

Sunday 5th July 2015



**The United Benefice of Long Crendon, Chearsley
& Nether Winchendon**

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY

So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God,
until he have mercy upon us.

Psalm 123

Pray



Remember, Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and as you have called us to your service make us worthy of our calling through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and Everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name: through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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: Ezekiel 2.1-5

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.'



Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12.2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows - was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

New Testament (Gospel): Mark 6.1-13

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few

sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Mike Hill, the Chairman of Lighthouse, Thame, has appealed to all the local Vicars to see if there would be any volunteers to help with this year's Lighthouse, Monday 27th to Friday 31st July at Thame Showground. Volunteers must be aged 17 or over, must be part of their church congregation and recommended by their Vicar.

910 children have registered this year, which is wonderful, but without more volunteers, either for the full week, or even for a couple of days, a significant number of children will have to be disappointed.

Please look at the website at <http://www.lighthousethame.org.uk/> to see if you could help, and if so, contact Linda Newton who is in charge of helpers on 01844 260065 or helpers@lighthousethame.org.uk

Services Today: 5th July 2015 - Trinity 5

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Long Crendon	JW
9:00 am	Holy Communion	Nether Winchendon	JW
10.00 am	Café Sunday	Long Crendon	RC
10.00 am	Family Communion	Chearsley	JW
12:00 pm	Baptism (Molly & Harry Wood)	Long Crendon	JW

Services Next Week: 12th July 2015 - Trinity 6

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Long Crendon	AB
10.00 am	Morning Celebration	Chearsley	Lay Led
10.00 pm	Matins	Nether Winchendon	RSB
10.30 am	Holy Communion	Long Crendon	AB
4:00 pm	God@4	Nether Winchendon	Lay Led
6:00 pm	Evensong	Chearsley	JS

Note: John Wynburne will be at the General Synod in York

The funeral for Fred Andrews will be held on Wednesday 8th July at 11.15 am at St Mary's Long Crendon.

Forward note: Service on Sunday 19th July 2015 - Trinity 7

There will be only one service in the Benefice on this day, a United Benefice Service, at 10:00 am (note time) in St. Mary's, Long Crendon. This will be the last service to be taken by our Vicar, John Wynburne, before his retirement. All are welcome.

There are several hundred books in St. Mary's from my bookshelves. You are welcome to any - for free! JW

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