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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - CW edition**



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

**WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY**

### **Prayer**



God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**The Second Sunday before Advent  
Remembrance Sunday**

### **The Collect**

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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: Malachi 4.1-2a**

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

## **The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13**

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

## **The Gospel: St. Luke 21.5-19**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

## Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### Notes for your diary:

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Please book through [www.FSMLongCrendon.org](http://www.FSMLongCrendon.org) or e-mail [friends@FSMLongCrendon.org](mailto:friends@FSMLongCrendon.org) or call Geoff Smith 01844 208205 or Chris Miller on 208027 (Gift Aid form available from Geoff), who need to know numbers for the food, so book soon!

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, Christmas Garland Workshop in Chearsley Village Hall, £25 in aid of Chearsley Village Hall. Booking essential, please ring Joy on 208513 or e-mail on [joychearsley@gmail.com](mailto:joychearsley@gmail.com)

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**, 2:00 pm, St. Nicholas, Chearsley: "Blessing the Flock", Advent Family Fun when we start the countdown to Christmas. Make your own Advent Candle as our flock of knitted sheep gather in the church to begin their journey to the Manger. Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments, craft, and a short informal service led by the Reverend Richard Phillips.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**, 9:30 am, St. Nicholas, Nether Winchenden, Monthly Prayer Gathering. This is an opportunity to pray for our three villages and the wider world. Remember, the Church advances on its knees! Ray Copping.

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

**Looking ahead to 2017:** Friends of St. Mary's, Long Crendon: **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February**, Safari Supper; and **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February**, Dinner and Entertainment at the Manor, Long Crendon (see FSM booking information above).

## Services in the United Benefice

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent (CW) and 25<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (CW) or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (CW) or 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent (BCP)**

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10.00 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
4:00 pm	Christingle	Ch	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Lessons and Carols	NW	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.chearsley@btinternet.com](mailto:llm.chearsley@btinternet.com) Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield