

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 29th October 2017 -Last Sunday after Trinity (Proper 25)

10:00 am Benefice Holy Communion NW Richard Phillips
This is a fifth Sunday and there will be no other Benefice service on this day

Wednesday 1st November 2017 – All Saints' Day

7:30 pm Benefice Holy Communion Ch Richard Phillips

Sunday 5th November 2017 - Fourth Sunday before Advent

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 Richard Phillips
6:00 pm Rock Solid in Chearsley

Sunday 12th November 2017 – Remembrance Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP) LC Richard Phillips
10:00 am Morning Celebration Ch Morning Celebration Team
10:00 am War Memorial Service LC Richard Phillips
10:15 am Service of Remembrance NW Robert Hutton
10:30 am Civic Service LC Richard Phillips
10:45 am War Memorial Service Ch John Scholefield
6:00 pm Evensong Ch John Scholefield

Sunday 19th November 2017 – Second Sunday before Advent

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

Sunday 26th November 2017 – Sunday next before Advent

Christ the King

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP) LC Richard Phillips
10:00 am Family Toy Service with Baptism Ch Derek Witchell
10:30 am Communion Service with Prayers for Healing LC R Phillips
5:00 pm Evensong (*note time*) NW Robert Hutton

Sunday 3rd December 2017 – First Sunday in Advent

10:00 am St. Nicholas' Patronal Festival NW Richard Phillips
10:00 am Café Sunday LC Café Sunday Team
2:30-4:00pm Family Fun 'What's in the Box?' NW Richard Phillips
6:00 pm Benefice Advent Carol Service LC Richard Phillips
There is no service in Chearsley because we share the Patronal Service

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 ilm.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 29th October 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 October



In our 3 churches, giving thanks for all who maintain our wonderful church buildings - those who carry out repairs; plan, manage and secure funding for major projects; and give financially including through our Friends' organisations. In our 3 villages, please pray for our local farmers and all who work in food production - for their safety, the right weather, and a fair return on their labour.

Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for Today:



The Epistle: Ephesians 5.15-21

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs; singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

The Gospel: St. Matthew 22.1-14

Jesus said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, who made a marriage for his son; and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding; and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready; come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: and the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth; and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burnt up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they who were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the high-ways, and as many as ye shall find bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the high-ways, and gathered together all, as many as they found, both bad and good; and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding-garment. And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither, not having a wedding-garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

Prayers after Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

Tuesday 31st October, 8:00 pm St. Mary's **Haddenham**: "Luther and the Reformation", an evening with Gordon Kuhrt's son, Revd Stephen Kuhrt. This date is the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation. From the information we have received it appears possible to turn up on the night, and there is no charge.

Saturday 4th November, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Nicholas' Chearsley, 9:30-10:30 am. Our prayer focus will be on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin

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

Sunday 26th November, 10.30am St. Mary's, "Communion Service with Prayers for Healing". During the service, there will be an opportunity to come forward to be anointed with the oil for healing for yourself or on behalf of a friend.

Looking ahead to December (as the 3rd December appears at the bottom of the next page of this Pew Sheet) here are the December services – please do take this sheet and pin it to your noticeboard.

Date	Sunday	Long Crendon	Chearsley	Nether Winchendon
10 Dec	Advent 2	8am Holy Communion 10:30am Holy Communion	4pm Lessons and Carols	6pm Lessons and Carols
17 Dec	Advent 3	6pm Lessons and Carols	9am Holy Communion 4pm Christingle	10am Crib and Christingle
24 Dec	Advent 4 Christmas Eve	2pm Crib Service	3:30pm Crib Service 11pm Holy Communion	9pm Holy Communion
25 Dec	Christmas Day	10am Holy Communion	10am Christmas Praise	10am Family Service