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Sunday 9th April 2017 - CW Chearsley edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Parish prayer points for April



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 the month on our own, or in gatherings on Sunday 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. For our co-ordinators Victoria Duncan, Nick Richards and Andy Yorke, Jim Thomas, and all those who get their hands dirty on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

In our 3 villages, please pray for everybody who works in the construction and property maintenance industries. For our businesses and individuals based here, and the many people who are working on projects around our villages.

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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: Isaiah 53.3-8

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of

us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

The Epistle: Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel: St. Matthew 21.1-11 (The Liturgy of the Palms)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Notes for your diary:

Is God calling you to serve on the PCC in Chearsley? If so please speak to the Churchwardens (Joy and Alicia) or to Richard about what it might entail.

The last session of this year's Benefice Lent Course will be held on **Thursday 6th April at 8:00-9:30pm** in Church House, Long Crendon and **Friday 7th April at 1:15-2:45pm** at Long Meadow, Dark Lane, Chearsley.

African Food Crisis: The UN has warned the world faces the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war, with more than 20 million people in South Sudan, Yemen, Somalia, and Nigeria facing starvation. Please pray and if you feel compelled to give additional finances towards relieving this disaster, go to www.oxfam.org.uk/what-we-do/emergency-response If you don't want to give online then please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Famine Relief', place it in our collection, and we'll pass it on".

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs): It is important to attend the meeting for your church, to elect the new PCC, to hear reports of the last year's work and plans for the future, and to be able to ask any questions you may have.

Long Crendon: Sunday 23rd April at 11:45 am in St. Mary's directly after the Communion service.

Chearsley: Sunday 23rd April at 3:00 pm at the Cricket Club. There will be tea and cake and pictures of the Church's year.

Nether Winchendon: Sunday 23rd April at 6:30 pm in St. Nicholas' directly after Evensong.

Wednesday 26th April, Bishop Steven will be visiting the Aylesbury Deanery. Everyone, with a particular request to PCC members, is invited to attend 'An Evening with Bishop Steven' at St. Mary's, Princes Risborough, 7:30-9:30 pm.

Saturday 6th May, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas', Chearsley, 9:30-10:30 am. Our prayer focus will be on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 9th April 2017 – Palm Sunday (CW), or the Sunday next before Easter (Palm Sunday) (BCP)

10:00 am Benefice Breakfast and Palm Craft at Cheersley Village Hall followed by a procession from the Hall to St. Nicholas' for Family Communion at **about 10:30 am** (when the procession arrives)

Ch Richard Phillips

6:00 pm Seasonal Lessons and Carols LC Richard Phillips

Note: there is no service in Nether Winchendon today

10th – 15th April 2017 – Services during Holy Week

Monday 10 th	LC	7:30 pm	Compline (Night Prayer)
Tuesday 11 th	Ch	7:30 pm	Compline (Night Prayer)
Wednesday 12 th	NW	7:30 pm	Compline (Night Prayer)
Maundy Thursday	NW	7:30 pm	United Benefice Communion (BCP)
Good Friday	LC	9:00 am	Prayer Walk
	Ch	10 am	Good Friday Service
	NW	11 am	Good Friday Family Service
	LC	2 pm	Stations of the Cross, Devotional
	Ch	5-8 pm	Rock Solid
Holy Saturday	Ch	10 am	Creation of Easter Garden
	Ch	8 pm	Benefice HC and Service of Light

Sunday 16th April 2017 – Easter Day

10:00 am Easter Garden and Holy Communion Ch Derek Witchell

10:00 am Holy Communion (BCP) NW Steve and Rose Williams

10:30 am Holy Communion LC Richard Phillips

Sunday 23rd April 2017 – The Second Sunday of Easter (CW) or the First Sunday after Easter (BCP)

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP) LC Richard Phillips

10:00 am Family Service Ch Lay Led

10:30 am Holy Communion with choir LC Richard Phillips

6:00 pm Evensong NW Robert Hutton

Sunday 30th April 2017 – The Third Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Second Sunday after Easter (BCP)

10:00 am Benefice Service 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 llm.cheersley@btinternet.com Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield