



# WELCOME

## TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 21st June Trinity 2 Father's Day

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### Sunday 21st June Trinity 2 Father's Day

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is giving this week's sermon.

Watch on our [Facebook](#) page or [YouTube](#) channel.

Available from 9am on Sunday 21st June.

9 - 10:00am Compton Beauchamp Church open for private prayer.

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

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

5:30pm Evensong (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#).

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

2 - 3:00pm Ashbury Church open for private prayer.

5 - 6:00pm Longcot Church open for private prayer.

6 - 7:30pm Watchfield Church open for private prayer.

### Thursday

9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#).

6:00pm Benefice Wardens' Meeting via Zoom.

6.30pm Anthem of the Week (Choir).

### Friday

### Sunday 28th June Trinity 3

9 - 10:00am Compton Beauchamp Church open for private prayer.

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

**All links, orders of services and readings will be posted on the services page of our website [www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk](http://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.

### **Latest News on Re-opening our Churches**

Our churches in Ashbury, Compton Beauchamp, Longcot and Watchfield are now open once a week for private prayer. See the box on the left for details.

**Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.**

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.

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

### **Shrivenham Open Gardens**

Sunday 5th July from 2 – 5pm



Ten gardens will be open.

Ticket & map £5

Accompanied children under 16 – free

On sale at Shrivenham Post Office in advance and from the church on the day.

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project

### **Ashbury Cycle of Prayer**

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

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



Socially distanced pews in Longcot Church

## Good News from St Andrew's Church Restoration and Improvement Project



Having restored the porch parapet to its former glory, conserved the 12th century font and introduced a brand new state of the art audio visual system we are now in a position to start the next and biggest stage of our project, the provision of toilets and a kitchen area.

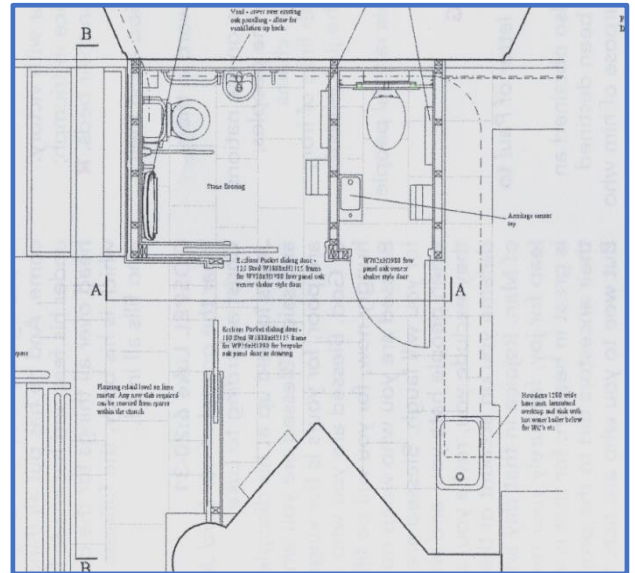
So even in these troubled times we do have some good news as work is scheduled to commence on Monday 22nd June with a completion date around the 28th August. Although some churches are beginning to open for private prayer, St Andrew's will remain closed during this time.

This is a major project and will entail installing waste pipework from near the boiler room right the way down the path and through the Lychgate to join the main sewer in Church Walk. We will have two toilets, one of which will accommodate disabled wheelchairs and also baby changing facilities. The area will also have a new sink within the flower arrangers' section. The design and finish will, as near as possible, match the existing woodwork within the church.

At the other side of the organ the current vestry will be remodelled and a kitchen and serving area created with sink, fridge and a dishwasher and even hot running water!

Although we have the majority of the £150,000 cost of this, we do still need £6,000 to cover everything. We had expected to raise the outstanding balance from previously planned fundraising events but unfortunately circumstances overtook us so any contribution to 'St Andrew's Restoration Fund' to achieve this would be gratefully received.

David Watson, Churchwarden



The area in front of the organ in St Andrew's Church has been cleared ready for the installation of toilet facilities.

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.

If you would like to become a regular donor 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 use the number below.

Text **GIVEfive** to **70470** to donate **£5**

### 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.

### Lighting a Candle of Hope

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



## COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are  
nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most  
excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all  
virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted  
dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus  
Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

### Jeremiah 20:7–13

*A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.*

Jeremiah cried out: O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

## PSALM

### Psalm 69:8–11. (12–17). 18–20

*R In your great mercy, answer me, O God.*

Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.  
I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children. **R**

Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has  
fallen upon me.

I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach. **R**

[I put on sack-cloth also,  
and became a byword among them.  
Those who sit at the gate murmur  
against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about  
me.

But as for me, this is my prayer to you,  
at the time you have set, O Lord: **R**

"In your great mercy, O God,  
answer me with your unfailing help.  
Save me from the mire; do not let me  
sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate  
me  
and out of the deep waters.  
Let not the torrent of waters wash over  
me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up;  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon  
me.] **R**

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.  
Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in  
distress.

Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me." **R**

## SECOND READING

### Romans 6:1b–11

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves

dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## GOSPEL Matthew 10:24–39

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

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

## POST COMMUNION

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the  
supper of your Son:  
*sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.*



Sunday 21 June 2020  
Matthew 10:26-33  
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My name is \_\_\_\_\_



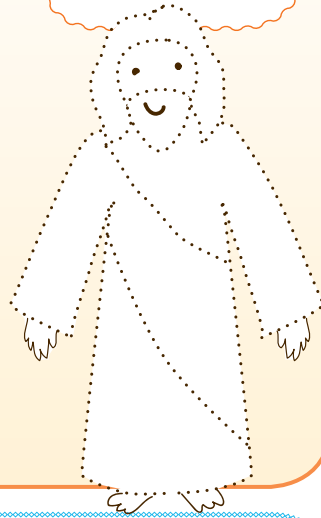
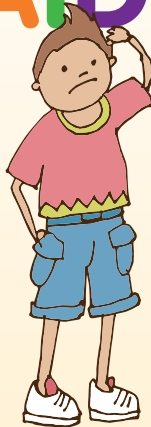
Jesus says that God our Father knows each one of us and loves us very much. God cares for all the birds, so of course God cares for us. We are all God's children and God loves us all.

# DO NOT BE AFRAID

Ethan's friend is \_\_\_\_\_ (sues.)

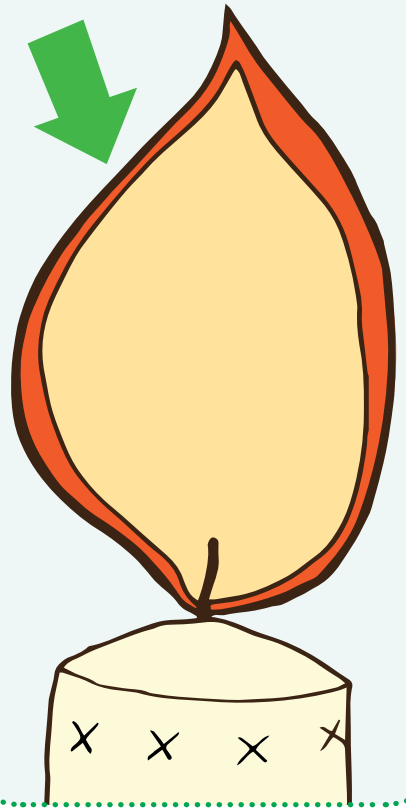
Ethan is scared. He doesn't need to be worried though, because he has a special friend with him. Join the dots to see Ethan's friend.

Can you make Ethan look happy, now that he knows his friend is with him?



## I will love like God when I...

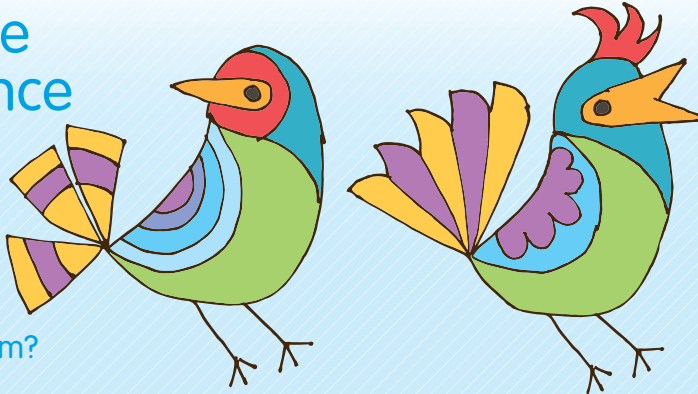
God is love. We can be like God when we show our love. Draw, or write, in the flame one way you will show love to other people today.



## Spot the difference

Here are two birds.

Can you find **five** differences between them?



## Who will help?

These children are worried, but there are people who can help them. Draw a line to match the helper to the problem.



## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me so much. When I am frightened, help me to remember that you are with me. Amen.

Answers: Ethan's friend is Jesus. The five differences are spots, colour of face, crest, tail and beak.