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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016 - CW edition**



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

**WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY**

### **Prayer**



Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Collect for the First Sunday of Lent**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Deuteronomy 26.1-11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in

number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

### **The Epistle: Romans 10.8b-13**

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

### **The Gospel: Luke 4.1-13**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear

you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Notes for your diary:

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 is Ash Wednesday** – we will be delighted to welcome Derek Witchell, who has kindly agreed to take the service at 7:30 pm in St. Mary's, Long Crendon, and look forward to seeing you there.

**The Benefice Lent Group** will run 19:30 to 21:30 on Tuesday evenings in Church House, Long Crendon for 5 weeks from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016. The theme is the Women who encountered Jesus, and will also introduce us to women who are being helped by one of Chearsley's charities - ***Embrace the Middle East***. If interested please e-mail [llm.chearsley@btinternet.com](mailto:llm.chearsley@btinternet.com) so we can print the right number of booklets – or just turn up, we'll have some spares. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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, a concert with readings, entitled "Remembering the Golden Age". Tickets will be £10 each (children £5) from [Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org](mailto:Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org) or call Geoff Smith on 01844 208205. Refreshments will be offered.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March** at 6:00 pm at St Mary's, there will be a devotional service of readings and music for **Palm Sunday**.

## Services in the United Benefice

### Service Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm Ash Wednesday service	LC	Derek Witchell
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### Services Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – The First Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:30 am Holy Communion	LC	Bishop Alan
6.00 pm Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

There will be no service at Nether Winchendon on this Sunday.

### Services Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016 – The Second Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Andy Bell
10.00 am Family Service	NW	Andy Bell
10:30 am Family Service	LC	Ray Copping

### Services Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – The Third Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Family Service	Ch	Derek Witchell
10.30 am Holy Communion with choir	LC	Ian Ogilvie
5:00 pm Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

### Services Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Mothering Sunday, The Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Steve and Rose Williams
10.00 am Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping
10:00 am Family Communion	Ch	Steve and Rose Williams
10:00 am Family Service	NW	Ian Ogilvie

6:00 to 7:30 pm Rock Solid Youth Group

### Services Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

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