

Sunday April 19th 2015



The United Benefice of Long Crendon, Chearsley & Nether
Winchendon

YOU are all WELCOME today

I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit. Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

Psalm 118

Pray



Ebb tide, full tide
Over the ocean's rim
Ebb tide, full tide
I travel on with Him.

Ebb tide, full tide
My life is all afloat.
Ebb tide, full tide
He is in my boat.

Full tide, ebb tide
My boat is in the storm.
Full tide, ebb tide
I can see His form.

Full tide, ebb tide
When Life is no more,
Full tide, ebb tide
He calls me from the shore

Collect for The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth. 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.

Introduction

The resurrection of Jesus turned the world upside down. For a man to be raised from death was not something new; Jesus had raised Lazarus from death. But the resurrection of Jesus was something different. The resurrected Jesus was not the same. His body was different and even those who had known him well were surprised. Jesus was able to appear through locked doors and yet his body bore the wounds and scars of the nails which held him to the cross and the spear which the soldiers plunged into his side. The resurrected Jesus ate fish with his disciples and yet they knew that this was no mere resuscitation, Jesus had

changed. The risen Jesus was different, he had gone through death and passed through the other side, he would die no more. Jesus was now no longer just Jesus of Nazareth, he was their risen Lord. The resurrected Jesus gave them a challenge to tell the world about him and because he was no longer confined by the physical world, he would be with them spiritually wherever they went and whatever they faced. That is why these frightened disciples left their cowardice behind and became some of the bravest and most fearless people the world has ever known. The world was turned upside down and that resurrected Jesus has been present with his followers ever since.

Readings for Today:

First Reading: Acts 3: 12 - 19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,



New Testament Reading: 1 John 3: 1- 7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 36b - 48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself.

Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Services Today: April 19th Easter 3

8.00am	Holy Communion	Long Crendon	JW
10.30am	Family Service with Holy Baptism	Long Crendon	RC
9.00am	Holy Communion	Chearsley	JW
10.00am	Family Service	Nether Winchendon	AB
12.30pm	Holy Baptism	Long Crendon	JW

Services Next Week: April 26th Easter 4

8.00am	Holy Communion	Long Crendon	JW
10.30am	Sung Eucharist Followed by the APCM	Long Crendon	JW
10.00am	Family Service	Chearsley	JS
6.00pm	Evensong (shortened) Followed by the APCM	Nether Winchendon	JW

Risen Lord Jesus, who came to Your friends when all their hope was gone: come to us in the dark times. Come to those who despair, that they may feel your Easter presence in their hearts. Amen

Pray for me and I shall pray for you and all your friends that we may merrily meet in heaven. Amen (*Thomas Moore*)



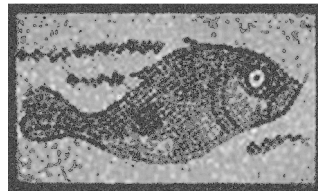
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Don't forget: May 4th at 8.30am. Madrigals will be sung from St. Mary's Church Tower by the Witchert Chorale.

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Cyclone Pam Relief Appeal

This is to acknowledge with grateful thanks the donations made by parishioners and friends to our appeal for cash to help to rebuild and repair schools and their assets damaged by this terrible cyclone in Vanuatu. The total sum you have raised - £1000 - is truly generous. We are a charity dedicated to relief of poverty in Vanuatu by means of education initiatives. Our normal charitable activities are largely based on paying school fees for bright students whose parents cannot afford the cost themselves. The money raised by this appeal however will be used specifically to do whatever we can afford to bring broken schools, wrecked libraries, damaged computers, or whatever else is needed, back to where they were before, the better to ensure children's education can be resumed as quickly as possible with all the school facilities available to them. We will work closely with the National Disaster Management Office to achieve this. Every penny raised will be used to this end; we have no internal operating costs. Your donations will go a long way towards our objectives, so please accept our thanks for your generosity. In due course members of BFoV will have more detail about how the funds are used. Thank you very much.