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Sunday 15th November 2015 - BCP edition



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

WELCOME EVERYONE TODAY AND EVERY DAY

Prayer



Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collect for the twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

Readings for Today:



The Epistle: Colossians 1.3-12

We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints; for the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the Gospel; which is come unto you, as it is in all the world, and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth. As ye also learned of Epaphras, our dear fellow-servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ; who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit. For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding: that ye might walk

worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

The Gospel: Matthew 9.18-26

While Jesus spake these things unto John's disciples, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead; but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. (And behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: for she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort, thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.) And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, he said unto them, Give place; for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.



Prayer: Lord, I want to reach you and I try to touch you, but many forces jostle me and my own fears thrust me aside. I want to reach you and I try to touch even your garment but they say I am a fool and I am filled with doubt. I want to reach you and I try to touch even the hem of your garment, and my fingers brush the homespun cloth and I am flooded with healing. And you turn and ask who touched you, and I fall on my face and you bend down, lifting me gently, and telling me that my own faith, that fragment of hope has healed me.

From 'A Little Book of Healing Prayer' by Angela Ashwin

Notes for your diary:

Friday 13th November, The Old Parsonage, Nether Winchendon – Church Coffee Morning from 9:00 to 11:00 am. All are welcome.

Saturday 14th November 7:30 pm, Friends of St. Mary's Quiz Night at Church House, teams of eight to a table. Fun, Prizes, Raffle, Games. Local Cottage Pie supper (or Vegetarian alternative) and dessert included. Please bring your own drinks, glasses, plates and cutlery. *All proceeds to help preserve and improve the fabric of our old village church.* More information and tickets (£12 per person) from www.FSMLongCrendon.org or e-mail Friends@FSMLongCrendon.org or ring 01844 208205 or 01844 208027.

Sunday 15th November (this Sunday!) at Nether Winchendon and Long Crendon, and Sunday 22nd November at Chearsley – TOY SERVICES. All children are invited to bring a new toy (unwrapped) that they would like to give as a Christmas present to a child who might not be as lucky as they are. The gifts will be distributed to homes and hospitals in Aylesbury Vale via the Mix'96 local radio station appeal. Let's help to put some big smiles on little faces this Christmas.

Saturday 28th November 7:30 pm, Crendon Camerata String Ensemble in St. Mary's, directed by Robert Salter, playing Mozart, Grieg, Finzi, and Josef Suk's Serenade for Strings. Tickets £10 each to include refreshments. Information as for 14th November above.

Calling all Nether Winchendon and Chearsley singers – a choir is being assembled for the joint St. Nicholas Day service on Sunday 6th December. Please contact Jeremy Pratt to volunteer.

First Sunday of the Month Rock Solid – is a Youth Group which meets once a month and is **open to anyone over 10 in the Benefice.** We meet from 6-7.30pm, starting with a slap up meal, usually followed by a video and a debate. Sometimes we have other activities or games. In May we had an overnight camp and in September we organised a Fun-D Raiser for Nepal. Please see <http://stnicholaschearsley.blogspot.co.uk/p/rock-solid.html> for details.

Services in the United Benefice

Services Sunday 15th November 2015 – 24th Sunday after Trinity (also called the 2nd Sunday before Advent)

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Ch	Andy Bell
10:00 am	Family Service (Toy Service)	NW	Andy Bell
10:30 am	Family Service	LC	Ray Copping

Services Sunday 22nd November 2015 – Christ the King

10:00 am	Family Service (Toy Service)	Ch	Derek Witchell
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Gordon Kuhrt
5:00 pm	Evensong	NW	John Scholefield

Service Sunday 29th November 2015 - Advent Sunday

9:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	LC	Tina Stirling
6:00 pm	United Advent Carol Service	LC	Tina Stirling

Note: this is a fifth Sunday and there will be no services in Chearsley or Nether Winchendon on this day.

Services Sunday 6th December 2015 – Advent 2 and St. Nicholas' Day (Patronal Festival for Chearsley and Nether Winchendon)

10.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at NW, joint with Ch	Gordon Kuhrt
10.00 am	Café Sunday	LC Ray Copping
4:00 pm	Christingle	Ch Andy Bell
6:00 to 7:30 pm	Rock Solid Youth Group (see notice above)	

Services Sunday 13th December 2015 – Advent 3

10:00 am	Morning Celebration	Ch	Lay Led
10:30 am	Holy Communion	LC	Ian Ogilvie
4:00 pm	Christingle	LC	Andy Bell
6.00 pm	Evensong	Ch	John Scholefield
6:00 am	Lessons and Carols	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