

## Services in the United Benefice

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	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

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passiontide begins

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Richard Phillips

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Palm Sunday

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Benefice Procession to Church from Chearsley Village		
	Green followed by Family Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Benefice Palm Sunday Service with choir	LC	Richard Phillips

### 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 – Services during Holy Week

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	LC	7pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ch	7pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	NW	7pm	Evening Prayer
Maundy Thursday	LC	7pm	United Benefice Holy Communion
30 <sup>th</sup> March	LC	9am	Prayer Walk with LC Baptist Church and Our Lady of Light
Good Friday	Ch	10am	The Passion Story in hymns and readings
Good Friday	NW	11am	Good Friday Family Service
Good Friday	LC	2pm	Stations of the Cross, Devotional
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Ch	4pm	'Messy Easter': activities, worship and food together
Holy Saturday	Ch	8pm	Benefice Communion and Service of Light

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 – Easter Day

10:00 am ( <i>note time</i> )	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Gordon Kuhrt
10:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Steve and Rose Williams
10:30 am	Family Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Second Sunday of Easter

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

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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> March 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 March

Prayer is the foundation of all we do, after all, a relationship thrives on communication. As we pray throughout March on our own, or in gatherings on Sundays 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 throughout the seasons. In our 3 villages, please pray for everybody who works in our health and social care services. For those who work elsewhere; for our doctors' surgery, dental practice, and care providers; and for the many carers who serve our residents.

### Collect for Mothering Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent)

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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:

#### The Old Testament: 1 Samuel 1.20-end

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord." The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there forever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time." Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him,

she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord." She left him there for the Lord.

### The Epistle: Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### The Gospel: St. John 19.25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

### Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### Notes for your diary:

**Thursdays 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March, 8:00pm, Benefice Lent Group:** Church House, Long Crendon, with repeats on 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March (30<sup>th</sup> is Good Friday) at Long Meadow, Dark Lane, Chearsley. This is a powerful, Lent course, written by our Bishop of Oxford, Steven Croft. The programme asks those who attend to read the supplied booklet and the Bible readings before each session, so we ask that anyone who is interested signs up in church on the form supplied, or e-mails [johnscholefield.ilm@gmail.com](mailto:johnscholefield.ilm@gmail.com) to get the booklet.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March, starting 9:00 am,** St. Mary's Churchyard Clean-up Party. Volunteers of all ages needed please to get our hands dirty! It is time to get out the gardening gloves, secateurs, shears, pruning saws and any other tools useful in giving our church grounds a jolly good spring clean. Refreshments will be laid on including, it is rumoured, Hot Cross Buns for all the worthy labourers!

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March: 10am-4:30pm,** Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, Oxford Road, Aylesbury, **Buckingham Area Day Conference.** **Bishop Steven Croft** writes: "I'm very much looking forward to engaging with lay people and clergy from across the Area. I hope the day will be inspiring for all of us as we imagine together the kind of Church God is calling us to be and all that we are called to do in God's name". Tea and coffee provided but please bring a packed lunch. Please do book (essential) soon by emailing: [bucksareaconference@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:bucksareaconference@oxford.anglican.org)

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March: The Witchert Chorale** 7:30 pm St. Mary's, Long Crendon (organised by The Friends). Tickets (include drinks/canapes) £12 (under 16s free) from Geoff Smith on 208205 or Ann Millar on 215632 or e-mail [Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org](mailto:Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org)

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April,** Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Mary's Long Crendon, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin