

Services in the United Benefice

Thursday 10th May 2018 – Ascension Day

7:30 pm	Benefice Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
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Sunday 13th May 2018 – Seventh Sunday of Easter CW Sunday after Ascension Day BCP

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Morning Celebration Team
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	Richard Phillips

Sunday 20th May 2018 – Pentecost CW, Whit Sunday BCP

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Richard Phillips

Sunday 27th May 2018 – Trinity Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Derek Wittchell
10:00 am	Chearsley Praise	Ch	John Scholefield
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Wittchell
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	John Scholefield

Sunday 3rd June 2018 – First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 4)

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Café Sunday Team
10:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Gill Nicholls

Sunday 10th June 2018 – Second Sunday after Trinity (Proper 5)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Morning Celebration Team
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
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 johnscholefield.ilm@gmail.com Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield

You are very welcome to take your Pew Sheet home.
Please see the back page for a list of upcoming services in the United Benefice

Sunday 13th May 2018 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Parish prayer points for May

Prayer is the foundation of all we do in our daily lives as well as in our church life. As we pray throughout the month on our own, or at gatherings on Sunday and during the week, can I invite us to pray for these particular people: In our 3 churches, giving thanks for our church wardens Gay Edwards, Sarah Evans, April Hall, Alicia Howard, Pam Lilley, and Joy Payne, and all who serve with them on our PCCs. In our 3 villages, praying for everyone who serves us in local government. For our parish councillors, district, and county councillors, and for those employed by them.

Collect for the Sunday after Ascension Day

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:



For the Old Testament: Acts 1.15-17 and 21-end

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Epistle: 1 John 5.9-13

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him. If you see your brother or sister committing what is not a mortal sin, you will ask, and God will give life to such a one - to those whose sin is not mortal. There is sin that is mortal; I do not say that you should pray about that. All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that is not mortal. We know that those who are born of God do not sin, but the one who was born of God protects them, and the evil one does not touch them. We know that we are God's children, and that the whole world lies under the power of the evil one.

The Gospel: St. John 17.6-19

Jesus said: "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just

as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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**

Lesley Charnock thanks everyone who so generously contributed food for the Aylesbury Food Bank through Café Sunday.

Notes for your diary: This year we will again be joining in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' global initiative with Prayer and Action, with a particular focus on Christian Aid.

Saturday 12th May , 7:30 pm "Opera Pops Concert" at St. Mary's Long Crendon, (organised by The Friends of St. Mary's with Aylesbury Opera). Tickets (include drinks/canapes) £12 from Geoff Smith on 208205 or Philip Hayes on 07725 868092 or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org Sunday 24th June 12:30-3:30pm Jazz Picnic, tickets £10 (£2 children) tickets from Geoff Smith, bring your own refreshments.
10-20th May , Daily Prayers, join in the global wave of prayer. Sign up for Christian Aid's electronic prayer resource at https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week/sign-daily-devotionals
Soul Spark: 12-20th May , an opportunity for all ages at a time which suits you. Drop in to St. Nicholas' Chearsley for quiet reflection. Let your spirit be uplifted and your heart touched as you wander round and engage with different 'stations' that help us to focus on particular areas of life's experiences.
Sunday 13th May , 'Big Brekkie', 9:30-10:00 am, St. Nicholas' Chearsley, BBQ sausage breakfast before Morning Celebration to help support Christian Aid. Save a life with a sausage sarnie or a bacon roll!
Saturday 26th May , from 9:30am, a peal will be rung at St. Mary's to celebrate the 250 th anniversary of the original eight bells in the tower. Throughout May there will be an exhibition about the bells in St. Mary's.
Sunday 27th and Monday 28th May : Delicious cream teas at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 2:30 – 5:00 pm.
Saturday 2nd June , Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin
Saturday 9th June , 2pm Nether Winchendon Fete – book the date now!