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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 - CW edition**



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

**WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY**

### **Prayer**



Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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:**

#### **In place of the Epistle: Acts 11.1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered

my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

### **The Gospel: John 13.31-35**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

We are all delighted to hear from the Churchwardens that our new Vicar will be **The Reverend Richard Philips**, from Holy Trinity Church, Walton, Aylesbury. He and his family will be moving into the Vicarage in Long Crendon in the summer when he will begin to get to know people and start to do some initial planning, whilst fulfilling his commitment to Holy Trinity in Aylesbury.

He officially starts work with us in September and will be formally licensed by the Bishop of Buckingham at a wonderful ceremony at St Mary's, date to be confirmed. We look forward to welcoming him to the Benefice.

### Notes for your diary:

**APCMs (Annual Parochial Church Meetings)** will be held in each of our three churches during April (Cheersley's was last Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April). The Churchwardens and PCC members will be elected at these meetings, and reports on all aspects of church activity and management will be presented. Do come and take part.

PCCs have the responsibility of cooperating with their vicar, in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Our PCCs are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish communities.

**Long Crendon, TODAY Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon**, in St. Mary's after the 10:30 am Holy Communion

**Nether Winchendon, TODAY Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April** in St. Nicholas' after Evensong, which starts at 6:00 pm

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Eight gardens are open in Long Crendon under the National Garden Scheme which raises money for charity, from 2-6pm. Contact Lesley Charnock, 48 Chilton Road, Long Crendon for more information.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (Bank Holiday)** the Witchert Chorale will be singing Madrigals from **St. Mary's Tower** from 8:30 am. It is magical if the weather is generous. Afterwards they sing inside the church and everyone enjoys proper coffee and rolls. Everyone is welcome.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (Bank Holiday)** then later in the day why not visit **St. Nicholas, Nether Winchendon** for a delicious cream tea?

## Services in the United Benefice

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Fourth Sunday after Easter (BCP)

10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Ian Ogilvie
6.00 pm	Evensong	NW	Gordon Kuhrt

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter (CW) or the Fifth Sunday after Easter (BCP)

9.00 am	Holy Communion	NW	Steve Williams
10.00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Steve Williams
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Sunday after Ascension Day

10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Robin Brown
6.00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Pentecost – Whit Sunday

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Derek Witchell
10.00 am	Family Service	NW	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Ray Copping

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 – Trinity Sunday

10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Robert Hutton
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Derek Witchell
6.00 pm	Evensong	NW	John Scholefield

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – The First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 4)

10:00 am	United Benefice Service	LC	Gordon Kuhrt
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Note: this is a fifth Sunday and there will be no service in  
Cheersley or Nether Winchendon 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.cheersley@btinternet.com](mailto:llm.cheersley@btinternet.com) Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield