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Sunday 23rd July 2017 - CW edition



**The United Benefice of Long Crendon (LC),
Cheersley (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 Cheersley.

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

Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Wisdom 12.13 and 16-19

For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;

For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your

people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

The Epistle: Romans 8.12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 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.

The Gospel: St. Matthew 13.24-30 and 36-43

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Saturday 5th August, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Chearsley, 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 13th August, St. Nicholas' Chearsley – please note that there is no Morning Celebration on this day, but you are all most welcome to come to Evensong at 6:00 pm instead.

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

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

Saturday 16th September – an Evening for Gin Lovers

Saturday 14th October – Quiz Night

Saturday 25th November – Michael Lunt "Tickling the Ivories"

Go to www.FSMLongCrendon.org or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org or call Geoff Smith on 208205. All proceeds go to the Friends of St. Mary's.

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 23rd July 2017 – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 11)

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| 8:00 am | Holy Communion (BCP) | LC | Richard Phillips |
| 10:00 am | Family Service | Ch | Derek Witchell |
| 10:30 am | Holy Communion with choir | LC | Richard Phillips/Robert Hutton |
| 6:00 pm | Evensong | NW | Richard Phillips |

Sunday 30th July 2017 – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 12)

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| 10:00 am | Benefice Service | Ch | Richard Phillips |
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This is a fifth Sunday and there will be no other service on this day.

Sunday 6th August 2017 – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 13) or The Transfiguration of our Lord

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| 9:00 am | Holy Communion (BCP) | NW | Gordon Kuhrt |
| 10:00 am | Café Sunday | LC | Lay Led |
| 10:00 am | Family Holy Communion | Ch | Gordon Kuhrt |

Sunday 13th August 2017 – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 14)

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| 8:00 am | Holy Communion (BCP) | LC | Derek Witchell |
| 10:00 am | Matins | NW | Robert Spencer Bernard |
| 10:30 am | Holy Communion | LC | Derek Witchell |
| 6:00 pm | Evensong | Ch | John Scholefield |

Please note that there is no Morning Celebration in Chearsley on this day

Sunday 20th August 2017 – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15)

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| 9:00 am | Holy Communion | Ch | Richard Phillips |
| 10:00 am | Joint Family Service for | | |
| | LC and NW, with baptism | NW | Richard Phillips |

Please note there is no Family Service in Long Crendon on this day

Sunday 27th August 2017 – The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)

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| 8:00 am | Holy Communion (BCP) | LC | Richard Phillips |
| 10:00 am | Family Service | Ch | John Scholefield |
| 10:30 am | Holy Communion with choir | LC | Richard Phillips |
| 6:00 pm | Evensong | NW | Robert Hutton |

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