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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015**



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

**WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY**

### **Prayer**



Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Isaiah 50.4-9a**

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

## **Epistle: James 3.1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

## **Gospel: Mark 8.27 to the end**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

## Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*We are grateful to Don Latham for agreeing to speak at the 10:30 am Holy Communion service in Long Crendon today. Don was Local Authority Chief Executive in Wiltshire and has spoken widely in the UK and other countries. He seeks to live out the Christian faith in the everyday circumstances of life so that others also come into a living faith in Christ.*

## Notes for your diary:

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**, to celebrate the Queen becoming our longest reigning monarch, the first full peal on Chearsley's six bells will be attempted from 4:30 pm. It should last just under three hours.

**17-20<sup>th</sup> September**, St. Peter's, Berkhamsted: Andrew Blythe, our Area Dean, has asked us to publicise the Bach Organ Festival which will see all of Bach's organ works performed by guest organists. The recitals are free, but their aim is to raise £15 for every year of Bach (330 years). For full details please visit: <http://www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk/events/bach330>

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September:** Family Service in Long Crendon will be "Back to Church Sunday" and Harvest Festival to which all are warmly welcomed. (The LC Family Service on 18<sup>th</sup> October will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch in Church House.)

**Consultative meeting dates** with the Area Dean and Development Officer at 3:00 pm in each church as follows, topics to be discussed in brackets:

Long Crendon (Worship) **Sunday 27th September**

Nether Winchendon (Pastoral Care) **Sunday 4th October**

Chearsley (Mission) **Sunday 11th October**

For all interested in the Benefice, not only PCC members – you are welcome at all three churches for the three different discussions.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October:** AGM for The Friends of St. Mary's, Long Crendon.

Men's Breakfast **Saturday October 17th** at "The Eight Bells" High Street Long Crendon, 8.00 am - 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 and further information from Chris Lilley (LC), Geoff Hogbin (Ch) or Robert Hutton (NW).

**Details of the closure of the Chilton Road in Chearsley from 10<sup>th</sup> August for six weeks can be found at:** <http://www.chearsley.com/pdf/ChiltonRoadClosure2015.pdf>

## Services in the United Benefice

### Services Today Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015 - Trinity 15

10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10.00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion (with speaker Don Latham)	LC	Ray Copping
4:00 pm	God@4	NW	Lay Led
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

### Services Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015 - Trinity 16

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Andy Bell
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Andy Bell
10.30 am	Family Service (Back to Church Sunday and Harvest Festival)	LC	Ray Copping

### Services Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015 - Trinity 17

10:00 am	Family Service (Harvest Festival followed by Bring and Share Lunch)	Ch	John Scholefield
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Ian Ogilvie

### Services Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015 - Trinity 18

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	Derek Witchell

### Services Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 on Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	LC	Ray Copping
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 [llm.chearsley@btinternet.com](mailto:llm.chearsley@btinternet.com) Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield