

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 26th November 2017 - Sunday next before Advent

Christ the King

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Toy Service with Baptism	Ch	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Communion Service with Prayers for Healing	LC R Phillips	
5:00 pm	Evensong (<i>note time</i>)	NW	Robert Hutton

Sunday 3rd December 2017 - Advent Sunday

10:00 am	St. Nicholas' Patronal Festival	NW	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Café Sunday Team
2:30-4:00pm	Family Fun 'What's in the Box?'	NW	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Benefice Advent Carol Service	LC	Richard Phillips

There is no service in Chearsley as the Patronal Service is shared

Sunday 10th December 2017 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
4:00 pm	Lessons and Carols	Ch	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Lessons and Carols	NW	Richard Phillips

Sunday 17th December 2017 - Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Crib and Christingle	NW	Richard Phillips
4:00 pm	Christingle	Ch	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Lessons and Carols	LC	Richard Phillips

Sunday 24th December 2017 – Christmas Eve

2:00 pm	Crib Service	LC	Richard Phillips
3:30 pm	Crib Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
9:00 pm	Holy Communion	NW	Richard Phillips
11:00 pm	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips

Monday 25th December 2017 – Christmas Day

10:00 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Christmas Praise	Ch	John Scholefield
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Robert Hutton

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

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 26th November 2017 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Parish Prayer Points for November

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, Richard invites us to pray for these particular people - in our 3 churches, giving thanks for our ministry team, ordained and lay, who lead our Sunday worship in all its forms, our house and prayer groups, and those who visit people in their homes. In our 3 villages, please pray for members of our Armed and Emergency Services who live or serve here.

Collect for the Sunday next before Advent - Christ the King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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: Ezekiel 34.11-16 and 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my

sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Epistle: Ephesians 1.15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Gospel: St. Matthew 25.31-end

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave

you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Throughout December Chearsley's Knitted Mary and Joseph are looking for somewhere to stay on their way through Chearsley to Bethlehem. Could any Chearsley households offer them a home for one night during December? If so, contact Sharon 208740. We will also be hiding painted nativity rocks around the village to be found and re-hidden during December (see "Chearsley Rocks" face book page).

Notes for your diary:

Saturday 25th November – 10am-12noon, St. Nicholas' Chearsley, Christmas Door Garland Workshop, tuition by Joy Payne SF Dip. Please bring secateurs, cost £25 with refreshments, all proceeds to the church.

Saturday 25th November – 7:30 pm Michael Lunt "Tickling the Ivories" at St. Mary's Long Crendon, all proceeds go to the Friends of St. Mary's. Go to www.FSMLongCrendon.org or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org or call Geoff Smith on 208205.

Sunday 26th November, 10.30am St. Mary's, "Communion Service with Prayers for Healing". During the service, there will be an opportunity to come forward to be anointed with the oil for healing for yourself or on behalf of a friend.

Saturday 2nd December, 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