

## Services in the United Benefice

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Easter CW

#### Third Sunday after Easter BCP

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	John Scholefield
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Richard Phillips/Robert Hutton

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Sixth Sunday of Easter CW, Rogation Sunday

#### Fifth Sunday after Easter BCP

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
	followed by Rogation Walk		
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Café Sunday Team
10:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Steve and Rose Williams

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Ascension Day

7:30 pm	Benefice Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
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### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Seventh Sunday of Easter CW

#### Sunday after Ascension Day BCP

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	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	Richard Phillips

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Pentecost CW, Whit Sunday BCP

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 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Trinity Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Chearsley Praise	Ch	John Scholefield
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	John Scholefield

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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> April 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 April

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, or in gatherings on Sunday and during the week, can I invite us to pray for these particular people: In our 3 churches, giving thanks for all those who give to us financially. We rely on voluntary contributions, so this giving helps to make our worship of God and our service to the community possible. "God loves a cheerful giver" [2 Corinthians 9:7]! In our 3 villages, praying for everybody who works in the construction and property maintenance industries. For our businesses and individuals based here, and the many people who are working on projects around our villages.

### Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

### Readings for Today:



### For the Old Testament: Acts 4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit,

said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

#### **The Epistle: 1 John 3.16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

#### **The Gospel: St. John 10.11-18**

Jesus said to them: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### **Notes for your diary:**

<p><b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 10:30am NB revised time!!!</b>, St. Mary's Churchyard Clean-up Party, <i>reorganised date after the snow</i>. Volunteers of all ages needed please! Please bring gardening gloves, secateurs, shears, pruning saws etc.. Refreshments will be laid on for all the worthy labourers.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, APCMs in all three villages:</b>  <b>Long Crendon 11:30 am in St. Mary's</b>  <b>Chearsley 3:00 pm at the Village Hall</b>  <b>Nether Winchendon 6:30 pm in St. Nicholas'.</b>  A key task of each annual meeting is to appoint our churchwardens and PCC members. If you are considering a call into church leadership then please talk to Rev Richard who can talk you through these roles and the nomination process.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>, Food Collection in St. Mary's (please see 6<sup>th</sup> May Café Sunday notice below).</p>
<p><b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>, 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</p>
<p><b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May, Café Sunday</b>, Our speaker is from the Food Bank in Aylesbury and we thought it would be a nice gesture to be able to collect some food as a gift. I am happy to receive anything beforehand either on 29<sup>th</sup> April at St Mary's or bring along to Café Sunday on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Many thanks, Lesley Charnock</p>
<p><b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 8:30 am, May Day Madrigals</b> sung by the Witchert Chorale from the Tower of St. Mary's, followed by fresh coffee and rolls with jam. All welcome and let's hope for a lovely spring morning! Tickets not necessary but donations welcome.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30 pm "Opera Pops Concert"</b> at St. Mary's Long Crendon, (organised by The Friends of St. Mary's with Aylesbury Opera). Tickets (include drinks/canapes) £12 from Geoff Smith on 208205 or Philip Hayes on 07725 868092 or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org</p>