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Sunday 26th June 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and 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: 1 Kings 19.15-16 and 19-end

Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The Epistle: Galatians 5.1 and 5.13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Gospel: Luke 9.51-end

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Sunday 26th June, 12:30-3:30 pm – Long Crendon Jazz Picnic in the garden at Wapping Cottage, near Church House, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Bojarski (or in Church House if it rains). Tickets £10 (adults) £2 (children), everyone welcome for a fun bring-your-own picnic in the garden. Jazz in the garden courtesy of SWAY. For tickets/information call Geoff Smith on 208205 or visit www.FSMLongCrendon.org or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org

Friday 1st July, 7:30 pm An Evening of Dance and Fun with Brendan Cole, at St. Mary's, Long Crendon. Starting the evening with a glass of fizz, Brendan Cole will entertain with a dance masterclass. After that there will be an opportunity to spend some time chatting, and find out all you want to know about Strictly from one of the show's original dancers. Pre-booked tickets only, £20 each from www.FSMLongCrendon.org or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org or just call Fiona on 01844 202402 or 07841 818299.

Saturday 9th July: St Mary's church has been asked to have a stall at the Village Fete, being run by the Long Crendon Village Association on the recreation ground. Gay has agreed to run a tombola. She is asking for any kind of gifts or bottles which could be used as prizes. Kind volunteers to help, on the day, or beforehand, would be very welcome. Please contact Gay on 201073.

Looking ahead: The date for Richard Phillips' licensing and installation service at St. Mary's, Long Crendon, is **5th September 2016** at 7.30pm when there will be a Benefice Choir and new members are very welcome. Because the service is at the start of the September term we will be rehearsing before the summer break at 7:30 pm in St. Mary's:

June: Friday 24th;

July: (Friday 1st NB CANCELLED, see event above),

Tuesday 5th, Tuesday 12th, Friday 22nd, Tuesday 26th.

Any new singers wanting further information please contact Catharine Meek - 01844 208536.

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 26th June 2016 – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 8)

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 3rd July 2016 – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)

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

Sunday 10th July 2016 - The Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 10)

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

Sunday 17th July 2016 - The Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 11)

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 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			

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