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Sunday 16th 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 & 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 Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

Readings for Today:



For The Old Testament: Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed

him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Epistle: Colossians 3.1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Gospel: St. John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I

have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

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

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
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Sunday 7th May 2017 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Third Sunday after Easter (BCP)

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Lay Led
10:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips

Sunday 14th May 2017 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Fourth Sunday after Easter (BCP)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	ChLay Led
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Gordon Kuhrt

6:00 pm Evensong Scholefield	Ch	John
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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