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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 - CW edition**



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

**WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY**

### **Prayer**



God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **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: Isaiah 9.1-4**

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## **The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptised none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptised in my name. (I did baptise also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptised anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## **The Gospel: St. Matthew 4.12-23**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

*"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea,  
across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat  
in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in  
the region and shadow of death light has dawned."*

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.



## 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:

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February**, 9:30 am, St. Nicholas', Chearsley,  
Monthly Prayer Gathering – an open invitation to pray for everything from local issues right up to international issues. All are welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February**, Safari Supper:  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February**, Dinner and Entertainment at the Manor, Long Crendon. Both organised by the Friends of St. Mary's, and all proceeds go to help preserve and improve the fabric of our lovely old village church, St. Mary's Long Crendon. Please book through [www.FSMLongCrendon.org](http://www.FSMLongCrendon.org) or e-mail [friends@FSMLongCrendon.org](mailto:friends@FSMLongCrendon.org) or call Geoff Smith 01844 208205 or Chris Miller on 208027 (Gift Aid form available from Geoff).

## Services in the United Benefice

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 – Third Sunday of Epiphany (CW) or Third Sunday after the Epiphany (BCP)

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

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany (CW) or Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (BCP)

10:00 am	United Benefice Service	NW	Richard Phillips
This is a fifth Sunday and there will be no other service on this day.			

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Fourth Sunday before Lent, Proper 1 (CW) or Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany (BCP)

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Lay Led
10:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips/John Scholefield

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – The Third Sunday before Lent, Proper 2 (CW) or Septuagesima (BCP)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips/Robert Hutton
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Second Sunday before Lent (CW) or Sexagesima (BCP)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	tbc

### Sun 26Feb17 - Sunday next before Lent (CW) / Quinquagesima (BCP)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Steve and Rose Williams
5:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

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