

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 26th August 2018 - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)

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

Sunday 2nd September 2018 - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Café Sunday Team
11:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips

Sunday 9th September 2018 - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
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 September 2018 - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)

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
6:00 pm	Benefice Confirmation Service	LC	Bishop of Buckingham

Sunday 23rd September 2018 - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)

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

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 Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield

From the Vicar's Open Letter of 12th July, here is the new service pattern to start in October:

Sunday	Long Crendon	Chearsley	Nether Winchendon
1 st	10am Café Sunday	10 am Family Communion	9 am BCP Communion
2 nd	10.30am Family Communion	9 am Holy Communion 4 pm Messy Church	6 pm BCP Evensong
3 rd	9am BCP Communion 10:30 am Family Service	10 am Chearsley Praise	10 am BCP Matins
4 th	9am BCP Communion 10.30 Family Communion	6 pm BCP Evensong	10 am Family Service
5 th	Joint Benefice Service as before		

You are very welcome to take your Pew Sheet home.
Please see the back page for a list of upcoming services in the United Benefice

Sunday 26th August 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 August



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, we pray: In our 3 churches, giving thanks for our ministry team, ordained and lay, who lead our Sunday worship in all its forms, our house and prayer groups, and those who visit people in their homes. In our 3 villages, continuing to pray for all who work in our industrial estates. For safe, fulfilling, and fruitful work.

Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



Readings for Today

The Old Testament: Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of

the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The Epistle: Ephesians 6.10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Gospel: St. John 6.56-69

Jesus said: "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can

come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Sunday 26th and Monday 27th August , 2:30-5:00pm, delicious cream teas at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon!
Saturday 1st September , Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin
Sunday 2nd September, St. Nicholas' Chearsley , please note that the morning Family Communion service will be held at 11:00 am (not the usual 10am). This will be followed at 12:30 pm by a 'bring your own' picnic, and deck chairs if you can, in a lovely garden in Chearsley by kind invitation of Ann Persson.
Sunday 2nd September, 2:30 pm , Meadow Song in Chearsley, again with the brilliant Paul Shinar and Laura. Everyone is invited for an afternoon of lively music in Ann's beautiful garden, please follow the signs for parking. Tickets (£10) available from Joy Payne: joychearsley@gmail.com or 01844 208513
Saturday 15th September , Friends of St. Mary's Gin and BBQ evening. Ticket information at Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org , Fsmstrongcrendon and @fsmstrongcrendon
Sunday 16th September , Bishop Alan will be coming to take a Confirmation service in Long Crendon on the evening of 16 th September 2018.
Sunday 22nd September, St. Mary's will be holding an Open Day to mark the completion of five major repair projects since 2009, culminating in the return of the Chancel into general use. More details later. John Hooper
23rd-27th October , Inter Church Productions "The Sound of Music" at Lord Williams's Upper School, Thame. Tickets available in September. For more information see www.interchurchproductions.com