



WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 30th August Trinity 12

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Sunday 30th August Trinity 12

Revd Rachael Wilson is giving this week's sermon.

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

Available from 9am on Sunday 30th August.

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

- 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](#).

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10 - 11:00am 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](#).

Saturday

10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service

Sunday 6th September Trinity 13

9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Morning Prayer (BCP)

10:00am Watchfield, St Thomas
Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Family Service with Standfast.
Watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

11:00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).

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

Face Coverings are 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.

Longcot Village Green Concerts

Sunday 6th September



The Clarinet Collective will be giving a short concert on Longcot Village Green, at 2pm and again at 4pm.

Bring your own rugs, chairs and refreshments and come and enjoy some socially distanced live clarinet quartet music on the green! The programme will include all kinds of music from Mozart and Handel to Scott Joplin and George Gershwin.

Each concert will last approximately 50 minutes and will be played without an interval.

FREE ADMISSION with a collection in aid of the Longcot Village Trust fund to build a community space in St Mary's Church, Longcot.

In line with current government requirements places are limited and must be booked in advance. To make your reservation for either concert please email victorialmedcalf@gmail.com.

**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
(shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com)

Thank you

Richard and I would like to say thank you for the cards, letters and offers of practical help since my father died. Your kindness really has helped to make a difficult time easier to bear. Blessings, Norma

Benefice voices: lamentation and laughter



I hope you've been enjoying the reflections from 'Live the Word' that we've posted on Facebook over the past couple of weeks? They've certainly given me something to think about and I've enjoyed rediscovering the older hymns.

This past week featured the psalms and the book of Lamentations. For me, both these books are important reminders that you can say anything to God. You don't have to be on your best behaviour or use carefully crafted poetry or prose. You can just say what's in your heart. During lockdown, I found I was writing a lot more as a way of keeping in touch with the people I couldn't talk to in person and I've been wondering whether that's true for others – and from that I wondered whether we might bring our writing (or painting or photography or whatever) together as a record of what life was like in lockdown, before the memories have faded. I came up with the title 'Benefice voices: lamentation and laughter' because there were times of laughter as well as the moments of sadness or frustration. If you'd like to be part of this, please email me your thoughts and ideas, or drop a note through the Vicarage letter box in Shrivenham if that's easier or you'd prefer to remain anonymous.

It will be exciting to see what we come up with.
Norma

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.



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

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.

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Ashdown Estate.

RISE + STRIDES for Churches

12 SEPT.
2020

Over 500 churches and chapels in Oxfordshire will be open.



Help preserve the history on your doorstep by raising funds for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

All funds raised go to OHCT and 50% can be passed on to a church or chapel of your choice

join us

StRiders are sponsored for the number of churches they visit on the day. Half of the sponsorship is held by the OHCT and used as grants for renovations and repairs of Oxfordshire churches (most of our Benefice churches have been beneficiaries). The other half of the sponsorship money for the StRide goes straight back to the churches nominated by the participants.

All our churches except Fernham will be welcoming StRiders; please contact your village coordinator if you can help or intend to StRide yourself and would like a sponsor form. The Shrivenham and Longcot bell ringers will be cycling and walking round a few local churches if you would like to join in or sponsor them.

Contact Tony Crabtree (Deanery Coordinator) for more information.

tony.crabtree@talktalk.net 01793 784064

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**

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear
than we to pray
and to give more than either we
desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance
of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which
our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and
mediation
of 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 15:15-21

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

PSALM Psalm 26:1-8

R *Your love is before my eyes;
[I have walked faithfully with you].*

Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have
not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind. **R**

For your love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.
I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of
evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked. **R**

I will wash my hands in innocence,
O Lord,

that I may go in procession round
your altar,
Singing aloud a song of
thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful
deeds.

Lord, I love the house in which you
dwell
and the place where your glory
abides. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge

yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

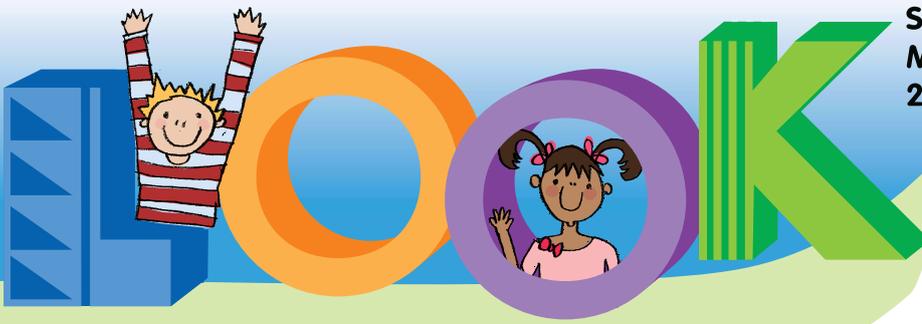
GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-28

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside
our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole
in Christ
may bring that healing to this
broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



My name is _____

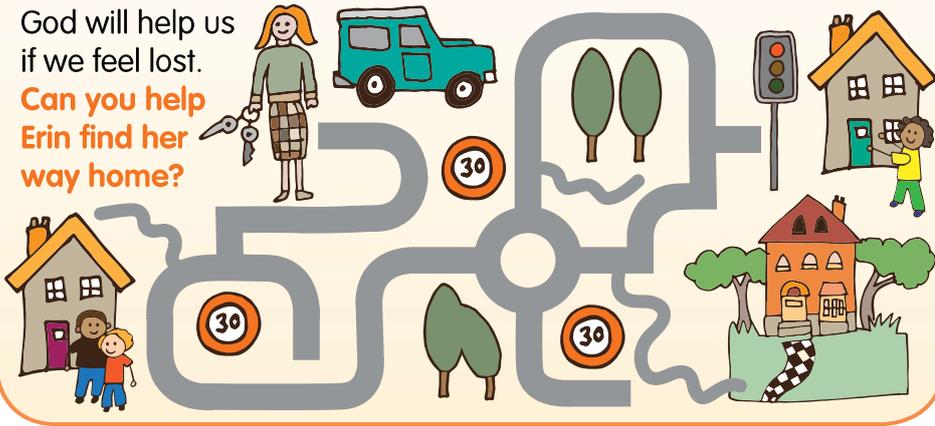
IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus tells his friends he is going to die before rising again. Jesus says that he must follow God's plan. Doing what God asks is not always easy, but it will make us happy in the end!

GOD'S PLAN

God will help us if we feel lost.

Can you help Erin find her way home?



Whose house?

Charlotte's house has more than two windows and is not the widest. The doctor's house has fewer than three windows and the front door is in the middle of the house. The teacher's house has one more window than the doctor's and two more windows than Jonah's.



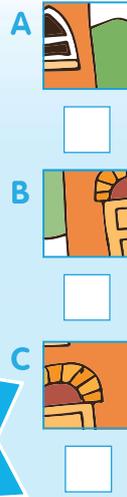
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Charlotte, Jonah, a doctor and a teacher all need to find their way home.
 Who lives in which house?

Happy to be home

Erin is very happy to have found her home.

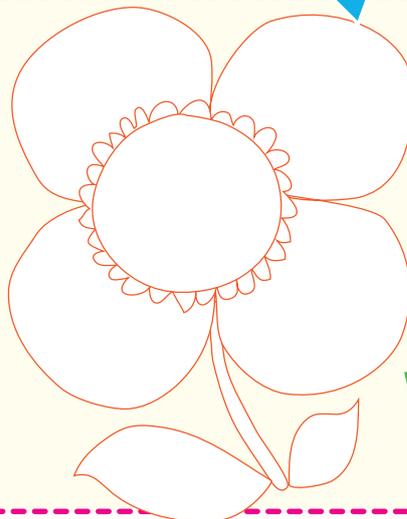


Find the missing piece and finish the picture.

Jesus gives us life

Following Jesus isn't easy, but it will bring us life and make us happy.

How can we be like Jesus today?



Write or draw your ideas in the petals

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you know me completely. Help me to follow you and keep going the right way so that I can be happy with you. Amen.