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Sunday 4th September 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Deuteronomy 30.15-end

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Epistle: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Gospel: St. Luke 14.25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty

thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Monday 5th September – From 8:30 am The Reverend Richard Phillips will be walking from Nether Winchendon, via Chearsley to Long Crendon, visiting the three churches and local businesses and sharing prayers and fellowship. Please see the flyers in the churches or the website for 5th September for more details:

<http://stnicholaschearsley.blogspot.com/feeds/posts/default>

Monday 5th September - Richard Phillips' Licensing and Installation service at St. Mary's, Long Crendon, at 7.30pm. We apologise that we have not been able to invite everyone to the Installation service as space in the church is limited. We have tried to ensure that each of the three Benefice churches is represented as well as the Deanery Chapter and Richard's family and friends. The parking for the Installation service will be in Madge's Farm field, off the Chearsley Road. Please do not park in the High Street as this will become very congested. The field gateway is in the Chearsley Road, just above the church turning, close to the 30 mile an hour sign. It will be signposted and manned.

Saturday 10th September, Bucks Historic Churches Ride and Stride, The BHC Trust has been very generous to our Benefice in the past. Please let us know if you are riding for your church and we'll include your name here. Contacts: Long Crendon - Chris Miller, Chearsley - Darren Sampson, Nether Winchendon - April Hall.

Sunday 11th September, noon to 3:00 pm, St. Mary's Long Crendon will be participating in a Heritage Open Day with 500 churches and cathedrals across the country, and opening the bell tower for the public to explore. Climb the steps, view the bells, and learn how the ringers see the brides at weddings! Refreshments will be provided.

Sunday 11th September, noon to 6:30 pm at Chearsley Cricket Club – Chearsley Classic Vintage and Fun Day

Saturday 24th September, Harvest Supper in Chearsley Village Hall.

Sunday 25th September, 4:00 pm, Nether Winchendon, Harvest Barbecue in the church yard, followed by Evensong at 6:00 pm.

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 4th September 2016 – 15th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)

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

Sunday 11th September 2016 – 16th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)

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 18th September 2016 - 17th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Ray Copping

Sunday 25th September 2016 – 18th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10.00 am	Family Service (Harvest)	Ch	Richard Phillips
10.30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Steve and Rose Williams
6:00 pm	Evensong (Harvest)	NW	Richard Phillips

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	Ray Copping

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

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