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Sunday 17th April 2016 - BCP edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect for the Third Sunday after Easter

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings for Today:



The Epistle: 1 Peter 2.11-17

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

The Gospel: John 16.16-22

"A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me." Then some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying to us, 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" They said, "What does he mean by this 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'? Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

Prayers for the Sundays after Easter:

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Notes for your diary:

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.

PCCs have the responsibility of cooperating with their vicar, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Our PCCs are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish communities.

Chearsley, TODAY Sunday 17th April, 3:30 pm in the Village Hall
(includes a splendid tea)

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

Sunday 17th April 2016 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Third Sunday after Easter (BCP)

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

Sunday 24th April 2016 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Fourth Sunday after Easter (BCP)

10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Ian Ogilvie
6.00 pm	Evensong	NW	Gordon Kuhrt

Sunday 1st May 2016 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Fifth Sunday after Easter (BCP)

9.00 am	Holy Communion	NW	Steve Williams
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Steve Williams
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping

Sunday 8th May 2016 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Sunday after Ascension Day

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

Sunday 15th May 2016 – Pentecost – Whit 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

Sunday 22nd May 2016 – Trinity Sunday

10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Robert Hutton
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Derek Witchell
6.00 pm	Evensong	NW	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