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Sunday 29th May 2016 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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: 1 Kings 8.22-23 and 41-43

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart,

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name - for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm - when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

The Epistle: Galatians 1.1-12

Paul an apostle - sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead - and all the members of God's family who are with me, Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed! Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ. For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 7.1-10

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Sunday 29th May is the Fifth Sunday Benefice Service at St. Mary's, Long Crendon and we look forward to seeing everyone there. Unfortunately not enough singers will be available, so the choir rehearsal on Friday 27th May has been cancelled (but please see below).

Monday 30th May (Bank Holiday) why not visit **St. Nicholas, Nether Winchendon** (2:30 to 5:30pm) for another delicious cream tea?

Saturday 11th June - Nether Winchendon Fete, from 2:00pm at Nether Winchendon House.

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 and information visit www.FSMLongCrendon.org or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org or just call Geoff Smith on 208205.

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: Tuesday 7th, Friday 17th, Friday 24th;
July: Friday 1st, Tuesday 5th, Tuesday 12th, Friday 22nd, Tuesday 26th.
Please let Catharine Meek or Chris Mundy know if you will be there.

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 29th May 2016 – The First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 4)

10:00 am United Benefice Service LC Gordon Kuhrt

Note: this is a fifth Sunday and there will be no service in
Cheersley or Nether Winchendon on this day

Sunday 5th June 2016 – The Second Sunday after Trinity (Proper 5)

9.00 am Holy Communion NW Steve and Rose Williams

10.00 am Family Holy Communion Ch Steve and Rose Williams

10:00 am Café Sunday LC Ray Copping

Sunday 12th June 2016 – The Third Sunday after Trinity (Proper 6)

10:00 am Morning Celebration Ch Lay Led

10:00 am Matins NW Robert Spencer Bernard

10:30 am Holy Communion LC Gordon Kuhrt

6.00 pm Evensong Ch Robert Hutton

Sunday 19th June 2016 – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 7)

9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Ch Ian Ogilvie

10.00 am Family Service NW Ian Ogilvie

10:30 am Family Service LC Ray Copping

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

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