

## Services in the United Benefice

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Café Sunday Team
10:00 am	Harvest Family Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
There is no Rock Solid today in Chearsley			

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	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

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Tim and Heather Reading
10:30 am	Harvest Family Service	LC	Richard Phillips

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24)

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	Gordon Kuhrt
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017 -Last Sunday after Trinity (Proper 25)

10:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion	NW	Richard Phillips
This is a fifth Sunday and there will be no other service on this day			

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](mailto:llm.chearsley@btinternet.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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

#### Prayer



Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away

from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

### **The Epistle: Philippians 2.1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

### **The Gospel: St. Matthew 21.23-32**

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Notes for your diary:**

**Harvest Festival:** we are collecting tinned and packet foods for the Food Bank (LC) and the Steppin' Stone Centre (Ch), but flowers, leaves, fruits and vegetables for decorating are also very welcome – *please bring decorations to Chearsley by Friday morning for this weekend's Harvest Festival.*

**1<sup>st</sup> October** for Chearsley Harvest Bring and Share Brunch,

**15<sup>th</sup> October** for Long Crendon Harvest Bring and Share Lunch

**Autumn events** to be held by the Friends of St. Mary's:

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 12 noon** in St. Mary's, AGM (with wine!)

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October** - Quiz Night 7:30pm, tables of 8, bring your own food, tickets £10, call Chris Miller on 208027

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November** - Michael Lunt "Tickling the Ivories"

Go to [www.FSMLongCrendon.org](http://www.FSMLongCrendon.org) or e-mail

[Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org](mailto:Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org) or call Geoff Smith on 208205. All proceeds go to the Friends of St. Mary's.

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

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**, "Luther and the Reformation", an evening with Gordon Kuhrt in Haddenham. This date is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Reformation. More information will be included when it is available.