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## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

#### Prayer



Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

#### Collect for the Twenty-Second (Last) Sunday after Trinity (CW)

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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: Jeremiah 14.7-10 and 19-end

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its saviour in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveller turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonour your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

### **The Epistle: 2 Timothy 4.6-8 and 16-18**

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Gospel: St. Luke 18.9-14**

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

## Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Notes for your diary:

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, (this coming Friday)**, 7:30 pm in St. Mary's, "Flanders and Swann Revisited" by Michael Lunts. Wine, soft drinks and canapés will be available during a short interval. Tickets in advance £10 adults, £2 children (£12 and £3 on the night). Book through [www.FSMLongCrendon.org](http://www.FSMLongCrendon.org) or e-mail [friends@FSMLongCrendon.org](mailto:friends@FSMLongCrendon.org) or call Geoff Smith 01844 208205

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**, Quiz Night at 7:30 pm in Church House, Long Crendon. Tickets £12 per person to include Cottage Pie supper (or vegetarian alternative) and dessert. Please bring own drinks, glasses, plates and cutlery. Teams of 8 per table. Prizes, Raffle, Games. Everyone welcome. All proceeds go to help preserve and improve the fabric of our lovely old village church, St. Mary's. Book through [www.FSMLongCrendon.org](http://www.FSMLongCrendon.org) or e-mail [friends@FSMLongCrendon.org](mailto:friends@FSMLongCrendon.org) or call Geoff Smith 01844 208205 or Chris Miller on 208027.

## Services in the United Benefice

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 – 22<sup>nd</sup> and last Sunday after Trinity (CW), also called Bible Sunday (Proper 25)

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

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – All Saints' Day

10:00 am	United Benefice Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
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Note: this is a fifth Sunday and there will be no service in  
Long Crendon or Nether Winchendon on this day

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent (CW) and 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (BCP)

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

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent (CW) and 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (BCP), Remembrance Sunday

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:00 am	War Memorial Service	LC	Richard Phillips
10:15 am	Service of Remembrance	NW	Robert Hutton
10:30 am	Civic Service	LC	Richard Phillips
10:45 am	War Memorial Service	Ch	John Scholefield
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – The Sunday Next Before Advent, also called Christ the King

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family/Toy Service	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Family/Toy Service	LC	Lay Led

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – The First Sunday in Advent (BCP) and Advent Sunday (CW)

10:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Benefice Advent Carol Service	LC	Richard Phillips

There will be no service in Chearsley on this day.

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