

## Services in the United Benefice

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017 – Tenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Chearsley
10:00 am	Joint Family Service for LC and NW, with baptism	Nether Winchendon
Please note there is no Family Service in Long Crendon on this day		

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)

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

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nether Winchendon
10:00 am	Café Sunday	Long Crendon
10:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Chearsley

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)

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 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Chearsley
10:00 am	Family Service	Nether Winchendon
10:00 am	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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> August 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 July and August:



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 these months on our own, or in gatherings on Sunday and during the week, we pray:

In our 3 churches, giving thanks for our flower teams, led by Gill Austen-Smith, Tessa Davies, and Joy Payne; and for all those who served our Flower Festival in Chearsley.

In our 3 villages, praying for all who work in our industrial estates. For safe travel, and safe and fruitful work.

#### Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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: Isaiah 56.1 and 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant -

these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

### **The Epistle: Romans 11.1-2a and 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

### **The Gospel: St. Matthew 15.10-28**

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his

disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Notes for your diary:**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August** – delicious Bank Holiday weekend Cream Teas at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 2.30-5.00 pm.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, Bucks Show Day at Whitchurch:** Jenny Edmans is looking for volunteers in the Church Hospitality Tent, just for a one-hour shift, most hours between 10am and 5pm, 'hosts' and 'refreshment servers' needed. They also need lots of cakes! If you haven't visited the stand before, do go and see them, the public come for a rest and a chat (and sustaining tea and cake, all free). Please support Jenny by ringing her to offer assistance on 01844 237855 or e-mail [jennypedmans@aol.com](mailto:jennypedmans@aol.com)

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

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September** - an Evening for Gin Lovers

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October** - Quiz Night

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November** - Michael Lunt "Tickling the Ivories"

Go to [www.FSMLongCrendon.org](http://www.FSMLongCrendon.org) or e-mail

[Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org](mailto:Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org) or call Geoff Smith on 208205. All proceeds go to the Friends of St. Mary's.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 9:30-10:30 am. Our prayer focus will be on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin