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TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

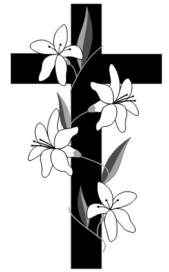
“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 10th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Padre Phil Burrows is giving this week's sermon.
Watch on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.
Available from 7am on VE Day Friday 8th May.

11.00am Holy Communion. Live on Facebook.

You don't need

a Facebook or YouTube account to join in!

**A 'How To' guide can be downloaded
from the services page on our website.**

Monday

7:30pm Alpha. Live via Zoom.

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer using the Iona Liturgy.
Live on Facebook.

Wednesday

10:30am The Prayer Course. Live via Zoom.

Thursday

9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on Facebook.
6.30pm Anthem of the Week (Choir)

Friday

4:00pm Ashbury PCC. Live via Zoom
5:30pm Worship and Praise. Live via Zoom.
John and Julie Steventon will be leading the worship.
Contact David Ahern for details of how to take part.
01793 783521 thestable@protonmail.com

Sunday 17th May

11.00am Joint Holy Communion Service with
Shrivenham Methodist Church for
Christian Aid Week. Live on Facebook

All links, orders of services and readings will be posted
on the services page of our website
www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

A note from Rev'd Fergusson

You may have seen this week that churches may be
opened for private prayer by clergy only.
Our Benefice churches will remain closed until it is
possible for everyone to enter for their private prayers.
God willing, that day will not be too far away.
Blessings, Norma

Other ways to join in with worship

Visit the 'other ways to worship' page on our website for
links to on-line services, phone apps for daily prayers
and other useful resources. If you know anyone who is
not on-line and would like a paper copy, let us know.
www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

Light a Candle of Hope

Place a lighted candle in the window at 7pm on Sunday
as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that
can never be extinguished.



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God of compassion,

be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Christian Aid Week

10-16 May 2020

Visit www.christianaid.org.uk for ways to donate

PCC Meetings

Not quite business as usual, but our Parochial Church
Councils still have work to do.
Unable to gather in the same place, meetings are going
ahead via Zoom and email.

Longcot and Fernham PCC met via Zoom on Thursday
7th May, and Ashbury will follow suit on Friday 17th May,
with one of their members contributing from America!
Shrivenham with Watchfield & Bourton have so far
managed to conduct any necessary business via email,
but the Benefice Zoom account allows for unlimited
meetings, so watch this space.

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live
and work in Idstone Road.

Please contact Rev'd Fergusson for pastoral issues,
and a churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator
(shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com)
for other church enquiries.

A Message from St Andrew's Choir

Singing is part of everyday life. Whether it be humming along to a tune on the radio, joining in with wartime songs as we commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day or singing a favourite hymn, we all know that singing lifts the spirits. Through singing we can often express how we feel in our hearts, even if we cannot ourselves find the right words to say.

Of course, we know that singing hymns and anthems is more than just repeating a good melody; St Augustine said, 'Those who sing pray twice'. In our own small way, the Choir have been helping to keep worship from St Andrew's alive by singing from our own homes. Through "Anthem of the Week", at 6.30 pm each Thursday night, when we would usually be meeting in St Andrew's, we sing together. This shared moment unites us as a choir and has become part of the weekly rhythm of this period of 'lockdown'. It keeps us feeling connected, and ready for the day we can all begin to return to a more 'normal' way of life.

If you would like to join us and make this part of your 'everyday' life then please contact Claire Hartley (chartley.music@gmail.com) who will share the music with you.

Church Services by Telephone



Daily Hope offers music, prayers, and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England. Dial 0800 804 8044 to hear a special greeting from the Archbishop, then choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections, traditional morning and evening prayer and advice on COVID-19. Calls are free of charge.

Church at Home services from the Diocese of Oxford can be accessed by telephone. Dial 01865 920930 to hear the latest service (press 0= short service, 1= full service). Normal call rates apply.

Donate by Text

You can now donate by text to Ashbury, Longcot, Fernham, Shrivenham, Watchfield and Bourton.

For Ashbury

Text **STMARYS 5** to **70085** to donate **£5**

For Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton

Text **SWB** to **70460** to donate **£5**

Text **SWB** to **70450** to donate **£10**

For Longcot and Fernham

Text **LONGCOT** to **70085** to donate **£4**
Your standard text message rate applies.

Thank You for Your Support!

Although our buildings are closed, our churches still rely on donations to stay active and provide care and pastoral support to everyone. We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who feel able to continue their financial contribution towards our mission and ministry and the upkeep of our buildings during this difficult and uncertain time.

If you would like to know more about supporting us, please telephone our Treasurers on the numbers below.

Shrivenham, Watchfield and Bourton 01793 784756
Longcot and Fernham 01793 783324
Compton Beauchamp 01793 710889
Ashbury 01793 710208

ASHBURY WITH COMPTON BEAUCHAMP CHURCH OF ENGLAND (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Ashbury CE Primary School VE Day Celebrations

The school has produced a wonderful compilation video of their VE Day celebrations to a backing track of Dame Vera Lynn and Katherine Jenkins singing 'We'll Meet Again'.

Watch it on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUk-nFPOQs&feature=youtu.be>



Shrivenham resident Ron Johnson shares his memories of VE Day 1945.

Watch on YouTube:

https://youtu.be/x_38lzSCqgM

His story is also included in an article in The Guardian. Read it here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/07/alone-with-union-jack-ve-day-veterans-90s-miss-out>



COLLECT

Almighty God,
 who through your only-begotten Son
 Jesus Christ
 have overcome death and opened to
 us the gate of everlasting life:
 grant that, as by your grace going
 before us you put into our minds
 good desires,
 so by your continual help
 we may bring them to good effect;
 through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

PSALM Psalm 31:1-5. 15-16

R *Let your face shine on your servants
 [and we shall be saved].*

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
 let me never be put to shame;
 deliver me in your righteousness.
 Incline your ear to me;
 make haste to deliver me. **R**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep
 me safe,
 for you are my crag and my
 stronghold;
 for the sake of your name,
 lead me and guide me. **R**

Take me out of the net
 that they have secretly set for me,
 for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
 for you have redeemed me,
 O Lord, O God of truth. **R**

My times are in your hand;
 rescue me from the hand of my
 enemies,
 and from those who persecute me.
 Make your face to shine upon your
 servant,
 and in your loving-kindness
 save me. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight. Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL John 14:1-14

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so,

would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
 the truth, and the life:
 grant us to walk in his way,
 to rejoice in his truth,
 and to share his risen life;
 who is alive and reigns, now and for
 ever.



Sunday 10 May 2020

John 14:1-12

5th Sunday of Easter

My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Many people use maps to find their way to places they have never been to. What if they wanted to find God's house? Jesus tells his friends that there is only one way to find God the Father – and that is through him! Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. We can be very happy – because Jesus has prepared a special place for us with God the Father.

Trust in God

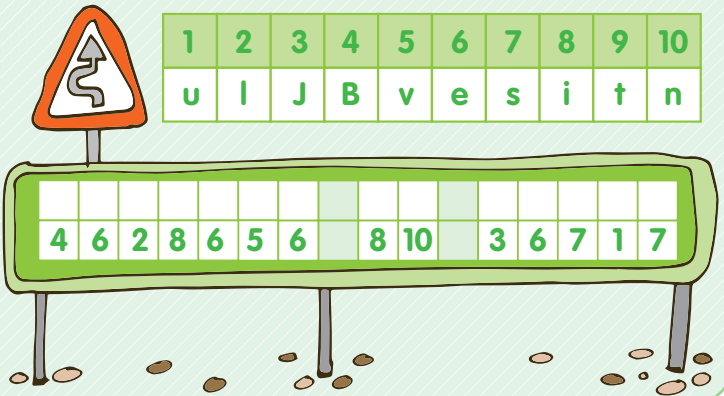
Find your way to God's house and write below the letters you pass on the way.

I can find my way to God the Father through _____



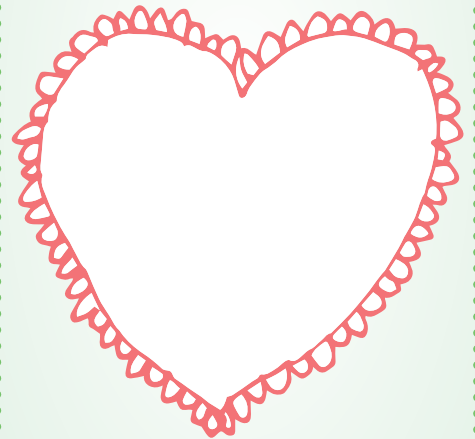
Code

The disciples didn't know how to get to God's house. Can you help them by solving the puzzle using the code?



"Do not let your hearts be troubled"

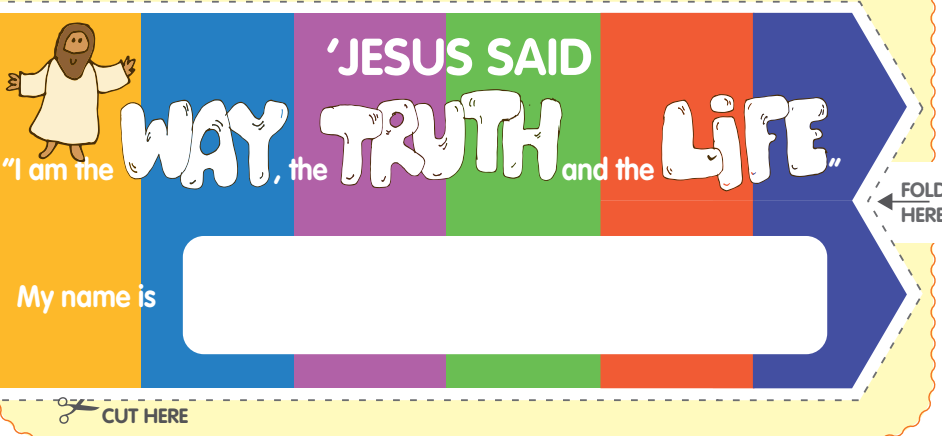
Jesus wants to take away our worries. Write or draw in the heart anything that you are worried about at home or at school.



Talk to a kind grown up about the heart you have filled in. Ask Jesus to help you.

Colour and make

Use this bookmark in your favourite book! Ask a grown-up to help.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, I believe in you. Help me to live my life by doing the things that will make you happy. Amen.

Answers: Maze: Jesus. Code: Believe in Jesus.