

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 17th June 2018 – Third Sunday after Trinity (Proper 6)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Lay Led
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Richard Phillips

Sunday 24th June 2018 – The Birth (Nativity) of John the Baptist

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Chearsley Praise with Baptism	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Steve and Rose Williams
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Richard Phillips

Sunday 1st July 2018 – Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 8)

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 8th July 2018 – Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)

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

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

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

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

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 17th June 2018 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Parish prayer points for June

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 at gatherings on Sunday and during the week, can I invite us to pray for these particular people: In our 3 churches, giving thanks for all the volunteers who help to repair and maintain our church buildings, for those who lock and unlock them every day, and for our two Friends Organisations. In our 3 villages, please pray for our sports clubs, for the volunteers who help to run them, and for the safety and enjoyment of all who participate in them.

Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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: Ezekiel 17.22-end

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, (11-13), 14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Gospel: St. Mark 4.26-34

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Data Protection Briefing

New data protection laws came into force on 25th May. You can view our new privacy notice in the church porch or on our website. Crucially, you will need to **sign a new consent form to continue receiving our email updates** on services and events. These are available at the back of church – please hand one back to a warden. If you **co-ordinate a volunteer group** then you should have received a guidance email from Richard. If you haven't, or you hold the personal details of church members (outside personal address books), please get in touch with Richard.

Notes for your diary:

Friday 22nd June , 9:30-11:30am, Nether Winchendon Coffee Morning at The Old Parsonage. All welcome.
Sunday 24th June , 12:30-3:30pm Jazz Picnic, tickets £10 (£2 children) bring your own refreshments, tickets from Geoff Smith 208205, or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org , more information on www.FSMLongCrendon.org
Saturday 30th June , 2:30-5pm, St. Nicholas' Chearsley, Cream tea and Teddybear Fun Afternoon, with a chance for your teddy to parachute from the church tower. Also 'best dressed teddy' competition and a teddy treasure hunt, with raffle, cake and plant stall, all in aid of the church. Bring your children and grandchildren (and their teddies)!
Saturday 7th July , Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Mary's, Long Crendon, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin
Saturday 7th July , Long Crendon Fete St. Mary's Stall, please give Tombola items to Gay Edwards as soon as possible.
Saturday 15th September , St. Mary's Friends' Gin and BBQ evening.
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. Preparation will run June-July.