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Sunday 7th October 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 October

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 the month on our own, or in gatherings on Sunday and during the week, can I invite us to pray for these particular people: In our three churches, giving thanks for the many volunteers who come and clean them during the week, usually unseen by anyone else. In our three villages, please pray for our local farmers and all who work in food production – for their safety, the right weather, and a fair return on their labour.

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: Genesis 2.18-24

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out

of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Epistle: Hebrews 1.1-4 and 2.5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Gospel: St. Mark 10.2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples

spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Prayer after Communion

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**

The New Service Pattern:

The new service pattern within the Benefice starts in October. The First Sunday of each month is unchanged, and Fifth Sundays will continue to be shared around the Benefice, as you can see from the table of services and the list on the back of each Pew Sheet.

The new service pattern offers Holy Communion services in one or more of the churches of the Benefice every week, and also a more informal option every week within the Benefice. Special services, such as for All Saints' Day, are also shown on the back of each Pew Sheet.

You will be most welcome at any of the services in any of the churches. If you would like to know more about the content or style of any of the services please contact the Churchwardens, who will be pleased to hear from you.

Notes for your diary:

Monday 8th October for 11 weeks, *Chearsley Road, Long Crendon, closed for gas main work, please avoid or follow signposted diversion.*

Saturday 6th October , Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Mary's Long Crendon, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin
Sunday 14th October , 10:30am, at St. Mary's Long Crendon Harvest Festival we will be donating all our produce to the Thame Food Bank, so please bring gifts of dried or tinned fruit, with plenty of date on the packets, to help feed those who are needy. After the service we will have a communal lunch in church, details later – all welcome.
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
Thursday 1st November, All Saints' Day. There will be a Benefice Holy Communion at St. Mary's at 12:00 noon, followed by soup and rolls in the

church to which everyone is most welcome.

Services in the United Benefice

New Service Pattern from 7th October 2018:

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		

Sunday 7th October 2018 - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22)

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Café Sunday Team
12:30 pm	Baptism	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Steve and Rose Williams

Sunday 14th October 2018 - Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Harvest Festival Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
4:00 pm	Messy Church (Village Hall)	Ch	Messy Church Team
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	John Scholefield

Sunday 21st October 2018 – Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Chearsley Praise	Ch	John Scholefield
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Family Service with Baptism	LC	Richard Phillips

Sunday 28th October 2018 - Last Sunday after Trinity (Proper 25)

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service with Holy Communion	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
6:00 pm	Village Memorial Service	Ch	Richard Phillips

Thursday 1st November 2018 – All Saints' Day

12:00 noon	Benefice Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
followed by a lunch of soup and rolls in St. Mary's, all welcome			

Sunday 4th November 2018 – Fourth Sunday before Advent

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

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.11m@gmail.com Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield