

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 27th August 2017 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Long Crendon
10:00 am	Family Service	Chearsley
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	Long Crendon
6:00 pm	Evensong	Nether Winchendon

Sunday 3rd September 2017 – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Nether Winchendon
10:00 am	Café Sunday	Long Crendon
10:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Chearsley

Sunday 10th September 2017 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Long Crendon
10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Chearsley
10:00 am	Matins	Nether Winchendon
10:30 am	Holy Communion	Long Crendon
6:00 pm	Evensong	Chearsley

Sunday 17th September 2017 - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Chearsley
10:00 am	Family Service	Nether Winchendon
10:00 am	Family Service	Long Crendon

Sunday 24th September 2017 – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Long Crendon
10:00 am	Family Service with Baptism	Chearsley
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	Long Crendon
6:00 pm	Harvest Evensong	Nether Winchendon

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

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 27th August 2017 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Parish prayer focus for July and 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 these months on our own, or in gatherings on Sunday and during the week, we pray:

In our 3 churches, giving thanks for our flower teams, led by Gill Austen-Smith, Tessa Davies, and Joy Payne; and for all those who served our Flower Festival in Chearsley.

In our 3 villages, praying for all who work in our industrial estates. For safe travel, and safe and fruitful work.

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 51.1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found

in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Epistle: Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Gospel: St. Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Notes for your diary:

Sunday 27th and Monday 28th August – delicious Bank Holiday weekend Cream Teas at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 2.30-5.00 pm.

Thursday 31st August, Bucks Show Day at Whitchurch: Jenny Edmans is looking for volunteers in the Church Hospitality Tent, just for a one-hour shift, most hours between 10am and 5pm, 'hosts' and 'refreshment servers' needed. They also need lots of cakes! If you haven't visited the stand before, do go and see them, the public come for a rest and a chat (and sustaining tea and cake, all free). Please support Jenny by ringing her to offer assistance on 01844 237855 or e-mail jennyedmans@aol.com

Autumn events to be held by the Friends of St. Mary's Long Crendon:

Saturday 16th September - an Evening for Gin Lovers

Saturday 14th October - Quiz Night

Saturday 25th November - Michael Lunt "Tickling the Ivories"

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.

Saturday 2nd September, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Nether Winchendon, 9:30-10:30 am. Our prayer focus will be on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin