

Sunday 19th July 2015



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Prayer

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Today: 19th July 2015 - Trinity 7

10.00 am	Benefice Communion	LC	John Wynburne
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Note: There are no other services in the Benefice today

Services Next Week Sunday 26th July 2015 - Trinity 8

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

Services Sunday 2nd August 2015 - Trinity 9

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Andy Bell
10.00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping
10:00 am	Family Communion	Ch	Andy Bell
	Baptism (Penfold)	LC	Andy Bell

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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:



Epistle: Ephesians 2.13-end

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Gospel: Mark 6.30-34 and 53-end

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

This is the last service to be taken in our Benefice by our Vicar, John Wynburne. We have been so lucky to have known him these last six years, and we wish John and Anna a very happy retirement in their new home. They will not be moving house until around the end of August so you may see them in Long Crendon in the meantime.

Many people from the three villages have expressed their thanks for what John has done. Here is a selection:

In Long Crendon we give thanks for John's experienced leadership, guidance, wisdom, literary knowledge and most of all, his ability to relate to, and deal kindly with all people. We would like to thank John for having the vision of bringing St. Mary's architecturally into the 21st century in such a beautifully tasteful way! Also for supporting the Friends and PCC to carry out that vision.

From Chearsley – enjoy a well-earned retirement with your family. Thank you for making a real connection with our village community. You have touched the lives of so many people with your love and care, your tireless energy, and your great sense of fun!

John's contribution to the small community of Nether Winchendon has been significant. He will be remembered, not only for his wisdom, intellect and knowledge, but particularly for his humanity, tolerance and approachability and his ability to relate to and engage with villagers of all ages. John and Anna have been friends to so many of us and whilst we are sad to be saying goodbye they are not going far so we look forward to keeping in touch.

The last word is from the Vicar:

'In the end is my beginning'. TS Eliot always touches the spot for me. Endings are also new beginnings. Even when we throw off our mortal coil, the Christian heart boldly and confidently proclaims that death itself is the gateway to new life with God in that mystery of what lies beyond our sight. 'I go there', said Jesus, 'to prepare a place for you'.

Both myself and the Benefice stand at the threshold of a new beginning. I wonder what the next stage of life will be like. You wonder what a new Vicar will bring. Uncertainty brings challenge and opportunity. Look forward with joy.

At such times, it is difficult to put into words the mixed emotions that are in my heart and mind. TS Eliot again spoke of a 'raid on the articulate' and of 'wrestling with words'. The word 'gratitude' comes from the depths repeatedly. I am deeply grateful for all the blessings that God has given

me in abundance over the years here and elsewhere. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve these churches and for the amazing help and support that I have been given. Will you now please give your full support to the Churchwardens in their task of maintaining the worship and the activities of the Benefice churches? A burden shared is a burden halved and there are a great many jobs to do!

‘Are you looking forward to your retirement?’ people ask. Well yes and no. There is a huge sense of loss but also the excitement of a new beginning. Perhaps TS Eliot should have the last word.

*‘Old men ought to be explorers
Here or there does not matter
We must be still and still moving
Into another intensity
For a further union, a deeper communion
Through the dark cold and the empty desolation,
The wave cry, the wind cry, the vast waters
Of the petrel and the porpoise.
In my end is my beginning.’*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. John

General table of services in the Combined Benefice during the Interregnum (note that there will be additions, exceptions and changes, but these are shown on the front of the Pew Sheet for each named Sunday)

	Long Crendon	Chearsley	Nether Winchendon
1 st Sunday	10am Café Sunday	10am Family Communion	9am Holy Communion
2 nd Sunday	10:30am Holy Communion	10am Morning Celebration 6pm Evensong	10am Matins
3 rd Sunday	10:30am Family Service	9am Said Holy Communion	10am Family Service
4 th Sunday	10:30am Holy Communion	10am Family Service	6pm Evensong
5 th Sunday	UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE (for details please see Pew Sheets)		

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