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Sunday 20th November 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for
he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

Amen

**Collect for the Sunday next before Advent
Christ the King**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of
heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the
Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring
the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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: Jeremiah 23.1-6



Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my
pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of
Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you
who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you
have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings,
says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of
all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to
their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up
shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear
any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for
David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely,

and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Epistle: Colossians 1.11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Gospel: St. Luke 23.33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Saturday 26th November, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, Christmas Garland Workshop in Cheersley Village Hall, £25 in aid of Cheersley Village Hall. Booking essential, please ring Joy on 208513 or e-mail on joychearsley@gmail.com

Sunday 27th November, 2:00 pm, St. Nicholas, Cheersley: “Blessing the Flock”, Advent Family Fun when we start the countdown to Christmas. Make your own Advent Candle as our flock of knitted sheep gather in the church to begin their journey to the Manger. Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments, craft, and a short informal service led by the Reverend Richard Phillips.

Sunday 27th November, 6:00 pm, St. Mary’s, a traditional Benefice Advent Carol Service of carols and readings, led by our Benefice choir.

Friday 2nd December, 7:00 pm, St. Mary’s is hosting an Advent Service on behalf of the Trustees of the Addington Fund, which provides homes for farming families in England and Wales, who have had to leave the industry through no fault of their own. Lots of carols to sing together, followed by refreshments. Please RSVP to Addington Fund on 01926 620135 if you would like to join in.

Saturday 3rd December, 9:30 am, St. Nicholas, Nether Winchenden, Monthly Prayer Gathering. This is an opportunity to pray for our three villages and the wider world. Remember, the Church advances on its knees! Ray Copping.

Saturday 3rd December, 11am-1pm, Cheersley Village Hall, “Elevensies” with Christmas Food and Crafts to buy, in aid of Cheersley Village Hall. If you have some craft items to donate, or could make some, please contact Anne Pratt, who will be delighted to hear from you.

Looking ahead to 2017: Friends of St. Mary’s, Long Crendon: **Saturday 4th February**, Safari Supper; and **Saturday 11th February**, Dinner and Entertainment at the Manor, Long Crendon (see FSM booking information above).

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 20th November 2016 – The Sunday Next Before Advent, also called Christ the King

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| 9:00 am | Holy Communion | Ch | Richard Phillips |
| 10:00 am | Family/Toy Service | NW | Richard Phillips |
| 10:30 am | Family/Toy Service | LC | Lay Led |

Sunday 27th November 2016 – The First Sunday in Advent (BCP) and Advent Sunday (CW)

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| 10:00 am | Benefice Holy Communion (BCP) | NW | Richard Phillips |
| 2:00 pm | Advent Family Event (with sheep) | Ch | Richard Phillips |
| 6:00 pm | Benefice Advent Carol Service | LC | Richard Phillips |

Sunday 4th December 2016 – 2nd Sunday of Advent (CW) or 2nd Sunday in Advent (BCP)

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| 10:00 am | Patronal Service for Ch and NW, and Toy Service | Ch | Richard Phillips |
| 10:00 am | Café Sunday | LC | Rob Freestone |

Sunday 11th December 2016 – 3rd Sunday of Advent (CW) or 3rd Sunday in Advent (BCP)

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| 8:00 am | Holy Communion (BCP) | LC | Richard Phillips |
| 10:00 am | Holy Communion | LC | Richard Phillips |
| 4:00 pm | Christingle | Ch | Richard Phillips |
| 6:00 pm | Lessons and Carols | NW | Richard Phillips |

Sunday 18th December 2016 – 4th Sunday of Advent

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| 10:00 am | Benefice Holy Communion | Ch | Derek Witchell |
| 10:00 am | Family Crib/Christingle | NW | Richard Phillips |
| 4:00 pm | Lessons and Carols | Ch | Richard Phillips |
| 6:00 pm | Lessons and Carols | LC | 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