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Sunday 8th May 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter The Sunday after Ascension

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for Today:

In place of the Old Testament: Acts 16.16-34



One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that

are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Epistle: Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-end

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The Gospel: John 17.20-end

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may

believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Saturday 7th May. Benefice Prayer Time at St Mary's 9:30am - 10:30am. All welcome: we may pray silently, or openly or as the Spirit leads! Ray Copping / Geoff Hogbin.

Sunday 15th May – St Mary's Church Bring and Share Lunch, from 12 noon onwards at Church House, Long Crendon. It would be lovely if you could join us. If you are able, please bring something to share e.g. quiche, cold meats, cheeses, salad or pudding/cake. For further info contact Georgina on 208494.

Monday 30th May (Bank Holiday) why not visit **St. Nicholas, Nether Winchendon** (2:30 to 5:30pm) for a delicious cream tea?

Saturday 11 June - Nether Winchendon Fete, from 2:00pm at Nether Winchendon House.

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 8th May 2016 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Sunday after Ascension Day

10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Robin Brown
6.00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Sunday 15th May 2016 – Pentecost – Whit Sunday

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Derek Witchell
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Ray Copping

Sunday 22nd May 2016 – Trinity Sunday

10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Robert Hutton
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Derek Witchell
6.00 pm	Evensong	NW	John Scholefield

Sunday 29th May 2016 – The First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 4)

10:00 am	United Benefice Service	LC	Gordon Kuhrt
Note: this is a fifth Sunday and there will be no service in Cheersley or Nether Winchendon on this day			

Sunday 5th June 2016 – The Second Sunday after Trinity (Proper 5)

9.00 am	Holy Communion	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 12th June 2016 – The Third Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Gordon Kuhrt
6.00 pm	Evensong	Ch	Robert Hutton

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