

Services in the United Benefice

Wednesday 14th February 2018 – Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday service	NW	Richard Phillips
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Sunday 18th February 2018 – First Sunday of Lent

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Richard Phillips

Sunday 25th February 2018 – Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
5:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

Sunday 4th March 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 11th March 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Morning Celebration Team
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
11:00 am (<i>note time</i>)	Mothering Sunday Service	NW	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	Richard Phillips

Sunday 18th March 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passiontide begins

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	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 johnscholefield.ilm@gmail.com Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield

You are very welcome to take your Pew Sheet home.
Please see the back page for a list of upcoming services in the United Benefice

Sunday 18th February 2018 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Parish prayer points for February

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 our bell ringers. For all who ring out God's glory across our villages; for our tower captains Andrew, Anne, and Oliver; and for all those considering learning. In our 3 villages, please pray for our places to eat, to stay, and to celebrate. For all those who work in them, and for those who travel elsewhere to work in the hospitality industry.

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: Genesis 9.8-17



Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set

my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Epistle: 1 Peter 3.18-end

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Gospel: St. Mark 1.9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

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:

Shrove Tuesday 13th February, 12:00-2:00pm, St. Nicholas' Chearsley. Come and enjoy a Pancake with us!

Saturday 3rd March, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin

Thursdays 15th, 22nd and 29th March, 8:00pm, Benefice Lent Group: Church House, Long Crendon, with alternative dates 16th, 23rd and 28th March (30th is Good Friday) at Long Meadow, Dark Lane, Chearsley. Following our successful Alpha programme we are running a 3 week, powerful, Lent course, written by Bishop Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford. The programme asks those who attend to read the supplied booklet and the Bible readings before each session. The booklets have been donated for our use and we ask that anyone who is interested signs up in church on the form supplied, or e-mails John Scholefield on johnscholefield.ilm@gmail.com so that we can get the booklet to you.

Saturday 24th March: The Witchert Chorale "Songs of Innocence and Experience" 7:30 pm St. Mary's, Long Crendon (organised by The Friends). Music by Brahms, Gershwin, Gjeilo and Mendelssohn, Musical Director David Quinn, and poems by William Blake. The evening includes drink/canapes. Tickets £12 (under 16s free) from Geoff Smith on 208205 or Ann Millar on 215632 or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org