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## Services in the United Benefice

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – The Birth (Nativity) of John the Baptist

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Chearsley Praise with Baptism	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Steve and Rose Williams
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Richard Phillips

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 – Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 8)

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

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)

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

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 10)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Family Service with Baptism	LC	Richard Phillips

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 – Mary Magdalene

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Chearsley Praise	Ch	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Richard Phillips

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 12)

10:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
11:30 am	Benefice Family Service with Baptism	NW	Richard Phillips
This is a fifth Sunday and there will be no service in Long Crendon			

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 [johnscholefield.ilm@gmail.com](mailto:johnscholefield.ilm@gmail.com) Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



#### Parish prayer points for June

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 at 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 the volunteers who help to repair and maintain our church buildings, for those who lock and unlock them every day, and for our two Friends Organisations. In our 3 villages, please pray for our sports clubs, for the volunteers who help to run them, and for the safety and enjoyment of all who participate in them.

#### **Collect for the Birth of John the Baptist**

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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: Isaiah 40.1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald



of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

### **The Epistle: Acts 13.14b-26**

And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it." So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: "You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.' Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.'

### **The Gospel: St. Luke 1.57-66 and 80**

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world: grant that we who in this sacrament have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love may ever tell of your mercy and your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Thank you to Robert Hutton LLM**

Robert has announced his retirement as one of our volunteer Licenced Lay Ministers. Please join us in saying a huge thank you to Robert for his faithful and passionate ministry amongst us, and praying for the next chapter in his and Loveday's lives. We will be marking this at our Benefice Communion Service on 29<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Data Protection Briefing**

New data protection laws came into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May. You can view our new privacy notice in the church porch or on our website. You must **sign a new consent form** (available in church) **to continue receiving our email updates** on services and events. If you **co-ordinate a volunteer group** then you should have received a guidance email from Richard. If you haven't, or you hold the personal details of church members (outside personal address books), please get in touch with Richard.

### **Notes for your diary:**

<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b> , 9:30-11:30am, Nether Winchendon Coffee Morning at The Old Parsonage. All welcome.
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b> , 12:30-3:30pm Jazz Picnic, tickets £10 (£2 children) bring your own refreshments, tickets from Geoff Smith 208205, or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org , more information on <a href="http://www.FSMLongCrendon.org">www.FSMLongCrendon.org</a>
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> , 2:30-5pm, St. Nicholas' Chearsley, Cream tea and Teddybear Fun Afternoon, with a chance for your teddy to parachute from the church tower. Also 'best dressed teddy' competition and a teddy treasure hunt, with raffle, cake and plant stall, all in aid of the church. Bring your children and grandchildren (and their teddies)!
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b> , Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Mary's, Long Crendon, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b> , Long Crendon Fete St. Mary's Stall, please give Tombola items to Gay Edwards as soon as possible.
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b> , St. Mary's Friends' Gin and BBQ evening.
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b> , Bishop Alan will be coming to take a Confirmation service in Long Crendon on the evening of 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2018. If you or a family member would like to consider being confirmed, then please contact Richard as soon as possible. Preparation will run June-July.