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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 - CW edition**



**The United Benefice of Long Crendon (LC),  
Cheersley (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 in gatherings on Sunday and during the week, can I invite us to pray for these particular people:

In our 3 churches, giving thanks for all those who provide and serve refreshments for us to enjoy together. For the Sunday service teams; for the Café Sunday team; for the Cream Teas team; for the Coffee Thursday team; and for all those one-off events where we eat and drink so well!

In our 3 villages, please pray for everyone who serves us in local government. For our parish councillors, district councillors, those who stood in the county council elections, and for those employed by them.

### **A message from Richard, our Vicar:**

***“Thank you for all you give already, and for reflecting on your giving this week. Please use the season of Easter to pray about how you give your time, talents and money, not just to the church but in every part of your life. Make sure you’ve taken the separate booklet helping you do this.”***

### **Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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:



### For The Old Testament: Acts 17.22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

### The Epistle: 1 Peter 3.13-end

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## The Gospel: St. John 14.15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

### Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Notes for your diary:

**Cream Teas at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon - 28<sup>th</sup> and 29th May, 2:30-5:00 pm:** Delicious cream teas – bring your friends! (Advance notice: there will also be cream teas 27/28<sup>th</sup> August.)

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June,** 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

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June** Long Crendon Jazz Picnic will be held from 12:30 in the garden at Wapping Cottage, near Church House *with kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Bojarski*. Tickets £10 (adults) £2 (Children). Everyone welcome. Bring your own picnic baskets and drinks. Jazz in the garden courtesy of SWAY, whilst you enjoy the afternoon. 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.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, St. Nicholas' Chearsley:** Flower Festival weekend. Joy Payne would be very pleased to receive advance offers of help, especially from people to make the teas and welcome visitors and show them round. Previous Festivals have seen the church looking gorgeous, and large numbers of people attending.

## Services in the United Benefice

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Fifth Sunday after Easter (BCP) – Rogation Sunday**

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service (Rogation)	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	.....Lay Led

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Ascension Day**

7:30 pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
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### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter (CW) or The Sunday after Ascension Day (BCP)**

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Steve and Rose Williams
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday) (CW) or Whit Sunday (BCP)**

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Lay Led
10:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Trinity Sunday**

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	Richard Phillips

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – The First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 6)**

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
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 [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