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Sunday 16th August 2015 - BCP edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Prayer: God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings for Today:

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11



BRETHREN, I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand: by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all, that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures; and that he was seen of Cephas; then of the twelve: after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep: after that, he was seen of James; then of all the Apostles: and last of all, he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. For I am the least of the Apostles, that am not meet to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church

of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

The Gospel: Luke 18.9-14

JESUS spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a Publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this Publican: I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the Publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

We are grateful to **Canon Robin Brown** for stepping in and agreeing to take the Holy Communion service in Cearsley this week. He has kindly sent us the following brief biography:

'Married to Vicky for 46 years, we have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 3 'granddogs.' Ordained in 1969, I have worked mostly in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, my last full time post as a Diocesan Officer based in St Albans. I was privileged to be made an Honorary Canon of St Albans Cathedral in 1994. Vicky and I moved to Princes Risborough 5 years ago to be near our daughter and her family.'

Notes for your diary:

On Monday 31st August there will be Village Teas from 2:30 to 5:00 pm at St. Nicholas, Nether Winchendon.

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 2015
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Nether Winchendon	(Pastoral Care)	Sunday 4th October 2015
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Chearsley	(Mission)	Sunday 11th October 2015
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For all interested in the Benefice, not only PCC members – you are welcome at all three churches for the three different discussions.

A letter of thanks from John, who has asked that it be included in the Pew Sheet for several weeks to ensure that as many people as possible receive his message:

“For Anna and me, Sunday 19th July was the perfect finale. The sun shone, the church was full, the flowers looked lovely, the choir sang magnificently, Chris played the organ gloriously, the worship was lively and enthusiastic, the service went at a seamless pace, the congregation sang with great spirit, the drink was bubbling and bountiful, the food was delicious, the service outside excellent, the whole ambience was one of warmth and kindness. What a day for us to remember! Thanks to everyone who contributed to make it happen.

However, my other purpose in writing is to express our heartfelt thanks for the cheque which was unbelievably generous. Anna and I were overwhelmed by the kindness of your gift. I also love the cartoon picture which Alicia painted together with the book of messages. There really are times when words seem quite inadequate to express our appreciation and gratitude but be assured, we are profoundly grateful for your generosity.

John and Anna”

Details of the closure of the Chilton Road in Chearsley from 10th August for six weeks can be found at:

<http://www.chearsley.com/pdf/ChiltonRoadClosure2015.pdf>

Services in the United Benefice

Services today Sunday 16th August 2015 - Trinity 11

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Canon Robin Brown
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Robert Hutton
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Ray Copping

Services next Sunday 23rd August 2015 - Trinity 12

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Andy Bell
10.00 am	Family Service	Ch	John Scholefield
10.30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Andy Bell
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

Service Sunday 30th August 2015 - Trinity 13

10.00 am	United Benefice Service	Ch	Tom Farrell
	with Junior Church - visitors welcome!		
Please note this will be the only service in the Benefice on this day			

Services Sunday 6th September 2015 - Trinity 14

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10.00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping
10:30 am	Family Communion	Ch	Steve and Rose Williams

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