

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 20th May 2018 – Pentecost CW, Whit Sunday BCP

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

Sunday 27th May 2018 – Trinity Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Derek Wittchell
10:00 am	Chearsley Praise	Ch	John Scholefield
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Wittchell
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	John Scholefield

Sunday 3rd June 2018 – First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 4)

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	Gill Nicholls

Sunday 10th June 2018 – Second Sunday after Trinity (Proper 5)

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	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

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

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 20th May 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 May

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 our church wardens Gay Edwards, Sarah Evans, April Hall, Alicia Howard, Pam Lilley, and Joy Payne; and all who serve with them on our PCCs. In our 3 villages, praying for everyone who serves us in local government. For our parish councillors, district, and county councillors, and for those employed by them.

Collect for Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



Readings for Today:

For the Old Testament: Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both

Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Epistle: Romans 8.22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Gospel: St. John 15.26-27 and 16.4b-15

Jesus said: "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning."
"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness,

because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary: This year we will be joining in the '**Thy Kingdom Come**' global initiative with Prayer and Action, with a particular focus on Christian Aid.

10-20th May , Daily Prayers, join in the global wave of prayer. Sign up for Christian Aid's electronic prayer resource at https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week/sign-daily-devotionals
Soul Spark: 12-20th May , an opportunity for all ages at a time which suits you. Drop in to St. Nicholas' Chearsley for quiet reflection. Let your spirit be uplifted and your heart touched as you wander round and engage with different 'stations' that help us to focus on particular areas of life's experiences.
Sunday 13th May, 'Big Brekkie' , 9:30-10:00 am, St. Nicholas' Chearsley, BBQ sausage breakfast before Morning Celebration to help support Christian Aid. Save a life with a sausage sarnie or a bacon roll!
Saturday 26th May , from 9:30am, a peal will be rung at St. Mary's to celebrate the 250 th anniversary of the original eight bells in the tower. Throughout May there will be an exhibition about the bells in St. Mary's.
Sunday 27th and Monday 28th May: Delicious cream teas at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 2:30 – 5:00 pm.
Saturday 2nd June , Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin
Saturday 9th June , 2pm Nether Winchendon Fete – book the date now!