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Sunday 2nd August 2015



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Prayer: Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Services Today Sunday 2nd August 2015 - Trinity 9

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Andy Bell
10.00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping
10:00 am	Family Communion	Ch	Andy Bell
12:30 pm	Baptism (Lilah Jenny Shield)	LC	Andy Bell

Services Next Sunday 9th August 2015 - Trinity 10

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Andy Bell
10.00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Andy Bell
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Note: there will be no Morning Celebration at Cheersley today

Services Sunday 16th August 2015 - Trinity 11

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Canon Robin Brown
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Robert Hutton
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Ray Copping

Services Sunday 23rd August 2015 - Trinity 12

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Andy Bell
10.00 am	Family Service	Ch	John Scholefield
10.30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Andy Bell
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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:



Old Testament: Exodus 16.2-4 and 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Epistle: Ephesians 4.1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of

ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Gospel: John 6.24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Ann Sewell: On Monday 27th July at St. Mary's we celebrated, and gave thanks for, the extraordinary and full life of Ann Sewell at her funeral. She and her late husband, Ken, had fostered and cared for an amazing number of children, as well as having their own loving and caring family. It was a privilege to hear of her own sacrificial life and witness the love of her huge devoted family.

A letter of thanks from John, who has asked that it be included in the Pew Sheet for several weeks to ensure that as many people as possible receive his message:

“For Anna and me, Sunday 19th July was the perfect finale. The sun shone, the church was full, the flowers looked lovely, the choir sang magnificently, Chris played the organ gloriously, the worship was lively and enthusiastic, the service went at a seamless pace, the congregation sang with great spirit, the drink was bubbling and bountiful, the food was delicious, the service outside excellent, the whole ambience was one of warmth and kindness. What a day for us to remember! Thanks to everyone who contributed to make it happen.

However, my other purpose in writing is to express our heartfelt thanks for the cheque which was unbelievably generous. Anna and I were overwhelmed by the kindness of your gift. I also love the cartoon picture which Alicia painted together with the book of messages. There really are times when words seem quite inadequate to express our appreciation and gratitude but be assured, we are profoundly grateful for your generosity.
John and Anna”

Notes for your diary:

On Monday 31st August there will be Village Teas in the afternoon at St. Nicholas, Nether Winchendon.

Consultative meeting dates with the Area Dean and Development Officer at 3:00 pm in each church as follows:

Long Crendon Sunday 27th September 2015

Nether Winchendon Sunday 4th Oct 2015

Chearsley Sunday 11th October 2015

For all interested in the Benefice especially PCC members – you can attend at any of the three churches, not only your own.

Details of the closure of the Chilton Road in Chearsley from 10th August for six weeks can be found at: <http://www.chearsley.com/pdf/ChiltonRoadClosure2015.pdf>

General table of services in the Combined Benefice during the Interregnum (note that there will be additions, exceptions and changes, but these are shown on the front of the Pew Sheet for each named Sunday)

	Long Crendon	Chearsley	Nether Winchendon
1 st Sunday	10am Café Sunday	10am Family Communion	9am Holy Communion
2 nd Sunday	10:30am Holy Communion	10am Morning Celebration 6pm Evensong	10am Matins
3 rd Sunday	10:30am Family Service	9am Said Holy Communion	10am Family Service
4 th Sunday	10:30am Holy Communion	10am Family Service	6pm Evensong
5 th Sunday	UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE (for details please see Pew Sheets)		

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