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Sunday 30th April 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 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 maintain our churchyards. For our co-ordinators Victoria Duncan, Nick Richards & Andy Yorke, Jim Thomas, and all those who get their hands dirty on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

In our 3 villages, please pray 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 Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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:



For The Old Testament: Acts 2.14a and 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away,

everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Epistle: 1 Peter 1.17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Gospel: St. Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they

came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Wednesday 26th April, Bishop Steven will be visiting the Aylesbury Deanery. Everyone, with a particular request to PCC members, is invited to attend 'An Evening with Bishop Steven' at St. Mary's, Princes Risborough, 7:30-9:30 pm.

Monday 1st May: 8:30am St. Mary's, Long Crendon, the Witchert Chorale will be singing from the tower. Rolls and coffee will be served afterwards.

Cream Teas at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon – 30th April and 1st May, 2:30-5:00 pm: Delicious cream teas – bring your friends! (Advance notice: there will also be cream teas 28/29th May and 27/28th August.)

Saturday 6th May, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas', Chearsley, 9:30-10:30 am. Our prayer focus will be on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin

Sunday 14th May, Church House, St. Mary's Bring & Share Lunch, following the 10:30 am Holy Communion service. Please contact Georgina Freestone (07884 386801) to volunteer food and ask any questions. These events are good fun for all as we share a communal Sunday lunch together.

Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July, St. Nicholas' Chearsley: Flower Festival weekend. Joy Payne would be very pleased to receive advance offers of help (not just flowers and arrangers, also people to make the teas and welcome visitors and show them round). Previous Festivals have seen the church looking gorgeous, and large numbers of people attending.

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 30th April 2017 – The Third Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Second Sunday after Easter (BCP)

10:00 am	Benefice Service	LC	Richard Phillips
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Sunday 7th May 2017 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Third Sunday after Easter (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	Richard Phillips

Sunday 14th May 2017 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Fourth Sunday after Easter (BCP)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	ChLay Led
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Gordon Kuhrt
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Sunday 21st May 2017 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Fifth Sunday after Easter (BCP) – Rogation Sunday

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service (Rogation)	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Family Service	LCLay Led

Thursday 25th May 2017 – Ascension Day

7:30 pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
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Sunday 28th May 2017 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter (CW) or The Sunday after Ascension Day (BCP)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Steve and Rose Williams
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

Sunday 4th June 2017 – The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday) (CW) or Whit Sunday (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	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