

## Services in the United Benefice

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Trinity Sunday

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

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 – First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 4)

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	Gill Nicholls

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Second Sunday after Trinity (Proper 5)

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	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Third Sunday after Trinity (Proper 6)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Lay Led
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Richard Phillips

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – The Birth of John the Baptist Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 7)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Chearsley Praise	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Steve and Rose Williams
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](mailto:johnscholefield.ilm@gmail.com) Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield

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 27<sup>th</sup> May 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 May

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 our church wardens Gay Edwards, Sarah Evans, April Hall, Alicia Howard, Pam Lilley, and Joy Payne; and all who serve with them on our PCCs.

In our 3 villages, praying for everyone who serves us in local government. For our parish councillors, district, and county councillors, and for those employed by them.

### Collect for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the

thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

### **The Epistle: Romans 8.12-17**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### **The Gospel: St. John 3.1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no-one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no-one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what

we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> , from 9:30am, a peal will be rung at St. Mary's to celebrate the 250 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original eight bells in the tower. Throughout May there will be an exhibition about the bells in St. Mary's.
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May:</b> Delicious cream teas at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 2:30 – 5:00 pm.
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> , 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
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> 2pm Nether Winchendon Fete – book the date now!
<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>