 pm	Compline
Wednesday 23 rd	LC	7:30 pm	Compline
Maundy Thursday 24 th	Ch	7:30 pm	United Benefice Communion
Good Friday 25 th	Ch	10:00 am	Good Friday Service
	NW	11:00 am	Good Friday Family Service
	LC	2:00 pm	Devotional Service

Services in the United Benefice

Services Sunday 6th March 2016 – Mothering Sunday, The Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Steve Williams
10.00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping
10:00 am	Family Communion	Ch	Steve Williams
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Ian Ogilvie
6:00 to 7:30 pm Rock Solid Youth Group			

Services Sunday 13th March 2016 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday

10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Gordon Kuhrt
4:00 pm	God@4	NW	Lay Led
6.00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Services Sunday 20th March 2016 – Palm Sunday

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
6:00 pm	Devotional Service	LC	Lay Led

Please see Diary Notes above for all Services in Holy Week

Services Sunday 27th March 2016 – Easter Day

10:00 am	Easter Garden and Holy Communion	Ch	Gordon Kuhrt
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Derek Witchell

Services Sunday 3rd April 2016 – The Second Sunday of Easter

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

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