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Sunday 11th October 2015 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY - and please come to the third meeting, this afternoon at St. Nicholas, Cheersley, led by Andrew Blyth, the Area Dean, where we can continue the process towards the appointment of a new incumbent to the Benefice, concentrating on Pastoral Care. 37 people attended at St. Mary's on 27th September where the emphasis was on Worship, and 27 attended St. Nicholas, Nether Winchendon last Sunday. (See diary box below for details.)

Prayer



Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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:



Old Testament: Amos 5.6-7 and 10-15

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! The one who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the surface of the earth, the Lord is his name, who makes destruction flash out against the strong, so that destruction comes upon the fortress. They hate the

one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins - you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Epistle: Hebrews 4.12-end

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Gospel: Mark 10.17-21

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

Post Communion Prayer:

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

Notes for your diary:

TODAY!! Sunday 11th October at 3:00 pm at St. Nicholas, Chearsley:

Consultative meeting with Andrew Blyth, the Area Dean, at 3:00 pm

We will continue to look at the processes of the Interregnum, this time with emphasis on Pastoral Care.

For all interested in the future of the Benefice, not only PCC members – you are welcome for the last of the three parish discussions.

TODAY!! Sunday 11th October at midday: AGM for The Friends of St. Mary's, Long Crendon. The Friends will be holding their AGM after the 10:30 am Holy Communion service. Everyone is invited even if they don't attend the preceding service, and refreshments will be provided. We really look forward to seeing everyone there.

NW Harvest Supper is on **Friday 16th October** at Nether Winchendon Barn at 7.00pm. Tickets from Jenny Clarke (jennysclarke@gmail.com) at £5.00 Adults and £2.50 for children under 10 (for delicious Malaysian Curry or vegetarian option, and fruit crumble). Please book early with Jenny and start revising for the Quiz!

Saturday 17th October Men's Breakfast at "The Eight Bells" High Street Long Crendon, 8.00-9.30 am. The Guest speaker will be Mark Herbert, Assistant Pastor, Long Crendon Baptist Church: "Is the good life the best life?" Full English Breakfast £10. Tickets (first come first served!) and further information from Chris Lilley (LC), Geoff Hogbin (Ch) or Robert Hutton (NW).

Sunday 18th October, Church House, Long Crendon: There will be a Harvest Bring and Share lunch at Church House following the 10:30 am Family Communion in St. Mary's. Bring the family and a plate of food to share!

Services in the United Benefice

Services Sunday 11th October 2015 - Trinity 19

10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10.00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion with speaker Paul Gateley of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	LC	Ray Copping
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Services Sunday 18th October 2015 - Trinity 20

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Tina Sterling
10.00 am	Harvest Festival Family Service	NW	Tina Sterling
10.30 am	Family Service	LC	Ray Copping
followed by Bring and Share Lunch in Church House			

Services Sunday 25th October 2015 - The Last Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	John Scholefield
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	The Ven Dr Gordon Kuhrt
5:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

Services Sunday 1st November 2015 - All Saints

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10.00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping
10:00 am	Family Communion	Ch	Steve and Rose Williams

Services Sunday 8th November 2015 – Remembrance Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Ian Ogilvie
10:00 am	War Memorial	LC	Andy Bell
10:30 am	Service of Remembrance	LC	Andy Bell
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:45 am	War Memorial	Ch	John Scholefield
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield
10:15 am	Service of Remembrance and War Memorial	NW	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