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Sunday 20th March 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Prayer

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

Collect for Palm Sunday, the Sunday next before Easter

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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**

Collect for Ash Wednesday (said every Sunday in Lent)

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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:



Old Testament: Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens - awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has

opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Epistle: Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel: Luke 19.28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

The final Benefice Lent Group on Tuesday 15th March at 7:30 pm in Church House, Long Crendon, will focus on Mary Magdalene. All are welcome. John Scholefield

Long Crendon Home Groups: please see poster on St. Mary's noticeboard and website with details of the various dates and times for Home Groups, and the subjects covered. Please contact Robert Hutton on 202060 or Ray Copping on 208509 for further information.

21st-25th March 2016 - Services during Holy Week:

Monday 21 st	NW	7:30 pm	Compline
Tuesday 22 nd	Ch	7:30 pm	Compline
Wednesday 23 rd	LC	7:30 pm	Compline
Maundy Thursday 24 th	Ch	7:30 pm	United Benefice Communion
Good Friday 25 th	Ch	10:00 am	Good Friday Service
	NW	11:00 am	Good Friday Family Service
	LC	2:00 pm	Devotional Service

25th March, Good Friday Walk of Witness behind a wooden cross starts at the LC Baptist Church at 9:15 am, finishing back at the Baptist Church in time for their Good Friday service. All welcome. Ray Copping

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.

Chearsley, Sunday 17th April, 3:30 pm in the Village Hall (the tea is always special)

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

Services Sunday 20th March 2016 – Palm Sunday

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Derek Witchell
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Ray Copping
6:00 pm	Benefice Devotional Service	LC	John Scholefield

Please see Diary Notes above for all Services in Holy Week

Services Sunday 27th March 2016 – Easter Day

10:00 am	Easter Garden and Holy Communion	Ch	Gordon Kuhrt
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Derek Witchell

Services Sunday 3rd April 2016 – The Second Sunday of Easter

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

Services Sunday 10th April 2016 – The Third Sunday of Easter

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

Services Sunday 17th April 2016 – The Fourth Sunday after Easter

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

Services Sunday 24th April 2016 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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