



WELCOME



TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 28th June Trinity 3

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Sunday 28th June Trinity 3

Lord Elton is giving this week's sermon.

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

Available from 9am on Sunday 28th June.

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

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10:30am Bible Study Course. Live via Zoom. See page 2 for more information.

11 - noon Private prayer in Ashbury Church.

2:00pm ASK Holy Communion.

Live on [Facebook](#).

5 - 6:00pm Private prayer in Longcot Church.

6 - 7:30pm Private prayer in Watchfield Church.

Thursday

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

Sunday 5th July Trinity 4

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

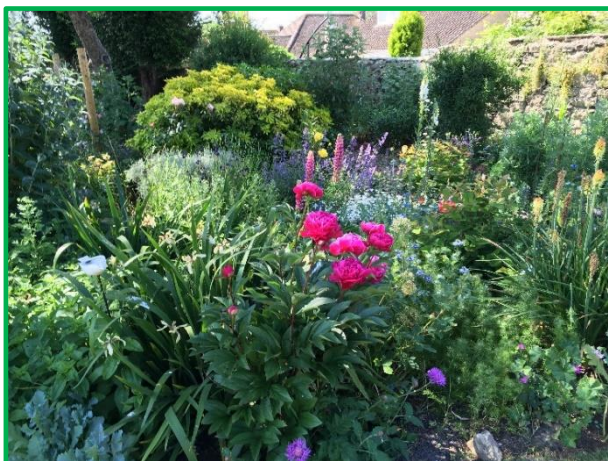
10:00am Holy Communion. Ashbury, St Mary.

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

Shrivenham Open Gardens

Sunday 5th July from 2 - 5pm



Eleven 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

Latest News on Re-opening our Churches

It is funny how change creeps up on you.

We've been trying to put together a plan for re-opening the churches and it seemed more difficult than it ought to be. Then I realized: over the past 12 weeks, the Benefice has grown from seven churches into a group of eight, because we now have an online congregation as well. This is a joy, but it's also a challenge.

We need to keep what was best about services - all the things we've missed during lockdown - but also incorporate what we've gained. So we will move forward by baby steps. And we probably won't get it right first time, so please bear with us.

From 5th July there will be three services each Sunday: 9am morning prayer in one church (starting with Watchfield), 10am Holy Communion in another (starting with Ashbury) and what is now our normal 11am online service. As Shrivenham and Fernham are currently not open for public worship, it will take five weeks to have a service of each type in every church.

Do keep an eye on the website or Facebook to know what is happening where, or just ask me, Lucy or your churchwarden.

Our priority is to keep you safe in church so we will put in place all the hygiene and social distancing measures you would expect. This does limit capacity so, again, please bear with us. Also the churches will be closed for 72 hours between services to minimize the chance of infection. The churches in Ashbury, Longcot and Watchfield will normally be open for private prayer on a Wednesday, and Compton Beauchamp on a Sunday.

Please check for local opening times.

The churchwardens and I will review the rotas at the end of July when we've had a chance to see how things are working and what changes (if any) have been made to church and government guidance.

Please let me know what you think, too.

My email is at the top of the weekly sheet.

No organisation is going straight back to the way things were pre-lockdown, and the church is no different, but what has not changed is our commitment to you and to providing public worship and pastoral care to the best of our ability. However you choose to join us, we look forward to seeing you.

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

Revd Fergusson will be off duty from Monday 29th June until Saturday 4th July. For pastoral emergencies please call 07799 545035

For all other church enquiries, please contact a churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator (shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com)

Churches Open for Private Prayer



Ashbury Church, ready for worship and private prayer.

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

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

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.

Bible Study Course - Taster Session

Wednesday 1st July 10:30am – noon.
Live via Zoom.

Over the coming weeks, we will be studying Paul's Letter to the Philippians, using material by Tom Wright (former Bishop of Durham).

Contact David Ahern for details of how to take part.
01793 783521 thestable@protonmail.com

If you would like to make a text donation to support your local church, please use the numbers below.

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**

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.



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This prayer from the Rev'd Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference, seems particularly appropriate as we resume services in our churches.

God of all hope we call on you today.

We pray for those who are living in fear:

Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them.

May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty. For those people who are worried about attending worship.

For those needing to make decisions in order to care for others

For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend.

Grant us your wisdom.

Holy God, we remember that you have promised that Nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ.

Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you.

Amen

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.

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in The Malthouses.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son
into our hearts whereby we call
you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our
freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be
brought to the glorious liberty of
the children of God;
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

Jeremiah 28:5-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

PSALM Psalm 89:1-4. 15-18

R *Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.*

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will
proclaim your faithfulness.
For I am persuaded that your love
is established for ever;

you have set your faithfulness firmly
in the heavens. **R**

"I have made a covenant with my
chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my
servant:

"I will establish your line for ever,
and preserve your throne for all
generations." **R**

Happy are the people who know
the festal shout!

they walk, O Lord, in the light of
your presence.

They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your

righteousness. **R**

For you are the glory of their
strength,
and by your favour our might is
exalted.

Truly, the Lord is our ruler;
the Holy One of Israel is our king. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have

become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

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

Jesus said to the twelve:

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

POST COMMUNION

O God, whose beauty is beyond
our imagining
and whose power we cannot
comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can
grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more
than we can bear
until we may look upon you without
fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



Sunday 28 June 2020
 Matthew 16:13-19
 Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

Jesus asks his disciples who they think he is. Simon says that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus is pleased and says that Simon will now be called Peter. Simon Peter is the rock on which God will build the Church.

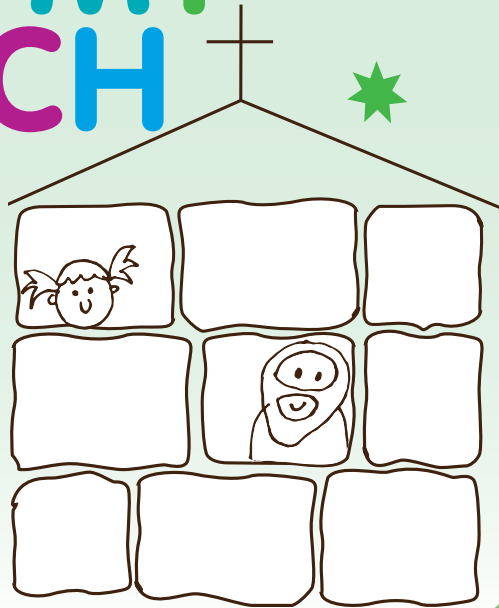
BUILD MY CHURCH

Living stones

Jesus chose Simon Peter to build his Church.

We are all the Church, we are the living stones that make up the Church.

We build the Church when we share God's love. Draw yourself in one brick and your friends and family in the others!



Sentence

Beginning with the coloured square, follow the letters from square to square to find a sentence about Jesus.

J	A	I	S	S
E	H	F	G	E
S	S	O	O	M
U	O	N	D	E
S	I	S	T	H

The rock

Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter, which means "rock".



Write the words in the rock that describe it best.

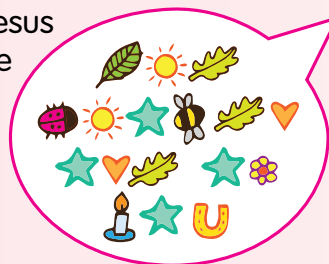
Why do you think Jesus named Simon, "the rock"?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for choosing Simon Peter to build your Church. Simon Peter wasn't perfect, but you trusted him to share your love. Thank you for trusting me to share your love too. Help me to trust you. Amen.

Messiah?

Simon said that Jesus was the Christ, the Greek word for the Messiah, but what does that mean? Break the code to find out the meaning.



- c = ladybug
- d = U
- e = leaf
- f = flower
- g = candle
- h = sun
- n = heart
- o = star
- s = bee
- t = leaf