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Sunday 2nd October 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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: Habakkuk 1.1-4 and 2.1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous - therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 1.1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God - whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did - when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Gospel: St. Luke 17.5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Sunday 9th October, 12:00 noon, The Friends of St. Mary's Long Crendon will be holding their Annual General Meeting in the church. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday 13th October, 6:00 pm, All Saints High Wycombe, Bishop Alan invites everyone to a welcoming Eucharist for our new Bishop of Oxford, Bishop Steven, who is hoping to meet as many people as possible from our Archdeaconry. Please RSVP to catherine.green@oxford.anglican.org by 3rd October so they know numbers. More details at <http://www.allsaintshighwycombe.org/contact-us.html>

Friday 21st October, 7:30 pm in St. Mary's, "Flanders and Swann Revisited" by Michael Lunts. Wine, soft drinks and canapés will be available during a short interval. Tickets in advance £10 adults, £2 children (£12 and £3 on the night). Book through www.FSMLongCrendon.org or e-mail friends@FSMLongCrendon.org or call Geoff Smith 01844 208205

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 2nd October 2016 – 19th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22)

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Rob Freestone

Sunday 9th October 2016 – 20th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
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 October 2016 – 21st Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24)

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Robert Hutton
10:30 am	Family Service (Harvest)	LC	Richard Phillips

Sunday 23rd October 2016 – 22nd and last Sunday after Trinity, also called Bible Sunday (Proper 25)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Derek Witchell
10.00 am	Family Service	Ch	John Scholefield
10.30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Derek Witchell
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

Sunday 30th October 2016 – 4th Sunday before Advent (CW) and 23rd Sunday after Trinity (BCP)

10:00 am	United Benefice Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
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Note: this is a fifth Sunday and there will be no service in
Long Crendon or Nether Winchendon on this day

Sunday 6th November 2016 – 3rd Sunday before Advent (CW) and 24th Sunday after Trinity (BCP)

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Rob Freestone

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