

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 29th April 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am	Benefice Service	LC	Richard Phillips
This is a fifth Sunday and there will be no other Benefice service on this day			

Sunday 6th May 2018 – Sixth Sunday of Easter CW, Rogation Sunday Fifth Sunday after Easter BCP

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
	followed by Rogation Walk		
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Café Sunday Team
10:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Steve and Rose Williams

Thursday 10th May 2018 – Ascension Day

7:30 pm	Benefice Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
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Sunday 13th May 2018 – Seventh Sunday of Easter CW Sunday after Ascension Day BCP

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Morning Celebration Team
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	Richard Phillips

Sunday 20th May 2018 – Pentecost CW, Whit Sunday BCP

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

Sunday 27th May 2018 – Trinity Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Chearsley Praise	Ch	John Scholefield
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	John Scholefield

Sunday 3rd June 2018 – First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 4)

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	Gill Nicholls

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 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 29th April 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 April

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, can I invite us to pray for these particular people: In our 3 churches, giving thanks for all those who give to us financially. We rely on voluntary contributions, so this giving helps to make our worship of God and our service to the community possible. "God loves a cheerful giver" [2 Corinthians 9:7]! In our 3 villages, praying for everybody who works in the construction and property maintenance industries. For our businesses and individuals based here, and the many people who are working on projects around our villages.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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:



For the Old Testament: Acts 8.26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to

Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptised?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptised him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Gospel: St. John 15.1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Sunday 29th April, Food Collection in St. Mary's (please see 6th May Café Sunday notice below).

Saturday 5th May, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Chearsley, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin

Sunday 6th May, Café Sunday, Our speaker is from the Food Bank in Aylesbury and we thought it would be a nice gesture to be able to collect some food as a gift. I am happy to receive anything beforehand either on 29th April at St Mary's or bring along to Café Sunday on 6th May. Many thanks, Lesley Charnock

Monday 7th May, 8:30 am, May Day Madrigals sung by the Witchert Chorale from the Tower of St. Mary's, followed by fresh coffee and rolls with jam. All welcome and let's hope for a lovely spring morning! Tickets not necessary but donations welcome.

Saturday 12th May, 7:30 pm "**Opera Pops Concert**" at St. Mary's Long Crendon, (organised by The Friends of St. Mary's with Aylesbury Opera). Tickets (include drinks/canapes) £12 from Geoff Smith on 208205 or Philip Hayes on 07725 868092 or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org

Saturday 26th May, from 9:30am, a peal will be rung at St. Mary's to celebrate the 250th anniversary of "The Eight Bells", our pub in the High Street that has always been so welcoming to ringers. Throughout May there will be an exhibition about the bells in St. Mary's.