

Services in the United Benefice

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

Sunday 25th March 2018 – Palm Sunday

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Benefice Procession to Church from Chearsley Village		
	Green followed by Family Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Benefice Palm Sunday Service with choir	LC	Richard Phillips

26th to 31st March 2018 – Services during Holy Week

Monday 26 th	LC	7pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday 27 th	Ch	7pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 28 th	NW	7pm	Evening Prayer
Maundy Thursday	LC	7pm	United Benefice Holy Communion
30 th March	LC	9am	Prayer Walk with LC Baptist Church and Our Lady of Light
Good Friday	Ch	10am	The Passion Story in hymns and readings
Good Friday	NW	11am	Good Friday Family Service
Good Friday	LC	2pm	Stations of the Cross, Devotional
31 st March	Ch	4pm	'Messy Easter': activities, worship and food together
Holy Saturday	Ch	8pm	Benefice Communion and Service of Light

Sunday 1st April 2018 – Easter Day

10:00 am (note time)	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Gordon Kuhr
10:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Steve and Rose Williams
10:30 am	Family Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips

Sunday 8th April 2018 – Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Morning Celebration Team
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Sunday 15th April 2018 – Third Sunday of Easter

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

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 March 2018 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Parish prayer points for March

Prayer is the foundation of all we do, after all, a relationship thrives on communication. As we pray throughout March on our own, or in gatherings on Sundays 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 throughout the seasons. In our 3 villages, please pray for everybody who works in our health and social care services. For those who work elsewhere; for our doctors' surgery, dental practice, and care providers; and for the many carers who serve our residents.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (the beginning of Passiontide)

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No

longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Epistle: Hebrews 5.5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Gospel: St. John 12.20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

Please note that the clocks change, one hour forward, on Palm Sunday 25th March.

Notes for your diary:

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

Saturday 17th March, starting 9:00 am, St. Mary's Churchyard Clean-up Party. Volunteers of all ages needed please to get our hands dirty. It is time to get out the gardening gloves, secateurs, shears, pruning saws and any other tools useful in giving our church grounds a jolly good spring clean. Refreshments will be laid on including, it is rumoured, Hot Cross Buns for all the worthy labourers!

Saturday 24th March: 10am-4:30pm, Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, Oxford Road, Aylesbury, **Buckingham Area Day Conference.** **Bishop Steven Croft** writes: "I'm very much looking forward to engaging with lay people and clergy from across the Area. I hope the day will be inspiring for all of us as we imagine together the kind of Church God is calling us to be and all that we are called to do in God's name". Tea and coffee provided but please bring a packed lunch. Please do book (essential) soon by emailing: bucksareaconference@oxford.anglican.org

Saturday 24th March: The Witchert Chorale 7:30 pm St. Mary's, Long Crendon (organised by The Friends). Tickets (include drinks/canapes) £12 (under 16s free) from Geoff Smith on 208205 or Ann Millar on 215632 or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org

Saturday 7th April, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Mary's Long Crendon, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin