



WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 6th September Trinity 13

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Saturday 5th September

10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service

Watch this week's sermon on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).
Available from 9am on Sunday 6th September.

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

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

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

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

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#).
6:30pm Shrivenham, Watchfield, Bourton PCC

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](#).

Saturday

10:00am Bible story & craft activity for children.
Watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

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

9:00am Longcot, St Mary
Morning Prayer

10:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion

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

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work
in High Street.

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

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.



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.

Longcot Village Green Concerts

Sunday 6th September



The Clarinet Collective concerts in aid of the Longcot Village Trust fund to build a community space in St Mary's Church, Longcot are now fully booked. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation please contact Keith Reid.

keith.e.reid@btinternet.com.

Reflections on the Christian Value of Generosity



Under the mango trees in Kemu, 2014

Last week, our children went back to school, some of them for the first time in six months.

Each short term, we look with them at a different Christian Value; this term, reflecting God's gifts in the season of Harvest, we shall explore Generosity. For each value there is a poster, with some quotes and questions for the children to think about.

There are two quotes for Generosity which I can't get out of my mind. First this from Mother Theresa: *'If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.'* It is not the grand gesture of the rich or the rich nation that will reshape and renew the earth, but the simple acts of kindness which we each bestow on those around us who are in need.

And then a Greek proverb:

'A community flourishes when people plant trees under which they will never sit.'

It reminds me of a time sitting under the mango trees in the village of Kemu in South Sudan before church on Sunday morning. The trees had survived one civil war which destroyed the rest of the village, and I pray now they may survive another. And that one day people will again sit at peace under them, before going to worship God, and thank him for his generosity with a joy which exceeds our imagination.

'...as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything' (2 Cor 6:10)

As we continue to respond to the Covid pandemic, and as we contemplate the world we want to live in when it is eventually over, keep these thoughts in your minds, and in your hopes and prayers.

Richard Fergusson

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.



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
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or Gill & Paul Sharpe
07803 184306 gillnpaul.sharpe@btinternet.com

A joint venture with Shrivenham Methodist Church

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.

Except for Fernham, which is currently closed to everyone except the pre-school in order to safeguard the staff and children, all our churches 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



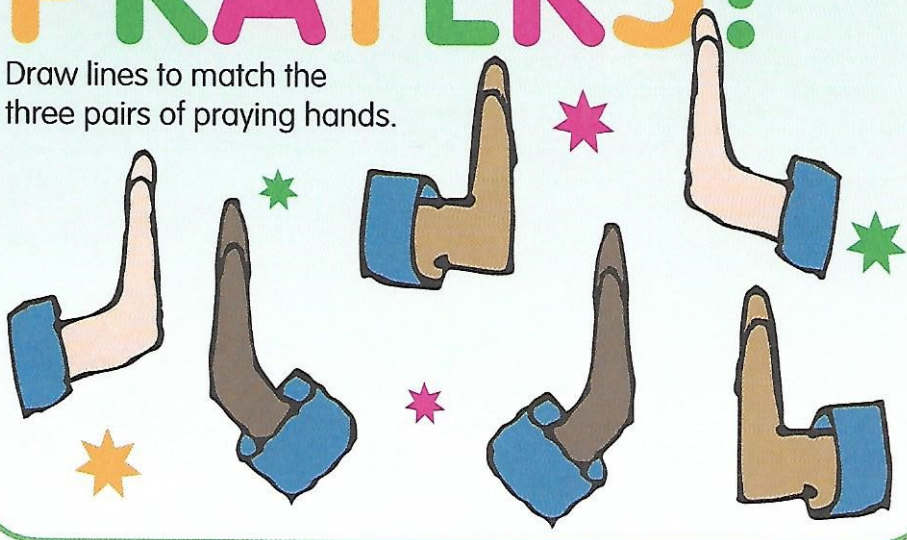
Sunday 6 September 2020
 Matthew 18:15-20
 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

SAY YOUR PRAYERS!

Draw lines to match the three pairs of praying hands.



Jesus' message

What does Jesus say about getting together to pray?
 Cross out all the letters **x** and **z** to find out.

Wxhzexrxe ztxwzxo
 oxzr xtzhxrzeze
 zxaxrze zgxazthxerzexd
 ixnz mzyx xnzaxmze,
 zxl azm txhzexrze.



Use your hand to pray

Draw round your hand on the back of this sheet and then draw or write down all the people you are going to keep in your prayers.

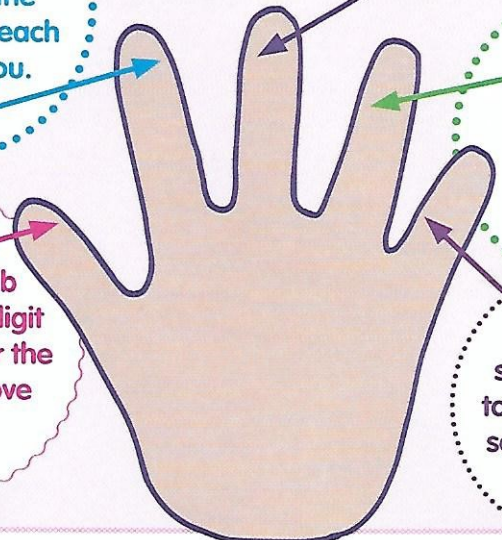
2. With your pointing finger, remember the people who teach and help you.

3. Use your tallest finger to remember the people who are in charge of looking after the country.

4. Your ring finger is the weakest! Pray for anyone who is sick or has problems.

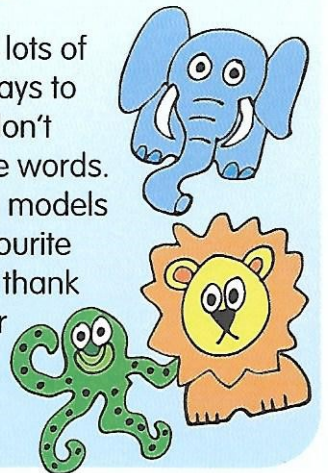
1. Your thumb is the closest digit to you. Pray for the people you love the most.

5. Use your smallest finger to remind you to say a prayer for yourself!



A PRAYER TO SAY

There are lots of different ways to pray. You don't have to use words. Try making models of your favourite animals to thank God for our wonderful world.



COLLECT

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear
witness
that you were in Christ reconciling
the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news
of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn
to you;
through him who was lifted up on
the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

PSALM Psalm 119:33-40

R Give me understanding and
I shall keep your law.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,

and I shall keep it to the end.
Give me understanding and
I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with all my heart. **R**

Make me go in the path of your
commandments,
for that is my desire.
Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain. **R**

Turn my eyes from watching what
is worthless;
give me life in your ways.
Fulfil your promise to your servant,
which you make to those who fear
you. **R**

Turn away the reproach which
I dread,
because your judgements are good.
Behold, I long for your
commandments;
in your righteousness preserve my
life. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and

make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples. "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

POST COMMUNION

God our creator,
you feed your children with the
true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us
through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no
more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.