

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 17th September 2017 - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Chearsley
10:00 am	Family Service	Nether Winchendon
10:30 am	Family Service	Long Crendon

Sunday 24th September 2017 – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Long Crendon
10:00 am	Family Service with Baptism	Chearsley
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	Long Crendon
6:00 pm	Harvest Evensong	Nether Winchendon

Sunday 1st October 2017 – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nether Winchendon
10:00 am	Café Sunday	Long Crendon
10:00 am	Family Holy Communion for Harvest Festival	Chearsley
There is no Rock Solid today in Chearsley		

Sunday 8th October 2017 – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Long Crendon
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Chearsley
10:00 am	Matins	Nether Winchendon
10:30 am	Holy Communion	Long Crendon
6:00 pm	Evensong	Chearsley

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

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Chearsley
10:00 am	Family Service	Nether Winchendon
10:00 am	Harvest Family Service	Long Crendon

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 17th September 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 September:



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 this month on our own, or in gatherings on Sunday and during the week, we pray: In our 3 churches, giving thanks for all who lead and help our worship and activities with children and youth. In our 3 villages, praying for our schools and pre-schools. For teachers & staff, governors, and the children they serve. For a fruitful academic year ahead.

Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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: Genesis 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a

numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Epistle: Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Gospel: St. Matthew 18.21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down

and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Harvest Festival in our three churches is approaching fast: **24th September** for Nether Winchendon, with Harvest BBQ, **1st October** for Chearsley Harvest Bring and Share Brunch, **15th October** for Long Crendon.

Autumn events to be held by the Friends of St. Mary's Long Crendon:

Saturday 16th September (this week!) 7-10pm - an Evening for Gin Lovers, at The Old Police House, 5 High Street, Long Crendon, tickets £25, RSVP to 208837.

Sunday 8th October 12 noon in St. Mary's, AGM (with wine!)

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.

Saturday 7th October, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Mary's Long Crendon, 9:30-10:30 am. Our prayer focus will be on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin

Tuesday 31st October, "Luther and the Reformation", an evening with Gordon Kuhrt in Haddenham. This date is the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation. More information will be included when it is available.