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Sunday 20th September 2015 - BCP edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Readings for Today:

The Epistle: Ephesians 3.13-end

I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory. For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Gospel: Luke 7.11-17

Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favourably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

A Harvest Prayer from Christian Aid for today, Harvest Festival in St. Mary's, Long Crendon:

Happy are those who have bread to eat!
As grain grows in the fields and
Rains bring the water of life we share
Visions of all your people united in
Eternal praise and kneaded together to
Share good news of justice and peace:
Taste and see that the Lord is good!

The Friends of St Mary's was formed in 1979 to provide a dedicated means for money to be raised for the preservation and improvement of the fabric of our lovely 13th century parish church. The Society was active from the start and over £100,000 was raised in the 1980s and 1990s. Since 2007 St Mary's has undertaken a succession of major projects, including redecoration and installing a toilet and servery. This was followed by the renewal of the lead on the nave and transept roofs, together with the repair of their supporting wooden frameworks, and the improvement of the access through the west door. Generous help was given towards the cost of these projects from English Heritage, using Heritage Lottery Fund finance, plus other charities, including the Bucks Historic Churches Trust, but The Friends contributed over £200,000 towards the total cost of about £650,000.

Unfortunately, the immediate repair saga is not yet over as the east end of the chancel needs urgent repair. A further project to underpin and repair the walls and repair the roof and east window, with its beautiful stained

glass window, is just starting. Maintenance of an old historic building is a continuous and expensive process, but that is what The Friends are all about! We hold frequent and different events to raise funds. You can see all our events on our web site at www.FSMLongCrendon.org All contributions are thankfully received and will be faithfully applied. We'd love to see you at any of our future events, including our AGM on Sunday 11th October (see details below).

Notes for your diary:

TODAY!! Sunday 20th September: Family Service in Long Crendon will be "Back to Church Sunday" and Harvest Festival to which all are warmly welcomed. (The LC Family Service on 18th October will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch in Church House.)

17-20th September, St. Peter's, Berkhamsted: Andrew Blythe, our Area Dean, has asked us to publicise the Bach Organ Festival which will see all of Bach's organ works performed by guest organists. The recitals are free, but their aim is to raise £15 for every year of Bach (330 years). For full details please visit: <http://www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk/events/bach330>

Consultative meeting dates with the Area Dean and Development Officer at 3:00 pm in each church as follows, topics to be discussed in brackets:

Long Crendon	(Worship)	Sunday 27th September
Nether Winchendon	(Pastoral Care)	Sunday 4th October
Chearsley	(Mission)	Sunday 11th October

For all interested in the Benefice, not only PCC members – you are welcome at all three churches for the three different discussions.

Sunday 11th October at midday: AGM for The Friends of St. Mary's, Long Crendon. The Friends will be holding their AGM after the 10:30 am Holy Communion service. Everyone is invited even if they don't attend the preceding service, and refreshments will be provided. We welcome voluntary subscriptions payable to John Hooper, our Treasurer. We really look forward to seeing everyone there.

Saturday October 17th Men's Breakfast at "The Eight Bells" High Street Long Crendon, 8.00 am - 9.30 am. The Guest speaker will be Mark Herbert, Assistant Pastor, Long Crendon Baptist Church: "Is the good life the best life?" Full English Breakfast £10. Tickets (first come first served!) and further information from Chris Lilley (LC), Geoff Hogbin (Ch) or Robert Hutton (NW).

Services in the United Benefice

Services Today Sunday 20th September 2015 - Trinity 16

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Andy Bell
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Andy Bell
10.30 am	Family Service (Back to Church Sunday and Harvest Festival)	LC	Ray Copping

Services Sunday 27th September 2015 - Trinity 17

10:00 am	Family Service (Harvest Festival followed by Bring and Share Lunch)	Ch	John Scholefield
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Ian Ogilvie

Services Sunday 4th October 2015 - Trinity 18

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10.00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping
10:00 am	Family Communion	Ch	Derek Witchell

Services Sunday 11th October 2015 - Trinity 19

10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10.00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion with speaker on Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	LC	Ray Copping
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Services Sunday 18th October 2015 - Trinity 20

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Tina Sterling
10.00 am	Harvest Festival Family Service	NW	Tina Sterling
10.30 am	Family Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch in Church House	LC	Ray Copping

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