



WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 14th June Trinity 1

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Are your children missing Café Inspire?



Join the STANDFAST team for a bible story and craft activity at 10:00am on Saturday 13th June on [Facebook](#).

Sunday 14th June Trinity 1

David Ahern is giving this week's talk.

Watch on our [Facebook](#) page or [YouTube](#) channel.
Available from 9am on Sunday 14th June.

11.00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).

We have a guest reader, intercessor and live talk today.

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#).

Wednesday

2 – 3:00pm Ashbury Church open for private prayer.
6 – 7:30pm Watchfield Church open for private prayer.

Thursday

9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#).
11.00am Longcot with Fernham PCC via Zoom.
6.30pm Anthem of the Week (Choir)

Friday

5:30pm Worship and Praise. Live via Zoom.
Contact David Ahern for details of how to take part.
01793 783521 thetable@protonmail.com

Sunday 21st June Trinity 2 Father's Day

11.00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).
5:30pm Evensong (BCP). 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 Reminder

You don't need to set up a Facebook or YouTube account to join in!
A 'How To' guide can be downloaded from the services page on our [website](#), or telephone Lucy Laird for advice on 01793 783519.

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Pound Piece.

Latest News on Re-opening our Churches

New guidance has come thick and fast this week! We still hope it may be possible for places of worship to re-open from 4th July and we continue to explore ways to make this work safely by holding one public communion service and one public service of the word each Sunday.

From 17th June the churches in Ashbury and Watchfield will be open once a week for private prayer: 2-3pm in Ashbury and 6-7.30pm in Watchfield. Please contact me or the churchwardens for more information.

Meanwhile, the regular online services i.e. Sunday 11am communion services; Morning Prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays; together with the monthly ASK and Worship & Praise services will continue.

Please keep us in your prayers and know that you are in ours.

Blessings, Norma

Lighting a Candle of Hope

Although the immediate restrictions are easing slowly, there are many people for whom life is still not (and may never be) quite the same. We all need hope and lighting a candle is one way of encouraging both ourselves and others. The flame may not be as obvious in these lighter evenings, but it is good to know that it is still there.



Thank you, Lord

For being our companion in lockdown.
For sharing our laughter, prompting our memories, healing our wounds and comforting our tears.
For reminding us of the beauty in the world.
For opening our eyes to acts of kindness and compassion.
For being the light in the darkness which shows us the way and encourages us to keep going.
For being our prayer when words fail.
For being our hope.
For being here.
Amen

Lockdown at Longcot and Fernham Primary School



It's quiet, so very quiet!

A school during lockdown is a very strange and quite eerie place. Corridors which were once filled with life, laughter and friendship, now stand empty and silent. With only a handful of key worker children present at school, and without their usual gaggle of friends, children at first appeared thoughtful. However, as time has passed children have made new friendships and are happy and enjoying themselves. Pupils of all ages playing together and respectfully supporting, challenging and cooperating has been special to witness.

The imaginative way pupils have been creating games to play as well as sitting and patiently making daisy chains with beaming smiles clearly visible.

Thankfully, we have been blessed to have had such wonderful spring weather, enabling staff and children to be out in the sunshine enjoying nature and outdoor sessions. Listening to the birds singing and watching the red kites swooping in the sky has been calming as the children and staff picnic outside which has been part of their daily routine. Joshua a Year 5 pupil said that "school was really enjoyable with time to extend friendships and get more one to one sessions with teachers, although it is very strange to be in the same class as my little sister".

Technology has played a large part in keeping contact with families. Providing online learning for children at home has allowed us to keep children engaged in learning, and through the use of an online platform which the children had used at school, staff are able to provide guidance and support for pupils. Zoom sessions enabled contact and enjoyment, and through the sharing of news to online scavenger hunts, we have tried to maintain contact for pupils and their friends.

Rev'd Norma and Richard Fergusson supply an online assembly for us to share at school and with children still at home. This year we even held our Easter Service on Zoom which was heralded as a great success!

Claire Mellor, Headteacher

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

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.



St Mary's Church Longcot

Our churches, like our homes, have been closed for many weeks but, also like our homes, we still have bills to pay and rely on donations to stay active and provide care and pastoral support to everyone who requests it. We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who already make a 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

If you would like to make a text donation,
please to use the number below.

Text GIVEfive to 70470 to donate £5

Your standard text message rate applies.

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



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COLLECT

O God,
the strength of all those who put their
trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of
our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your
commandments
we may please you both in will and
deed;
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.

FIRST READING Exodus 19:2-8a

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

PSALM Psalm 100

R *We are the people and the sheep of his pasture.*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with
a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his
pasture. **R**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his
name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is
everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age
to age. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL

(Short or long reading)

Matthew 9:35 – 10:8, (9–23)

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

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere

among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

POST COMMUNION

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in
faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sunday 14 June 2020
 John 6:51-58
 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
 (Corpus Christi)

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

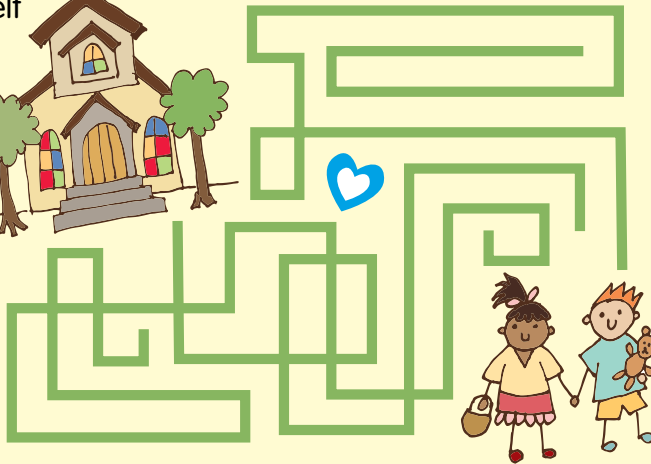
My name is _____



Jesus tells us that he is living bread that has come down from heaven. If we eat this bread we shall live with Jesus for ever. ♥

BREAD OF LIFE

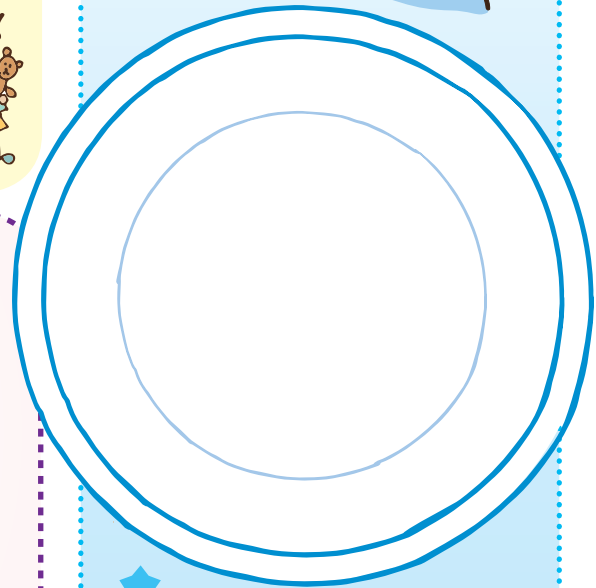
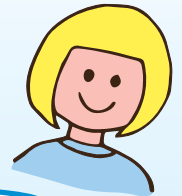
Jesus gives himself to us as food to make us strong in love. Help these children find their way to church.



They want to receive Jesus, the bread of life.

My healthy meal

We need food to make us strong and healthy.



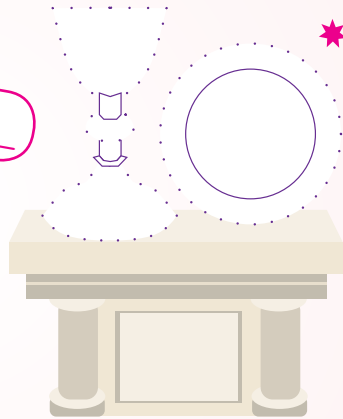
Food of life

The bread and wine on the altar become the Body and Blood of Jesus. Join the dots to show the special cup and plate.

Fill in the missing letters with a vowel to find out what they are called.

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p_t_n

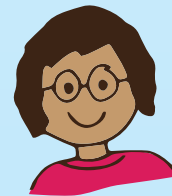


Bread sudoku

There are many different types of bread.



Finish this puzzle. Make sure that each row, column and mini-grid has just one of each type of bread.



Draw a really healthy meal on this plate.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Father in heaven, thank you for your kindness. Thank you for giving us your Son to show us how to live. Help us to be kind like you. Amen.