

Services in the United Benefice

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Sunday 15th July 2018 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Parish prayer points for July

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 the month on our own, or in gatherings on Sunday and during the week: In our 3 churches, give thanks for our flower teams, led by Gill Austen-Smith, Tessa Davies, and Joy Payne; for their creative gifts and the time they volunteer to make our churches so welcoming and beautiful. In our 3 villages, pray for all who work in our industrial estates. For safe, fulfilling, and fruitful work.

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: Amos 7.7-15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Sunday 15th July 2018 – Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 10)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Gillian Nicholls
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Family Service with Baptism	LC	Richard Phillips

Sunday 22nd July 2018 – Mary Magdalene

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

Sunday 29th July 2018 – Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 12)

10:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
11:30 am	Benefice Family Service with Baptism	NW	Richard Phillips

This is a fifth Sunday and there will be no service in Long Crendon

Sunday 5th August 2018 – Tenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 13)

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Café Sunday Team
10:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Steve and Rose Williams

Sunday 12th August 2018 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 14)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Habitat for Humanity	Ch	Sampson Men
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Sunday 19th August 2018 – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15)

10:00 am	Benefice All Age Communion	LC	Gordon Kuhrt
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As we are very short of Ministers today, there will only be one service, and thank you very much to Gordon for stepping in to help.

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

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

The Epistle: Ephesians 1.3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Gospel: St. Mark 6.14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptiser has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for

whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptiser." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Thank you to Robert Hutton LLM

Robert has announced his retirement as one of our volunteer Licenced Lay Ministers. Please join us in saying a huge thank you to Robert for his faithful and passionate ministry amongst us, and praying for the next chapter in his and Loveday's lives. We will be marking this at our Benefice Communion Service on 29th July.

Notes for your diary:

Saturday 4th August , Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Chearsley, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin
Sunday 12th August , 10:00 am, St. Nicholas' Chearsley, Darren and Oliver Sampson will make a presentation on their trip to Kenya for 'Habitat for Humanity', to which charity the plate collection will be given.
Sunday 2nd September , 2pm, Meadow Song in Chearsley, again with the brilliant Paul Shinar and Laura. Everyone is invited for an afternoon of lovely music in a beautiful garden – bring your own picnic. Do save the date now, ticket information later.
Saturday 15th September , Friends of St. Mary's Gin and BBQ evening. Ticket information at Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org , Fsmstrongcrendon and @fsmstrongcrendon
Sunday 16th September , Bishop Alan will be coming to take a Confirmation service in Long Crendon on the evening of 16 th September 2018. If you or a family member would like to consider being confirmed, then please contact Richard as soon as possible as preparation has already started.