

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 8th October 2017 – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22)

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 15th October 2017 - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Tim and Heather Reading
10:30 am	Harvest Family Service	LC	Richard Phillips

Sunday 22nd October 2017 - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Derek Witchell
10:00 am	Family Service	Ch	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Holy Communion with choir	LC	Gordon Kuhrt
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Robert Hutton

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

10:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion	NW	Richard Phillips
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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
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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

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

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 8th October 2017 - CW edition



The United Benefice of Long Crendon (LC), Chearsley (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:



The Old Testament: Isaiah 5.1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

The Epistle: Philippians 3.4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel: St. Matthew 21.33-end

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken

to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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**

Notes for your diary:

15th October St. Mary's Harvest Festival: we are collecting tinned and packet foods for the Thame Food Bank but flowers, leaves, fruits and vegetables for decorating are also very welcome. Following the service there will be a Bring and Share Lunch.
Autumn events to be held by the Friends of St. Mary's: Sunday 8th October 12 noon in St. Mary's, AGM (with wine!) Saturday 14th October - Quiz Night 7:30pm, tables of 8, bring your own food, tickets £10, call Chris Miller on 208027 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 7th October , Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Mary's Long Crendon, 9:30-10:30 am. Our prayer focus will be on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin
Wednesday 11th October "In the Arena – Equipping men for the challenges of life" 7:30-10:00 pm at Kings Centre High Wycombe. A quality men's event from Care for the Family. Speakers Philip Jinadu and Gerrit Bantges on how to deal with some of life's challenges (see www.careforthefamily.com). Tickets at £4.00 each, for what should be an excellent evening, from Geoff Hogbin 201197 or from Robert Hutton 202060.
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 500 th 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