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Sunday 27th September 2015



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Prayer

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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:

Old Testament: Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16 and 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once - if I have found favour in your sight - and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them;

bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My Lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Epistle: James 5.13-end

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Gospel: Mark 9.38-end

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have

two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

We are grateful to Derek Witchell for taking the Holy Communion service in Long Crendon, and to Ian Ogilvie for taking Evensong in Nether Winchendon today. Derek has kindly sent us the following: *"I am a retired priest living in Thame with my wife and two children (yes, they're still at home!) and a Border Terrier. I've lived in the area off and on for many years. I'm a former pupil of Lord Williams School and had an architectural practice in Thame for 25 years before training for ordination. I served my curacy at Bloxham and was priest in charge at Wing, Wingrave, Aston Abbots, Cublington, Cheddington and Mentmore before retiring from parish ministry. My wife and I now have a ministry to parents whose children are LGBT+, and I serve on Diocesan Synod, Bishops Council and the DAC. One of the great joys of 'retirement' is to be free to lead worship for many different congregations in the area and I'm looking forward to joining you to worship together."*

And Ian has kindly written: *"The Rev. Ian Ogilvie was educated at Cambridge. He is married with two adult sons. He began his career at Holy Trinity, Clapham Common where he ran a Youth Club for Rockers(!), before working for three years as curate to the late Bishop Hugh Montefiore, who was at that time Vicar of the University Church, Cambridge. The major part of his ministry was in education as Chaplain of two schools and later a Headmaster. The latter part of his working life was working for three charities as Director of Fundraising. While never a full time vicar, Ian has been linked with many parishes and he and his wife are members of St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Tring, although he is seldom there as he does locum work most of the time. He looks forward to meeting the people at Nether Winchendon for the first time this evening."*

Notes for your diary:

Consultative meeting dates with the Area Dean and Development Officer at **3:00 pm** in each church as follows, topics to be discussed in brackets:

Long Crendon	TODAY!! (Worship)	Sunday 27th September
Nether Winchendon	(Pastoral Care)	Sunday 4th October
Chearsley	(Mission)	Sunday 11th October

For all interested in the Benefice, not only PCC members – you are welcome at all three churches for the three different discussions.

Sunday 11th October at midday: AGM for The Friends of St. Mary's, Long Crendon. The Friends will be holding their AGM after the 10:30 am Holy Communion service. Everyone is invited, and welcome, even if they don't attend the preceding service, and refreshments will be provided.

NW Harvest Supper is on **Friday 16th October** at Nether Winchendon Barn at 7.00pm. Tickets from Jenny Clarke (jennysclarke@gmail.com) at £5.00 adults and £2.50 for children under 10 (for delicious Malaysian Curry or vegetarian option, and fruit crumble). Please book soon with Jenny.

Men's Breakfast **Saturday October 17th** at "The Eight Bells" High Street Long Crendon, 8.00-9.30 am. The Guest speaker will be Mark Herbert, Assistant Pastor, Long Crendon Baptist Church: "Is the good life the best life?" Full English Breakfast £10. Tickets (first come first served!) and further information from Chris Lilley (LC), Geoff Hogbin (Ch) or Robert Hutton (NW).

Services in the United Benefice

Services Today Sunday 27th September 2015 - Trinity 17

10:00 am	Family Service (Harvest Festival followed by Bring and Share Lunch)	Ch	John Scholefield
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Ian Ogilvie

Services Sunday 4th October 2015 - Trinity 18

9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	NW	Steve and Rose Williams
10.00 am	Café Sunday	LC	Ray Copping
10:00 am	Family Communion	Ch	Derek Witchell

Services Sunday 11th October 2015 - Trinity 19

10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10.00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion with speaker on Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	LC	Ray Copping
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Services Sunday 18th October 2015 - Trinity 20

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Tina Sterling
10.00 am	Harvest Festival Family Service	NW	Tina Sterling
10.30 am	Family Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch in Church House	LC	Ray Copping

Services Sunday 25th October 2015 - The Last Sunday after Trinity

10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	John Scholefield
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	The Ven Dr Gordon Kuhrt
5:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

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