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Sunday 13th March 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know
eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus
Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who
suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: Isaiah 43.16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty
waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down,
they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not
remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to

do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Epistle: Philippians 3.4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel: John 12.1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **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.

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

APCMs (Annual Parochial Church Meetings) will be held in each of our three churches during April. The Churchwardens and PCC members will be elected at these meetings, and reports on all aspects of church activity and management will be presented. Do come and take part. If anyone wishes to consider joining their PCC please contact your Churchwardens as soon as possible for information.

Chearsley, Sunday 17th April, 3:30 pm in the Village Hall (the tea is always special)

Long Crendon, Sunday 24th April at 12 noon, in St. Mary's after the 10:30 am Holy Communion

Nether Winchendon, Sunday 24th April in St. Nicholas' after Evensong, which starts at 6:00 pm

Services in the United Benefice

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
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	John Scholefield

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

Services Sunday 10th April 2016 – The Third Sunday of Easter

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

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