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Sunday 6th November 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Third Sunday before Advent

The Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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: Job 19.23-27a

"O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock
forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!"

The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5 and 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Gospel: St. Luke 20.27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Saturday 12th November, Quiz Night at 7:30 pm in Church House, Long Crendon. Tickets £12 per person to include Cottage Pie supper (or vegetarian alternative) and dessert. Please bring own drinks, glasses, plates and cutlery. Teams of 8 per table. Prizes, Raffle, Games. Everyone welcome. All proceeds go to help preserve and improve the fabric of our lovely old village church, St. Mary's. Book through www.FSMLongCrendon.org or e-mail friends@FSMLongCrendon.org or call Geoff Smith 01844 208205 or Chris Miller on 208027 (Gift Aid form available from Geoff).

Saturday 3rd December, 11am-1pm, Chearsley Village Hall, "Elevensies" with Christmas Food and Crafts to buy. If you have some craft items to donate, or could make some, please contact Anne Pratt, who will be delighted to hear from you.

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 6th November 2016 – 3rd Sunday before Advent (CW) and 24th Sunday after Trinity (BCP)

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Steve Williams
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Rob Freestone

Sunday 13th November 2016 – 2nd Sunday before Advent (CW) and 25th Sunday after Trinity (BCP), Remembrance Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:00 am	War Memorial Service	LC	Richard Phillips
10:15 am	Service of Remembrance	NW	Robert Hutton
10:30 am	Civic Service	LC	Richard Phillips
10:45 am	War Memorial Service	Ch	John Scholefield
6.00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Sunday 20th November 2016 – The Sunday Next Before Advent, also called Christ the King

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10.00 am	Family/Toy Service	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Family/Toy Service	LC	Lay Led

Sunday 27th November 2016 – The First Sunday in Advent (BCP) and Advent Sunday (CW)

10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
2:00 pm	Advent Family Event (with sheep)	Ch	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Benefice Advent Carol Service	LC	Richard Phillips

Sunday 4th December 2016 – 2nd Sunday of Advent (CW) or 2nd Sunday in Advent (BCP)

10.00 am	Patronal Service for Ch and NW, and Toy Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Rob Freestone

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