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Sunday 11th September 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY, AND A VERY
SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW VICAR, REVEREND RICHARD PHILLIPS

Prayer



Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: Exodus 32.7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel,

your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 1.12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel: St. Luke 15.1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." 3 So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A message from Richard:

"Can I thank you all, on behalf of myself, Louise, Samuel, Hannah, and Rebecca, for the wonderful welcome to the Benefice we have received. We have been tremendously encouraged by your kind words, generous gifts, and heartfelt prayers, and look forward to building the Kingdom of God together in the years ahead".

Notes for your diary:

Saturday 10th September, Bucks Historic Churches Ride and Stride. The BHC Trust has been very generous to our Benefice in the past. 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.

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.

Friday 21st October, 7:30 pm in St. Mary's, "Flanders and Swann Revisited" by Michael Lunt. Tickets in advance £10 adults, £2 children (more 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 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

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

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