

Services in the United Benefice

Sunday 9th September 2018 - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Matins	NW	Robert Spencer Bernard
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield

Sunday 16th September 2018 - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Family Service	NW	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Family Service with Baptism	LC	Richard Phillips
6:00 pm	Benefice Confirmation Service	LC	Bishop of Buckingham

Sunday 23rd September 2018 - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)

8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Richard Phillips
10:00 am	Harvest Festival	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Derek Witchell
6:00 pm	Evensong	NW	Richard Phillips

Sunday 30th September 2018 - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)

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			

Sunday 7th October 2018 - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22)

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	Steve and Rose Williams

Sunday 14th October 2018 - Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Ch	Richard Phillips
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Richard Phillips
4.00 pm	Messy Church (Cheersley Village Hall)		Messy Church Team
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 johnscholefield.ilm@gmail.com Please note that your wording may have to be edited to fit the available space - John and Jenny Scholefield

Here is the new service pattern to start on 7th October (the first Sunday is unchanged):

Sunday	Long Crendon	Chearsley	Nether Winchendon
1 st	10 am Café Sunday	10 am Family Communion	9 am BCP Communion
2 nd	10.30 am Family Communion	9 am Holy Communion 4 pm Messy Church	6 pm BCP Evensong
3 rd	9 am BCP Communion 10:30 am Family Service	10 am Cheersley Praise	10 am BCP Matins
4 th	9 am BCP Communion 10.30 Family Communion	6 pm BCP Evensong	10 am Family Service
5 th	Joint Benefice Service as before		

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 9th September 2018 - CW edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY



Parish prayer points for September

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 this month on our own, or in gatherings on Sundays and during the week: In our three churches, we give thanks for all who lead and help with our worship and activities for children and youth. We also pray for the candidates being confirmed on 16th September. In our three villages, we pray for our schools and pre-schools. For teachers and staff, governors, and the children they serve. For a fruitful academic year ahead.

Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 35.4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The Epistle: James 2.1-10 and 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold

rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Gospel: St. Mark 7.24-end

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They

were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Notes for your diary:

<p>Saturday 8th September, Bucks Historic Churches Ride & Stride, 10am-6pm. An easy way to raise money for your church. Just get some sponsors and go cycling. Chris Miller, and Chris and Kaye Mundy will be cycling for St. Mary's, calling at as many churches as they can to raise money for the Bucks Historic Churches Trust. Half the funds they raise will be donated back to our churches and half is used by the trust to fund grants to Bucks churches - all three of our churches have received grants from them. If you would like to either sponsor them or cycle with them for all or part of it (it's not a fast pace!) then please contact Chris Mundy on chrismundy100@gmail.com For further information see https://www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/buckinghamshire/</p>
<p>Sunday 9th September, from 11am, pop into the Messy Church Tent at the Classic Car Show on Chearsley's cricket pitch. Decorate a car-shaped biscuit, make a bottle top car, and think about your journey through life.</p>
<p>Saturday 15th September, Friends of St. Mary's Gin and BBQ evening. Ticket information at Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org, Fsmstrongcrendon and @fsmlongcrendon</p>
<p>Sunday 16th September, 6:00 pm, Bishop Alan will be coming to take the Confirmation service in Long Crendon</p>
<p>Saturday 22nd September, St. Mary's, 10:30-12:00 and 2:30-4:30, come and celebrate 10 years of restoration work on our beautiful parish church. Hear about the history and heritage, talks at 11am and 3:30pm. Bell peal in the morning, Children's treasure hunt. Free refreshments, organ recital and tower open in the afternoon.</p>
<p>Saturday 6th October, Monthly Prayer Gathering at St. Mary's Long Crendon, 9:30-10:30 am to focus on the three villages and wider issues. All welcome. Ray Copping and Geoff Hogbin</p>
<p>23rd-27th October, Inter Church Productions "The Sound of Music" at Lord Williams's Upper School, Thame. Tickets available in September. For more information see www.interchurchproductions.com</p>