

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 11th February 2018 – Sunday next before Lent

8:00 am	Holy Communion	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	John Scholefield

Wednesday 14th February 2018 – Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday service	NW	Richard Phillips
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Sunday 18th February 2018 – First Sunday of Lent

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 25th February 2018 – Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
5:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

Sunday 4th March 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent,

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	Richard Phillips

Sunday 11th March 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Morning Celebration Team
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
11:00 am (<i>note time</i>)	Mothering Sunday Service	NW	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Evensong	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 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 11th February 2018 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Prayer

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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: 2 Kings 2.1-12



Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from

you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: St. Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

<p>Shrove Tuesday 13th February, 12:00-2:00pm, St. Nicholas' Chearsley. Come and enjoy a Pancake with us!</p>
<p>The Alpha meeting for all three villages continues on Thursdays, 8:00 - 9:30pm <u>now extended until 8th March.</u> To ask any questions, please e-mail Robert at needlecottage@btinternet.com</p>
<p>Saturday 3rd March, 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</p>
<p>Saturday 24th March: The Witchert Choral "Songs of Innocence and Experience" 7:30 pm St. Mary's, Long Crendon (organised by The Friends). Music by Brahms, Gershwin, Gjeilo and Mendelssohn, Musical Director David Quinn, and poems by William Blake. The evening includes drink/canapes. Tickets £12 (under 16s free) from Geoff Smith on 208205 or Ann Millar on 215632 or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org</p>