

## Services in the United Benefice

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Second Sunday of Lent

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

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent

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	Richard Phillips

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Morning Celebration Team
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
11:00 am	(note time) Mothering Sunday Service	NW	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	Richard Phillips

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Lent Passiontide begins

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Richard Phillips

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Palm Sunday

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Benefice Procession to Church from Chearsley Village		
	Green followed by Family Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Benefice Palm Sunday Service with choir	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](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.  
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**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 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 February

Prayer is the foundation of all we do in our daily lives so may I invite us to pray for these particular people: In our 3 churches, giving thanks for our bell ringers. For all who ring out God's glory across our villages; for our tower captains Andrew, Anne, and Oliver; and for all those considering learning. In our 3 villages, please pray for our places to eat, to stay, and to celebrate. For all those who work in them, and for those who travel elsewhere to work in the hospitality industry.

### **Collect 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**

### **Collect for Ash Wednesday (said every Sunday in Lent)**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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 17.1-7 and 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You



shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

### **The Epistle: Romans 4.13-end**

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### **The Gospel: St. Mark 8.31-end**

Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get

behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you see 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**

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

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin

**Thursdays 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March, 8:00pm, Benefice Lent Group:** Church House, Long Crendon, with repeats on 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March at Long Meadow, Dark Lane, Chearsley. This is a powerful, Lent course, written by our Bishop of Oxford, Steven Croft. The programme asks those who attend to read the supplied booklet and the Bible readings before each session, so we ask that anyone who is interested signs up in church on the form supplied, or e-mails [johnscholefield.llm@gmail.com](mailto:johnscholefield.llm@gmail.com) to get the booklet.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March: 10am-4:30pm**, Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, Oxford Road, Aylesbury, **Buckingham Area Day Conference.** Bishop Steven Croft writes: "I'm very much looking forward to engaging with lay people and clergy from across the Area. I hope the day will be inspiring for all of us as we imagine together the kind of Church God is calling us to be and all that we are called to do in God's name". Tea and coffee provided but please bring a packed lunch. Please do book (essential) soon by emailing: [bucksareaconference@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:bucksareaconference@oxford.anglican.org)

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March: The Witchert Choral** 7:30 pm St. Mary's, Long Crendon (organised by The Friends). Tickets (include drinks/canapes) £12 (under 16s free) from Geoff Smith on 208205 or Ann Millar on 215632 or e-mail [Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org](mailto:Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org)