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## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016 - BCP edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

#### Prayer



Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### Readings for Today:



#### The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4.1-8

We beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk, and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication; that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God; that no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter; because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have

forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit.

### **The Gospel: St. Matthew 15.21-28**

Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent, but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord; yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

### **A Prayer for the Second Sunday of Lent**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A word of explanation: The Common Worship Lectionary refers to the Sundays during Lent as "Sundays of Lent". The Book of Common Prayer Lectionary calls them "Sundays in Lent". Sometimes 'Lent 2', 'Lent 3'; etc. is used as a way of covering both Lectionaries. This is why you will see various descriptions in our Benefice churches, not only in Lent but on some other Sundays throughout the year.

## Notes for your diary:

**The Benefice Lent Group** will run 19:30 to 21:30 on Tuesday evenings in Church House, Long Crendon from **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016** for five weeks. The theme is the Women who encountered Jesus, and will also introduce us to women who are being helped by one of Chearsley's charities - ***Embrace the Middle East***. If interested please e-mail [llm.chearsley@btinternet.com](mailto:llm.chearsley@btinternet.com) so we can print the right number of booklets for each week – or just turn up, we'll have some spares. 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.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016 9:30 - 10:30 am, St. Nicholas', Chearsley:**  
As we continue the process of finding a new Vicar for our Benefice, come together to pray for faith and vision for our churches, for those involved in preparing the way for the new Vicar, and for our Lent Groups and Home Groups and services. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30 at St Mary's, the Witchert Chorale, a concert with readings, entitled "Remembering the Golden Age". Tickets will be £10 each (children £5) from [Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org](mailto:Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org) or call Geoff Smith on 01844 208205. Refreshments will be offered.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March** at 6:00 pm at St Mary's, there will be a devotional service of readings and music for **Palm Sunday**.

### **21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 - Services during Holy Week:**

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

## Services in the United Benefice

### **Services Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016 – The Second Sunday of Lent**

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Andy Bell
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Andy Bell
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Ray Copping

### **Services Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – The Third Sunday of Lent**

10.00 am	Family Service	Ch	Derek Witchell
10.30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Ian Ogilvie
5:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

### **Services Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Mothering Sunday, The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Steve and Rose Williams
10.00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping
10:00 am	Family Communion	Ch	Steve and Rose Williams
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Ian Ogilvie
6:00 to 7:30 pm	Rock Solid Youth Group		

### **Services Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday**

10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Gordon Kuhrt
4:00 pm	God@4	NW	Lay Led
6.00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

### **Services Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Palm Sunday**

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
6:00 pm	Devotional Service	LC	Lay Led

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](mailto:llm.chearsley@btinternet.com) Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield