

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 15th October 2017 - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Tim and Heather Reading
10:30 am	Harvest Family Service	LC	Richard Phillips

Sunday 22nd October 2017 - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Gordon Kuhrt
5:00 pm	Evensong (<i>note time</i>)	NW	Robert Hutton

Sunday 29th October 2017 - Last Sunday after Trinity (Proper 25)

10:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion	NW	Richard Phillips
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This is a fifth Sunday and there will be no other Benefice service on this day

Wednesday 1st November 2017 – All Saints' Day

7:30 pm	Benefice Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
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Sunday 5th November 2017 - Fourth Sunday before Advent

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	Richard Phillips

Sunday 12th November 2017 – Remembrance Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Morning Celebration Team
10:00 am	War Memorial Service	LC	Richard Phillips
10:15 am	Service of Remembrance	NW	Robert Hutton
10:30 am	Civic Service	LC	Richard Phillips
10:45 am	War Memorial Service	Ch	John Scholefield
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Sunday 19th November 2017 – Second Sunday before Advent

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

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

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 15th October 2017 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Parish Prayer Focus for October



In our 3 churches, giving thanks for all who maintain our wonderful church buildings - those who carry out repairs; plan, manage and secure funding for major projects; and give financially including through our Friends' organisations. In our 3 villages, please pray for our local farmers and all who work in food production - for their safety, the right weather, and a fair return on their labour.

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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: Isaiah 25.1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on

this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Epistle: Philippians 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Gospel: St. Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there

who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Wednesday 11th October "In the Arena – Equipping men for the challenges of life" 7:30-10:00 pm at Kings Centre High Wycombe. A quality men's event from Care for the Family. Speakers Philip Jinadu and Gerrit Bantges on how to deal with some of life's challenges, see www.careforthefamily.com Tickets at £4.00 each, for what should be an excellent evening, from Geoff Hogbin 201197 or Robert Hutton 202060.
Saturday 14th October, 2-5pm , Vineyard Centre, Gatehouse Close, Aylesbury. Free speaker event to learn about volunteering in prisons. Contact sue@broughtonchurch.org with questions, and prisonhope.eventbrite.co.uk to register.
15th October St. Mary's Harvest Festival: we are collecting tinned and packet foods for the Thame Food Bank. Decorating on Sat 14 th Oct at 9:30 am, flowers, leaves, fruits, and help welcome. There will be a Bring and Share Lunch starting at 12:30 pm in Church House.
Autumn events to be held by the Friends of St. Mary's: Saturday 14th October - Quiz Night 7:30pm, tables of 8, bring your own food, tickets £10, call Chris Miller on 208027 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.
Tuesday 31st October, 8:00 pm St. Mary's Haddenham: "Luther and the Reformation", an evening with Gordon Kuhrt's son, Revd Stephen Kuhrt. This date is the 500 th anniversary of the start of the Reformation. From the information we have received it appears possible to turn up on the night, and there is no charge.
Saturday 4th November , Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Chearsley, 9:30-10:30 am. Our prayer focus will be on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin