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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016 - CW edition**



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

**WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY**

### **Prayer**



God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### **Collect for Easter Day**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

### **Readings for Today:**



#### **Old Testament: Isaiah 65.17-end**

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their

hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord - and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent - its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

### **The Epistle: Acts 10.34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

### **The Gospel: John 20.1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of

Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

**APCMs (Annual Parochial Church Meetings)** will be held in each of our three churches during April. The Churchwardens and PCC members will be elected at these meetings, and reports on all aspects of church activity and management will be presented. Do come and take part. If anyone wishes to consider joining their PCC please contact your Churchwardens as soon as possible for information.

PCCs have the responsibility of cooperating with their vicar, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Our PCCs are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish communities.

**Chearsley, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 3:30 pm** in the Village Hall (with tea)  
**Long Crendon, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon**, in St. Mary's after the 10:30 am Holy Communion

**Nether Winchendon, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April** in St. Nicholas' after Evensong, which starts at 6:00 pm

## Services in the United Benefice

### **21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 - Services during Holy Week:**

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	NW	7:30 pm	Compline
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ch	7:30 pm	Compline
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	LC	7:30 pm	Compline
Maundy Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ch	7:30 pm	United Benefice Communion
Good Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ch	10:00 am	Good Friday Service
	NW	11:00 am	Good Friday Family Service
	LC	2:00 pm	Devotional Service

### **Services Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Easter Day**

10:00 am	Easter Garden and Holy Communion	Ch	Gordon Kuhrt
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Derek Witchell

### **Services Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 – The Second Sunday of Easter (CW) or The First Sunday of Easter (BCP)**

9.00 am	Holy Communion	NW	Derek Witchell
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping

### **Services Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – The Third Sunday of Easter (CW) or The Second Sunday of Easter (BCP)**

10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Gordon Kuhrt
6.00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

### **Services Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Third Sunday after Easter (BCP)**

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Derek Witchell
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Ray Copping

### **Services Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Fourth Sunday after Easter (BCP)**

10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Derek Witchell
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10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Ian Ogilvie
6.00 pm	Evensong	NW	Gordon Kurht

**Services Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter (CW)  
or the Fifth Sunday after Easter (BCP)**

9.00 am	Holy Communion	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Steve and Rose Williams
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping

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