



# WELCOME

## TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 16th August Trinity 10

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### Saturday 15th August Commemorating VJ Day

Even in these uncertain times, VJ Day will be marked by commemorations at the National Memorial Arboretum and by special programmes at 9.30am and 8.30pm on the BBC.

Within the Benefice, we will be holding short acts of remembrance at the war

memorials in Ashbury, Longcot and Shrivenham, starting with two minutes silence at 11am.

You will be most welcome to join us (suitably socially distanced of course!) or just stand in your gardens and listen to the bells marking 75 years since the end of the second World War.

### 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.**

### Saturday 15th August VJ Day

11:00am Acts of Remembrance at Shrivenham, Longcot & Ashbury War Memorials.

### Sunday 16th August Trinity 10

Rev'd Robin Cardwell is giving this week's sermon.

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

Available from 9am on Sunday 16th August.

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**Please read the updated information opposite.**

9 - 10:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun.  
Church open for private prayer.  
10:00am Bourton, St James  
Holy Communion  
11.00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).  
5:30pm Evensong (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#).

### Monday

7:00pm Bereavement Café. Live via Zoom.

### 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 23rd August Trinity 11

9:00am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Morning Prayer (BCP).  
10:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
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](http://www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

### Bereavement Café



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Monday 17th August from 7 – 8pm. Live via Zoom.

An informal online get-together for anyone who has been bereaved at any time, hosted by Rose-Anne.

Open to all, regardless of faith or beliefs.

Free of charge.

If you would like to 'drop in' please contact Rose-Anne and she will send details of how to take part.

Rose-Anne O'Hare

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**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](mailto:shrivenham.ashbury.benefice@outlook.com))

### Our condolences

to Rev'd Norma Fergusson, whose father Jim died this week. Please hold Norma, Richard and the family in your prayers.

### VJ Day - How Radar Helped Win the War in Burma



Shrivenham resident Brian Foster was an RAF Radar Mechanic stationed in Burma during the run-up to VJ Day. He serviced the Rebecca/Eureka radar equipment, both on the planes and on the ground, that enabled the RAF to supply troops behind enemy lines under cover of darkness.

### Rebecca/Eureka

In an early phase of the war it had been realised that dropping supplies to the French Resistance was somewhat haphazard. If the drop was made in daylight, the Germans were as likely as the French to obtain the goods and in any case would know the location of the Resistance. If it was made in darkness there was a good chance that no-one would find it. So was developed "my" radar, the Rebecca/Eureka system: a ground transmitter sending signals which could be received on a small tv screen by the supplying aircraft which could then "home in" on the signal and drop the supplies with great accuracy.

Obviously, this was of enormous significance in the Burma campaign: the whole concept there was of infiltrating behind the enemy lines, setting up strong positions which had to be supplied by air, and then launching frontal attacks on the Japanese, at the same time attacking from the rear.

Brian Foster



### 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



### 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



**Alpha Online** - ask the big questions of life and explore the Christian faith.

Each session starts with a short video talk looking at different questions around faith, followed by discussion in small groups.

### Interested?

The next course starts on 5th October, put the date in your diary!

Alpha Online will be held via Zoom on Monday evenings (8 - 9:30pm) from 5th October to 7th December.

More information from Jane Ahern  
01793 783521 [thestable@protonmail.com](mailto:thestable@protonmail.com)

A joint venture with Shrivenham Methodist Church

### 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.

### Churches Open for Private Prayer

Our churches in Compton Beauchamp, Longcot and Watchfield are now open once a week for private prayer. See the services box for details. Ashbury church will be open Wednesday 19th and 26th August from 10 - 11am. Shrivenham church will be closed until late September while building work is undertaken. Fernham church is also closed at present to allow Annabelle's pre-school exclusive access.

### Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

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

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your  
humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their  
petitions  
make them to ask such things as  
shall please you;  
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 56:1. 6-8**

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

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

## PSALM Psalm 67

**R** *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.  
Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations. **R**

[Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.]  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth. **R**

[Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.]  
The earth has brought forth her increase;  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.  
May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **R**

## SECOND READING

**Romans 11:1-2a. 29-32**

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

**GOSPEL** (Short or long reading)

**Matthew 15:[10-20]. 21-28**

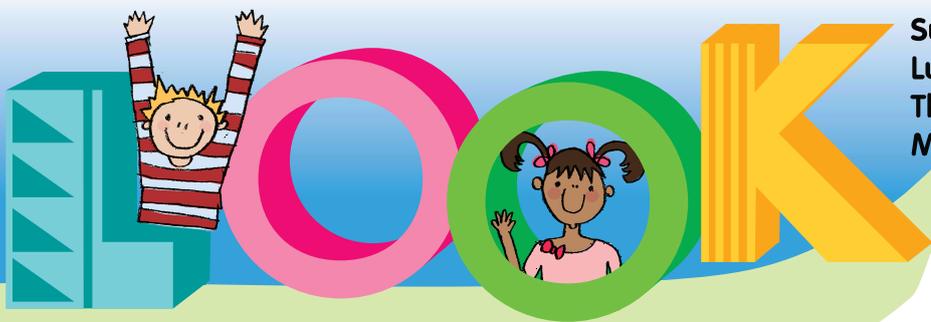
*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

[Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And

if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." ] Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

## POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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Luke 1:39-56

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

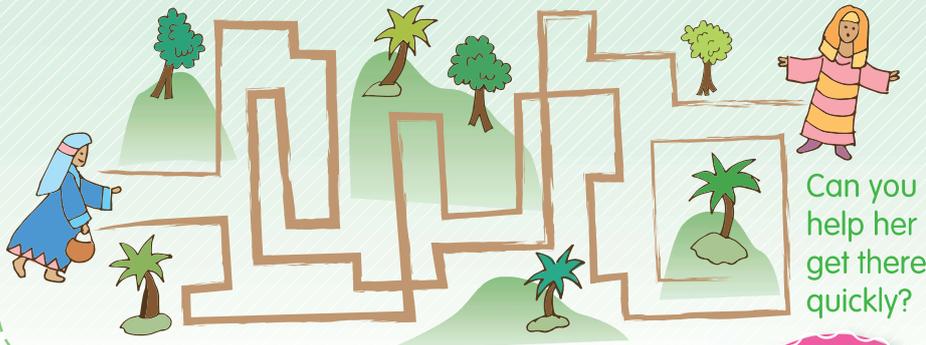
IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

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

When the angel Gabriel tells Mary that she is going to have a baby and that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant too, Mary rushes to see Elizabeth. When Mary greets Elizabeth, Elizabeth's baby jumps for joy! Elizabeth is so happy to hear Mary's news she praises God and tells Mary that she is the most blessed of all women. Mary praises God too. God's promise to send a saviour is coming true!

# JUMP FOR JOY!

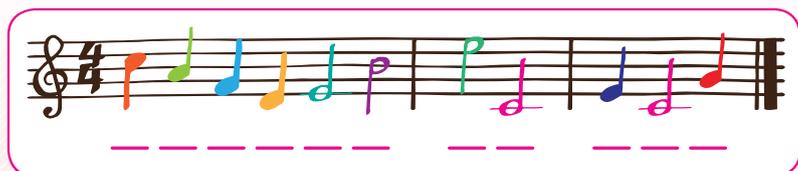
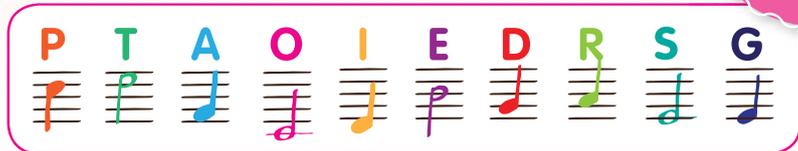
Mary is rushing to her cousin Elizabeth.



## Mary's song

Discover Mary's message by breaking the music code. Place the correct letter under each note.

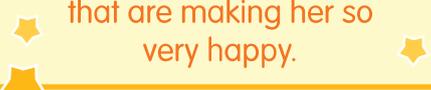
Mary sang a song of joy and praise to God.



## Jump for joy!

Felicity is jumping for joy.

Circle all the things you think that are making her so very happy.



## Happy words for a happy story!

Find the following words:

- JOY
- HAPPY
- GLAD
- BLESSED
- WONDER
- GOOD
- HOLY
- REJOICE
- MERCY
- SONG

B	L	E	S	S	E	D
H	S	C	P	H	W	Q
A	O	I	G	O	O	D
P	N	O	R	L	N	A
P	G	J	O	Y	D	L
Y	Z	E	B	M	E	G
M	E	R	C	Y	R	X

Draw yourself jumping for joy too!



## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, I love you and, like Mary, I am so happy that you came to us. Be with me today and always. Amen.

Answers: Mary's song: Praise to God