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Sunday 26th February 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 February



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 February on our own, or in gatherings on Sunday and during the week, can I invite us to pray for these particular people:

In our church, giving thanks for all who serve in our three bands of bell-ringers, as they ring out God's glory and welcome. For our tower captains Andrew Haseldine, Oliver Porteous, and Anne Pratt as they lead them. For those considering learning to ring. And finally for all those who have provided financially towards our magnificent bells themselves.

In our three villages, please pray for everybody who works in the hospitality industry. For those who work elsewhere, and for our pubs and restaurants, B&Bs, reception venues and marquee businesses based here.

Collect for the Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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: Exodus 24.12-end



The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set

out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Epistle: 2 Peter 1.16-end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Gospel: St. Matthew 17.1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming

down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Tuesday 28th February, 5:00-6:00 pm, St. Nicholas, Chearsley:
Pancake Party for all the family to enjoy together. Free to all. Any donations will be given to the Children's Society.

Wednesday 1st March, Ash Wednesday Communion Service: St. Nicholas, Chearsley - a traditional service beginning at 7.30pm.

Benefice Lent Course starting 2nd or 3rd March for six weeks:
Ever feel like the Bible is a bizarre collection of obscure laws, far-fetched stories, and incomprehensible prophecies? If so then you're invited to come to a 'crash course' in navigating the more baffling parts of the Bible, using **Krish Kandiah's book, 'Route 66'**.

There's a choice of two times to meet during the week:

- **Thursday evenings 8:00-9:30pm** in Church House, Long Crendon (starting 2nd March for 6 weeks)
- **Friday afternoons 1:15-2:45pm** at Long Meadow, Dark Lane, Chearsley (starting 3rd March for 6 weeks)

You don't have to come every week, or even buy the book, to benefit from the course. However if you'd like to follow the book's daily Bible studies through Lent then used copies in good condition can be bought online for as little as £3. If you have any questions, including directions to the venues, email Reverend.Richard.Phillips@gmail.com

Saturday 4th March, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 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 26th February 2017 – The Sunday next before Lent (CW) or 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

Wednesday 1st March 2017 – Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm	Benefice Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
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Sunday 5th March 2017 – The First Sunday of Lent (CW) or the First Sunday in Lent (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	Derek Witchell

Sunday 12th March 2017 – The Second Sunday of Lent (CW), or the Second Sunday in Lent (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	Derek Witchell
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Sunday 19th March 2017 – The Third Sunday of Lent (CW) or the Third Sunday in Lent (BCP)

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

Sunday 26th March 2017 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent (CW) or the Fourth Sunday in Lent (BCP) Mothering Sunday

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
11:00 am	Family Service	NW	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 llm.chearsley@btinternet.com Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield