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Sunday 16th July 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 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 55.10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Epistle: Romans 8.1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Gospel: St. Matthew 13.1-9 and 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of

the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Sunday 16th July, St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon 10:00 am Family Service will be a Pet Service, to which you are welcome to bring your pets of all shapes and sizes but please ensure you have them on leads or in cages where appropriate!

Saturday 5th August, 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

Sunday 13th August, St. Nicholas' Chearsley – please note that there is no Morning Celebration on this day, but you are all most welcome to come to Evensong at 6:00 pm instead.

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

Advance Notice of 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.

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 16th July 2017 – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 10)

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

Sunday 23rd July 2017 – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 11)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Richard Phillips/Robert Hutton
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Richard Phillips

Sunday 30th July 2017 – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 12)

10:00 am	Benefice Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
This is a fifth Sunday and there will be no other service on this day.			

Sunday 6th August 2017 – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 13) or The Transfiguration of our Lord

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Gordon Kuhrt
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Lay Led
10:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Gordon Kuhrt

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

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

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	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Joint Family Service for		
	LC and NW, with baptism	NW	Richard Phillips
Please note there is no Family Service in Long Crendon on this day			

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