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Sunday 23rd April 2017 - CW edition



**The United Benefice of Long Crendon (LC),
Cheersley (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 maintain our churchyards. For our co-ordinators Victoria Duncan, Nick Richards & Andy Yorke, Jim Thomas, and all those who get their hands dirty on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

In our 3 villages, please pray 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 Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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:



For The Old Testament: Acts 2.14a and 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord

always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

The Epistle: 1 Peter 1.3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Gospel: St. John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then

he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

African Food Crisis: The UN has warned the world faces the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war, with more than 20 million people in South Sudan, Yemen, Somalia, and Nigeria facing starvation. Please pray and if you feel compelled to give additional finances towards relieving this disaster, go to www.oxfam.org.uk/what-we-do/emergency-response If you don't want to give online then please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Famine Relief', place it in our collection, and we'll pass it on".

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs): It is important to attend the meeting for your church, to elect the new PCC, to hear reports of the last year's work and plans for the future, and to be able to ask any questions you may have.

Long Crendon: Sunday 23rd April at 11:45 am in St. Mary's directly after the Communion service.

Chearsley: Sunday 23rd April at 3:00 pm at the Cricket Club. There will be tea and cake and pictures of the Church's year.

Nether Winchendon: Sunday 23rd April at 6:30 pm in St. Nicholas' directly after Evensong.

Wednesday 26th April, Bishop Steven will be visiting the Aylesbury Deanery. Everyone, with a particular request to PCC members, is invited to attend 'An Evening with Bishop Steven' at St. Mary's, Princes Risborough, 7:30-9:30 pm.

Bank Holiday Mondays 1st and 29th May: Delicious cream teas at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon – bring your friends!

Saturday 6th May, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas', Chearsley, 9:30-10:30 am. Our prayer focus will be on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 23rd April 2017 – The Second Sunday of Easter (CW) or the First Sunday after Easter (BCP)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Lay Led
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

Sunday 30th April 2017 – The Third Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Second Sunday after Easter (BCP)

10:00 am	Benefice Service	LC	Richard Phillips
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Sunday 7th May 2017 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Third Sunday after Easter (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

Sunday 14th May 2017 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Fourth Sunday after Easter (BCP)

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

Sunday 21st May 2017 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Fifth Sunday after Easter (BCP) – Rogation Sunday

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service (Rogation)	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Family Service	LCLay Led

Thursday 25th May 2017 – Ascension Day

7:30 pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
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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