

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 21st January 2018 - Third Sunday of Epiphany, Plough Sunday

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| 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 28th January 2018 – Presentation of Christ (Candlemas), Septuagesima

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

Sunday 4th February 2018 – Second Sunday before Lent, Sexagesima, Bell Sunday (Chearsley)

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| 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 | Steve and Rose Williams |

Sunday 11th February 2018 – Sunday next before Lent

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| 8:00 am | Holy Communion | LC | Richard Phillips |
| 10:00 am | Morning Celebration | Ch | Morning Celebration Team |
| 10:00 am | Matins | NW | Robert Spencer Bernard |
| 10:30 am | Holy Communion | LC | Richard Phillips |
| 6:00 pm | Evensong | Ch | John Scholefield |

Wednesday 14th February 2018 – Ash Wednesday

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

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| 9:00 am | Holy Communion | Ch | Richard Phillips |
| 10:00 am | Family Service | NW | Richard Phillips |
| 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 21st January 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 January

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, in small groups, and at services, can I invite us to pray for these particular people: In our 3 churches, giving thanks for the volunteers who assist with our Sunday worship, setting up, welcoming, reading, leading prayers, serving refreshments, and caring for the linen. In our 3 villages, continuing to pray for our local shops and services, for a fair return on all their hard work as they serve us.



Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 14.17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!"



The Epistle: Revelation 19.6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure" - for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God." Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

The Gospel: St. John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

The Alpha meeting for all three villages started on Thursday 11th January and will continue on **Thursdays, 8:00 - 9:30pm** until 1st March. Do come and join us in Church House, Long Crendon. Alpha is for anyone who is curious to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning. The sessions are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Enjoy homemade treats, a short film and a discussion where you can share your own thoughts. You can still join in if you could not attend the first meeting. To ask any questions, please e-mail Robert at needlecottage@btinternet.com

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

Sunday 4th February, St. Nicholas', Chearsley: We will be celebrating the third anniversary of the installation of our ring of six bells at the 10:00 o'clock Family Holy Communion.