



WELCOME



TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 23rd August Trinity 11

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Sunday 23rd August Trinity 11

The Rt Revd Dr Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham, is giving this week's sermon.

Watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

Available from 9am on Sunday 23rd August.

Face coverings are now mandatory in churches. Please read the updated information opposite.

9:00am Watchfield, St Thomas
Morning Prayer (BCP)

10:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Holy Communion (BCP)

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10 - 11:00am Private prayer in Ashbury Church.

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 30th August Trinity 12

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

9:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer

10:00am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion

11.00am Joint Holy Communion Service with
Shrivenham Methodist Church.
Live on [Facebook](#).

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

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in College Farm Lane.

Rev'd Fergusson is off duty this week.

For pastoral emergencies

please call 01793 783519

For all other church enquiries

please contact a churchwarden or

the Benefice Administrator 01793 783519

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Our condolences

to the family and friends of the late Stan Mellor who died recently. The funeral has taken place.

Face Coverings are Mandatory in Churches

Face coverings are now mandatory in churches.

There is an exemption for those who are officiating at services and presiding at Holy Communion, and those who assist them (for instance by reading, preaching, or leading prayers) who do not always need to wear a face covering, although one should be worn if physical distancing cannot be maintained (such as at the distribution of Holy Communion).

In line with government advice, children under 11 and people with disabilities or certain health conditions are also exempt from wearing face coverings.

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

Commemorating VJ Day at Longcot



Dear God,

our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven.

Amen

Church Services by Telephone

Daily Hope 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

Dial 01865 920930 to hear the latest service (press 0= short service, 1= full service).

Normal call rates apply.

Leading Worship Online

The telephone was ringing.

I picked up the receiver – “Hello”

“Hello Jane, this is Norma. I have something to ask you. As you are aware, Richard and I have been leading an online morning prayer service twice a week during this Covid-19 pandemic. We are hoping to expand it to include members of the prayer team.

Would you be interested?”

As I had been privileged to lead morning prayer at Compton Beauchamp several times, I reasoned talking to a screen should not be any more difficult than that.

I am also on the intercession and reading team in church so had practice in delivering the scripture.

After a short pause, I agreed to do it.

Norma would send me the readings and the order of service and Lucy would help set up the online “link”.

Broadcast day arrived. We had a few minutes of panic when we could not get the connection up and running, but Lucy guided us through, and our first offerings were transmitted. We have done several more services since then including evensong last Sunday.

Attracting people to join our congregation in church has been a source of concern for some time.

Pre-Covid-19, a suggestion was made that we should possibly “go online” to try and include, as well as the housebound, those who are interested in the church and God but feel unsure about actually entering a church building. For various reasons it was put on the back burner. But God moves in mysterious ways and the pandemic has offered us the opportunity to reach out not only to “regulars” but to those dipping their toes in the water, by using modern technology. For me/us, it was a no brainer, to use a modern phrase.

We would encourage any of you reading this to think about joining the group. Yes, the first time was a bit scary, but the spiritual rewards are fantastic. You do not have to be on any church list or have done it before. Just get in touch with Lucy, the Benefice Administrator, who will be happy to talk it through.

Jane & Frank Venables, St Andrew's Shrivenham.

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**



Robbery in the village!!

A treasure trail around Shrivenham

Clues and Map - £5

from Shrivenham Post Office

Solve it by the 30th September

First prize of £20

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project

St Andrew's Church & The Barrington Vault (Crypt)

Some of you may have heard that whilst undertaking the work to lay the new waste pipe for the kitchen and toilets the builders encountered an obstruction near the

North West corner of the church, just outside of the railings! As trying to go round what was a huge slab of stone would cause problems the decision was made to break through the stone.

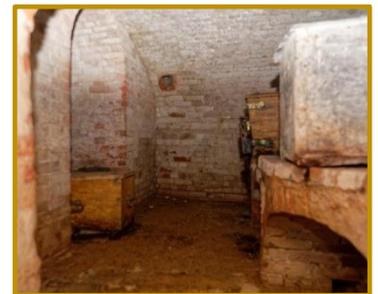


This revealed a void with a set of steps going down from the churchyard to a brick wall. The digging had dislodged part of this wall and it was possible for the first time in well over 100 years to enter the family burial vault of the Barrington family. We could not let this

opportunity pass without recording everything within it.

Margaret Andrews was alerted and agreed to examine the vault and produce an illustrated record.

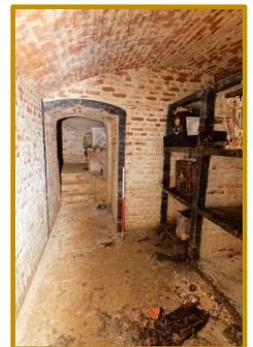
This was done with minimal disturbance and nothing inside the vault was moved.



The burial vault

consists of two brick built vaulted chambers. The first chamber lies directly under the porch and was accessed via a stairway down from inside the church and then a short corridor and is likely to be early 18th century. This chamber houses eight coffins.

The second chamber was constructed in the 19th century, with the churchyard steps possibly added at a later date due to access problems from the nave. There are four coffins in this chamber and spaces for a further fourteen. The interior of the church was remodelled in 1887 and it is probable the vault was completely closed as part of that work.



There are links to Margaret's report, photographs and video on the Shrivenham Heritage Society website.

www.shrivenhamheritagesociety.co.uk

Churches Open for Private Prayer

Our churches in Ashbury, Compton Beauchamp, Longcot and Watchfield are now open once a week for private prayer. See the services box for details. Shrivenham church is closed until late September while building work is undertaken. Fernham church is closed to allow Annabelle's pre-school exclusive access.



Sunday 23 August 2020
Matthew 16:13-20
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

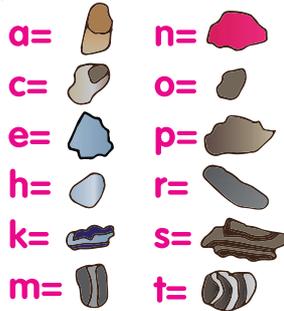
My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus asks his friends who they think he is. Peter says: you are the Son of God. Jesus replies by telling Peter that he has been chosen to help build Jesus' Church on earth and that he will give him the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

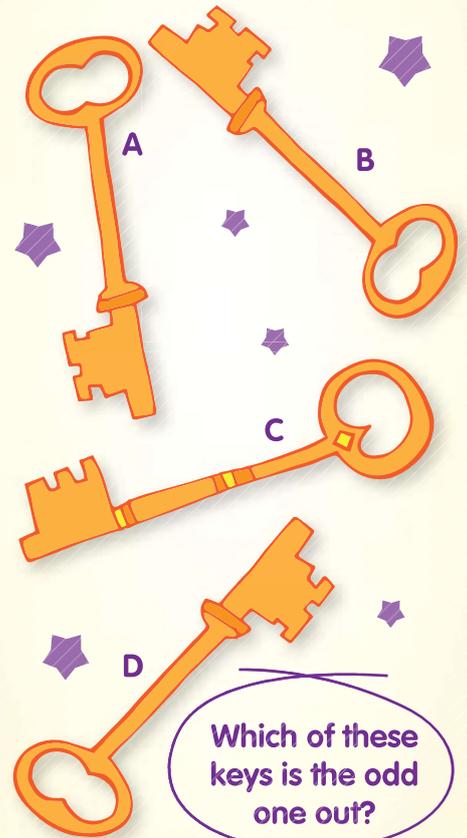
YOU ARE A ROCK!

Coded message



Odd one out

Jesus gives Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven. The keys are a sign that Peter is in charge.



We are the Church!

We are all part of Jesus' Church. Fill in the faces of your Church family.

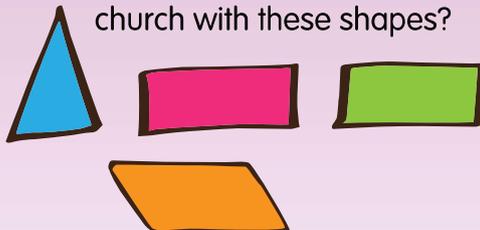
Turn these faces into you, your family and friends by adding colour, freckles, glasses and smiles!



Build a church!

We are building God's Church when we share love with the people we meet. I will build God's Church today when I...

How would you build a church with these shapes?



Use these shapes to draw a church building. Draw a picture inside the church you have drawn to show how you will share God's love today.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for my Church family. I will keep building your Church on earth. Amen

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Isaiah 51:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

PSALM Psalm 138

R O Lord, your love endures for ever; [do not abandon the works of your hands].

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; For you have glorified your name and your word above all things. **R**

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth. They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar. **R**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are

one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.