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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - CW edition**



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

**WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY**

### **Prayer**



Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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: Amos 8.4-7**

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

#### **The Epistle: 1 Timothy 2.1-7**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness

and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

### **The Gospel: St. Luke 16.1-13**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Bucks Historic Churches Ride and Stride:** Well done to Chris, Chris and Chris for St. Mary's, Long Crendon, who rode 45 miles and visited 22 churches, and to John and Jenny for St. Nicholas, Chearsley, who visited 15 churches in 17 miles, all of them in the wettest, windiest weather imaginable on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. If you have sponsored them they will be very grateful to receive your money at the earliest opportunity, and if not, please do consider giving. Half the sum given comes straight back to the church for the upkeep of the fabric (St. Mary's is currently involved in serious repairs) and the other half is used by the Bucks Historic Churches Trust to give generous grants to churches such as ours, for which we are very grateful. Thank you to our three Benefice churches for welcome refreshments offered.

### Notes for your diary:

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September,** Harvest Supper in Chearsley Village Hall.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September,** 4:00 pm, Nether Winchendon, Harvest Barbecue in the church yard, followed by Evensong at 6:00 pm.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October,** 12:00 noon, The Friends of St. Mary's Long Crendon will be holding their Annual General Meeting in the church. Everyone is welcome.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October,** 6:00 pm, All Saints High Wycombe, Bishop Alan invites everyone to a welcoming Eucharist for our new Bishop of Oxford, Bishop Steven, who is hoping to meet as many people as possible from our Archdeaconry. Please RSVP to [catherine.green@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:catherine.green@oxford.anglican.org) by 3<sup>rd</sup> October so they know numbers. More details at <http://www.allsaintshighwycombe.org/contact-us.html>

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October,** 7:30 pm in St. Mary's, "Flanders and Swann Revisited" by Michael Lunt. Tickets in advance £10 adults, £2 children (more on the night). Book through [www.FSMLongCrendon.org](http://www.FSMLongCrendon.org) or e-mail [friends@FSMLongCrendon.org](mailto:friends@FSMLongCrendon.org) or call Geoff Smith 01844 208205

## Services in the United Benefice

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)**

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Ray Copping

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)**

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10.00 am	Family Service (Harvest)	Ch	Richard Phillips
10.30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Steve and Rose Williams
6:00 pm	Evensong (Harvest)	NW	Richard Phillips

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22)**

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)**

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
6.00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24)**

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Robert Hutton
10:30 am	Family Service (Harvest)	LC	Richard Phillips

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 – 22<sup>nd</sup> and last Sunday after Trinity, also called Bible Sunday (Proper 25)**

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Derek Witchell
10.00 am	Family Service	Ch	John Scholefield
10.30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Derek Witchell
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

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](mailto:llm.chearsley@btinternet.com) Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield