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Sunday 24th July 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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: Genesis 18.20-32

Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him,

"Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The Epistle: Colossians 2.6-19

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

The Gospel: St. Luke 11.1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you

has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Monday 29th August , 2:30-5:00pm, Cream Teas at St. Nicholas', Nether Winchendon.
Saturday 3rd September , Cheersley's Village Show at the Village Hall.
Monday 5th September - Richard Phillips' licensing and installation service at St. Mary's, Long Crendon, at 7.30pm. There will be a Benefice Choir at this special occasion. Because the service is at the start of the September term we have been rehearsing before the summer break (we started in June) at 7:30 pm in St. Mary's: July: Friday 22nd, Tuesday 26th, September: Friday 2nd, and a warm-up just before the service on 5th. Any new singers wanting further information please contact Catharine Meek - 01844 208536.
Sunday 11th September , noon to 6:30 pm at Cheersley Cricket Club – Cheersley Classic Vintage and Fun Day
Saturday 24th September , Harvest Supper in Cheersley Village Hall.
Sunday 25th September , 4:00 pm, Nether Winchendon, Harvest Barbecue in the church yard, followed by Evensong at 6:00 pm.

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 24th July 2016 - The Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 12)

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 31st July 2016 - The Tenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 13)

10:00 am	United Benefice Service	NW	Bishop Alan
Note: this is a fifth Sunday and there will be no service in Long Crendon or Chearsley on this day			

Sunday 7th August 2016 - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 14)

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

Sunday 14th August 2016 - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15)

Note: there will be no Morning Celebration in Chearsley on this day			
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Steve and Rose Williams
6.00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Sunday 21st August 2016 - The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)

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 28th August 2016 - The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)

10.00 am	Family Service	Ch	Robert Hutton
10.30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Steve and Rose Williams
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	tbc

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