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## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 - Chearsley CW edition



### The United Benefice of Long Crendon (LC), Chearsley (Ch) & Nether Winchendon (NW)

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

#### **Parish prayer points for March**



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 March 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 who come and clean them, for their hidden act of service. For Alicia Howard, Dorothy Lagden, and Sarah Evans who co-ordinate each of our cleaning teams

In our 3 villages, please pray for everybody who works in our health and social care services. For those who work elsewhere; for our doctors' surgery, dental practice, and care providers; and for the many carers who serve our residents.

#### **Collect for Mothering Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: 1 Samuel 1.20 to the end**

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord." The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there forever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time." Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord." And she left him there for the Lord.

## **The Epistle: Colossians 3.12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **The Gospel Readings:**

### **St. Luke 2.33-35**

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in

Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

### **St. John 19.25b-27**

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

### **Post Communion Prayers**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

<b>Is God calling you to serve on the PCC in Chearsley?</b> If so please speak to the Churchwardens (Joy and Alicia) or to Richard about what it might entail.
<b>Benefice Lent Course continues on Thursday evenings 8:00-9:30pm</b> in Church House, Long Crendon or <b>Friday afternoons 1:15-2:45pm</b> at Long Meadow, Dark Lane, Chearsley.
<b>Electoral Roll:</b> We'll be revising our official church membership list 17-31 <sup>st</sup> March. If you're a regular worshipper with us and would like to join it then pick up an application form from church and return it to one of our wardens before the end of March.
<b>African Food Crisis:</b> 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 <a href="http://www.oxfam.org.uk/what-we-do/emergency-response">www.oxfam.org.uk/what-we-do/emergency-response</a> 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".
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> , Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Mary's, Long Crendon, 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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	Family Communion with posies LC Steve and Rose Williams		
11:00 am	Family Service	NW	Richard Phillips

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent (CW) or the Fifth Sunday in Lent (BCP) – Passiontide begins

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Lay Led
10:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Derek Witchell

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Palm Sunday (CW), or the Sunday next before Easter (Palm Sunday) (BCP)

10:00 am Benefice Breakfast and Palm Craft at Chearsley Village Hall followed by a procession from the Hall to St. Nicholas' for Family Communion at **about 10:30 am** (when the procession arrives)

	Ch	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Seasonal Lessons and Carols	LC Richard Phillips
Note: there is no service in Nether Winchendon today		

### 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Services during Holy Week

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	LC	7:30 pm	Compline (Night Prayer)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ch	7:30 pm	Compline (Night Prayer)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	NW	7:30 pm	Compline (Night Prayer)
Maundy Thursday	NW	7:30 pm	United Benefice Communion
Good Friday	LC	9:00 am	Prayer Walk
	Ch	10 am	Good Friday Service
	NW	11 am	Good Friday Family Service
	LC	2 pm	Stations of the Cross, Devotional
	Ch	5-8 pm	Rock Solid
Holy Saturday	Ch	10 am	Creation of Easter Garden
	Ch	8 pm	Benefice HC and Service of Light

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Easter Day

10:00 am	Easter Garden and Holy Communion		
		Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Steve and Rose Williams

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