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Sunday 12th June 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayers for the Official Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II



Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, receive our heartfelt thanks for all that you have given her in these ninety years and for all that she has given to her people. Continue, we pray, your loving purposes in her, and as you gather us together in celebration, unite us also in love and service to one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Bountiful God, giver of all good gifts, we give thanks for the many years and long reign of our Queen; Bless our neighbourhood, and our enjoyment of each other's company. Help us to learn from Queen Elizabeth's commitment to her people, so that our community may be strengthened and all may flourish. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the King of love. **Amen**

Gracious God, give our Queen continued wisdom and strength to carry out the promises she has made; and bless those who are gathered here, that, sustained by service for others, we may faithfully serve you, all the days of our life. **Amen**

Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 Samuel 11.26 - 12.10

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and

said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

The Epistle: Galatians 2.15-end

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

The Gospel: Luke 7.36-8.3

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him - that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of

them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Sunday 26th June, 12:30-3:30 pm – Long Crendon Jazz Picnic in the garden at Wapping Cottage, near Church House, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Bojarski (or in Church House if it rains). Tickets £10 (adults) £2 (children), everyone welcome for a fun bring-your-own picnic in the garden. Jazz in the garden courtesy of SWAY. For tickets/information call Geoff Smith on 208205 or visit www.FSMLongCrendon.org or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org

Friday 1st July, 7:30 pm St. Mary's, LC, An evening of Dance with Brendan Cole. Tickets £20, pre-booked only from : www.FSMLongCrendon.org or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org

Saturday 9th July: St Mary's church has been asked to have a stall at the Village Fete, being run by the Long Crendon Village Association on the recreation ground. Gay has agreed to run a tombola. She is asking for any kind of gifts which could be used as prizes. Kind volunteers to help, on the day, or beforehand, would be very welcome. Please contact 201073

Looking ahead: Richard Phillips' licensing and installation service will be at St. Mary's, Long Crendon, on **5th September 2016** at 7.30pm when there will be a Benefice Choir, new members welcome. Because this will be the start of the September term we will be rehearsing earlier, at 7:30 pm in St. Mary's:

June: Tuesday 7th, Friday 17th, Friday 24th;

July: Friday 1st, Tuesday 5th, Tuesday 12th, Friday 22nd, Tuesday 26th.

Any new singers wanting further information please contact Catharine Meek - 01844 208536 – or just turn up to the first rehearsal.

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 12th June 2016 – The Third Sunday after Trinity (Proper 6)

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

Sunday 19th June 2016 – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 7)

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

Sunday 26th June 2016 – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 8)

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 3rd July 2016 – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)

9.00 am	Holy Communion	NW	Valerie Plumb
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Valerie Plumb
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping

Sunday 10th July 2016 –

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 10)

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

Sunday 17th July 2016 –

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 11)

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

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