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Sunday 1st May 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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:

In place of the Old Testament: Acts 16.9-15



During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her

household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Epistle: Revelation 21.10, and 21.22-22.5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Gospel: John 14.23-29

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

In case anyone has missed the good news it is included again this week:

We are all delighted to hear from the Churchwardens that our new Vicar will be **The Reverend Richard Phillips**, from Holy Trinity Church, Walton, Aylesbury. He and his family will be moving into the Vicarage in Long Crendon in the summer when he will begin to get to know people and start to do some initial planning, whilst fulfilling his commitment to Holy Trinity in Aylesbury.

He officially starts work with us in September and will be formally licensed by the Bishop of Buckingham at a wonderful ceremony at St Mary's, date to be confirmed. We look forward to welcoming him to the Benefice.

Notes for your diary:

Monday 2nd May (Bank Holiday) TOMORROW! the Witchert Chorale will be singing Madrigals from **St. Mary's Tower** from 8:30 am. It is magical if the weather is generous. Afterwards they sing inside the church and everyone enjoys proper coffee and rolls. Everyone is welcome.

Monday 2nd May (Bank Holiday) TOMORROW! then later in the day why not visit **St. Nicholas, Nether Winchendon** for a delicious cream tea?

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 1st May 2016 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Fifth Sunday after Easter (BCP)

9.00 am	Holy Communion	NW	Steve Williams
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Steve Williams
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping

Sunday 8th May 2016 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Sunday after Ascension Day

10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Robin Brown
6.00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Sunday 15th May 2016 – Pentecost – Whit Sunday

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Derek Witchell
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Ray Copping

Sunday 22nd May 2016 – Trinity Sunday

10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Robert Hutton
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Derek Witchell
6.00 pm	Evensong	NW	John Scholefield

Sunday 29th May 2016 – The First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 4)

10:00 am	United Benefice Service	LC	Gordon Kuhrt
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Note: this is a fifth Sunday and there will be no service in
Cheersley or Nether Winchendon on this day

Sunday 5th June 2016 – The Second Sunday after Trinity (Proper 5)

9.00 am	Holy Communion	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Steve and Rose Williams
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping

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.cheersley@btinternet.com Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield