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Sunday 25th June 2017 - CW edition



**The United Benefice of Long Crendon (LC),
Cheersley (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 in gatherings on Sunday and during the week, can I invite us to pray for these particular people:

In our 3 churches, giving thanks for our church wardens Gay Edwards, Sarah Evans, April Hall, Lindsey Kennedy, Joy Payne, and Jenny Scholefield, and all who serve with them on our PCCs.

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 Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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 20.7-13



O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout,

"Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The Epistle: Romans 6.1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel: St. Matthew 10.24-39

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you

hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Sunday 25th June, St. Nicholas' Chearsley 10:00 am Family Service will be a Pet Service, to which you are welcome to bring your pets of all shapes and sizes but please ensure you have them on leads or in cages where appropriate!

Sunday 25th June Long Crendon Jazz Picnic will be held from 12:30 in the garden at Wapping Cottage, near Church House *with kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Bojarski*. Tickets £10 (adults) £2 (Children). Everyone welcome. Bring your own picnic baskets and drinks. Jazz in the garden courtesy of SWAY, whilst you enjoy the afternoon. 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.

Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July, St. Nicholas' Chearsley: Flower Festival on the theme "Village Life". The church will be open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, and 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday (or come to the 10:00 am Family Communion service and enjoy the service and the flowers at the same time). Teas and home-made cakes will be served during the Festival. We know from previous Flower Festivals that the church will look lovely! Joy Payne would be very pleased to receive offers of help, especially from people to provide cakes, make the teas and welcome visitors and show them round.

Saturday 1st July, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Mary's, Long Crendon, 9:30-10:30 am. Our prayer focus will be on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 25th June 2017 – The Second Sunday after Trinity (Proper 7)

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

Sunday 2nd July 2017 – The Third Sunday after Trinity (Proper 8)

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

Sunday 9th July 2017 – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)

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

Sunday 16th July 2017 – The Fifth 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	LC	Robert Hutton

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

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)

10:00 am	Benefice Service	Ch	Richard Phillips
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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