

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 2nd September 2018 - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Café Sunday Team
11:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips

Sunday 9th September 2018 - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Sunday 16th September 2018 - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Family Service with Baptism	LC	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Benefice Confirmation Service	LC	Bishop of Buckingham

Sunday 23rd September 2018 - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Harvest Festival	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Richard Phillips

Sunday 30th September 2018 - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)

10:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion	NW	Richard Phillips
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This is a fifth Sunday and there will be no other Benefice 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 johnscholefield.ilm@gmail.com Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield

Here is the new service pattern to start on 7th October (the first Sunday is unchanged):

Sunday	Long Crendon	Chearsley	Nether Winchendon
1 st	10 am Café Sunday	10 am Family Communion	9 am BCP Communion
2 nd	10.30 am Family Communion	9 am Holy Communion 4 pm Messy Church	6 pm BCP Evensong
3 rd	9 am BCP Communion 10:30 am Family Service	10 am Chearsley Praise	10 am BCP Matins
4 th	9 am BCP Communion 10.30 Family Communion	6 pm BCP Evensong	10 am Family Service
5 th	Joint Benefice Service as before		

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 2nd September 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 September

Prayer is the foundation of all we do in our daily lives as well as in our church life - after all, a relationship thrives on communication. As we pray throughout this month on our own, or in gatherings on Sundays and during the week: In our three churches, we give thanks for all who lead and help with our worship and activities for children and youth. We also pray for the candidates being confirmed on 16th September. In our three villages, we pray for our schools and pre-schools. For teachers and staff, governors, and the children they serve. For a fruitful academic year ahead.

Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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**

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for Today



The Old Testament: Deuteronomy 4.1-2 and 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children

The Epistle: James 1.17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Gospel: St. Mark 7.1-8, 14-15 and 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but

their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Saturday 1st September , Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin
Sunday 2nd September, St. Nicholas' Chearsley , please note that the morning Family Communion service will be held at 11:00 am (not the usual 10am). This will be followed at 12:30 pm by a 'bring your own' Benefice picnic, and deck chairs if you can, in a lovely garden in Chearsley by kind invitation of Ann Persson.
Sunday 2nd September, 2:30 pm , Meadow Song in Chearsley, again with the brilliant Paul Shinar and Laura. Everyone is invited for an afternoon of lively music in Ann's beautiful garden, please follow the signs for parking. Tickets (£10) available from Joy Payne: joychearsley@gmail.com or 01844 208513
Saturday 15th September , Friends of St. Mary's Gin and BBQ evening. Ticket information at Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org , Fsmstrongcrendon and @fsmstrongcrendon
Sunday 16th September, 6:00 pm , Bishop Alan will be coming to take a Confirmation service in Long Crendon
Saturday 22nd September (not Sunday as was accidentally printed last week), St. Mary's will be holding an Open Day to mark the completion of five major repair projects since 2009, culminating in the return of the Chancel into general use. More details later. John Hooper
23rd-27th October , Inter Church Productions "The Sound of Music" at Lord Williams's Upper School, Thame. Tickets available in September. For more information see www.interchurchproductions.com