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Sunday 13th August 2017 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Parish prayer focus for July and August:



Prayer is the foundation of all we do in our daily lives as well as in our church life - after all, a relationship thrives on communication. As we pray throughout these months on our own, or in gatherings on Sunday and during the week, we pray:

In our 3 churches, giving thanks for our flower teams, led by Gill Austen-Smith, Tessa Davies, and Joy Payne; and for all those who served our Flower Festival in Cheersley.

In our 3 villages, praying for all who work in our industrial estates. For safe travel, and safe and fruitful work.

Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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: 1 Kings 19.9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the

Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Epistle: Romans 10.5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Gospel: St. Matthew 14.22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far

from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Notes for your diary:

Sunday 27th and Monday 28th August – delicious Bank Holiday weekend Cream Teas at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 2.30-5.00 pm.

Thursday 31st August, Bucks Show Day at Whitchurch: Jenny Edmans is looking for volunteers in the Church Hospitality Tent, just for a one-hour shift, most hours between 10am and 5pm, 'hosts' and 'refreshment servers' needed. They also need lots of cakes! If you haven't visited the stand before, do go and see them, the public come for a rest and a chat (and sustaining tea and cake, all free). Please support Jenny by ringing her to offer assistance on 01844 237855 or e-mail jennyedmans@aol.com

Autumn events to be held by the Friends of St. Mary's Long Crendon:

Saturday 16th September - an Evening for Gin Lovers

Saturday 14th October - Quiz Night

Saturday 25th November - Michael Lunt "Tickling the Ivories"

Go to www.FSMLongCrendon.org or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org or call Geoff Smith on 208205. All proceeds go to the Friends of St. Mary's.

Saturday 2nd September, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 9:30-10:30 am. Our prayer focus will be on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 13th August 2017 – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 14)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Long Crendon
10:00 am	Matins	Nether Winchendon
10:30 am	Holy Communion	Long Crendon
6:00 pm	Evensong	Chearsley
Please note that there is no Morning Celebration in Chearsley on this day		

Sunday 20th August 2017 – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Chearsley
10:00 am	Joint Family Service for LC and NW, with baptism	Nether Winchendon
Please note there is no Family Service in Long Crendon on this day		

Sunday 27th August 2017 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Long Crendon
10:00 am	Family Service	Chearsley
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	Long Crendon
6:00 pm	Evensong	Nether Winchendon

Sunday 3rd September 2017 – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nether Winchendon
10:00 am	Café Sunday	Long Crendon
10:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Chearsley

Sunday 10th September 2017 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Long Crendon
10:00 am	Matins	Nether Winchendon
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Chearsley
10:30 am	Holy Communion	Long Crendon
6:00 pm	Evensong	Chearsley

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