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Sunday 9th October 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty, may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts, equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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: 2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a

prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 2.8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David - that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Gospel: St. Luke 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not

ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through 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>

Sunday 16th October, after the 10:30 am Harvest Family Service in St. Mary's, Bring and Share Harvest Lunch at about 12:30 pm in Church House. A sign up list for food is available from Lesley Charnock. Please contact her on 201445 for details.

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 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

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

Sunday 13th November 2016 – 2nd Sunday before Advent (CW) and 25th Sunday after Trinity (BCP), Remembrance Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:00 am	War Memorial Service	LC	Richard Phillips
10:15 am	Service of Remembrance	NW	Robert Hutton
10:30 am	Civic Service	LC	Richard Phillips
10:45 am	War Memorial Service	Ch	John Scholefield
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