



WELCOME

TO THE SHRIVENHAM AND ASHBURY BENEFICE

“Mirroring the hospitality of God”

Sunday 1st November All Saints' Day

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**Face coverings are mandatory in churches.
Please do not come into church if you think you
may have symptoms of Covid 19.**

Sunday 1st November All Saints' Day

9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Morning Prayer
10:00am Watchfield, St Thomas
Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Family Service
10:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion
11:00am Holy Communion. Live on [Facebook](#).
5:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
A Time of Reflection and
Remembrance. Details on page 2.

Richard Fergusson is giving this week's sermon.

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

Available from 9am on Sunday 1st November.

Monday Rev'd Fergusson off duty

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#).
7:30pm Ashbury, St Mary
Licensing of Associate Vicar

By invitation only - the service will be recorded.

Wednesday

9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer
10:30am Bible Study Course. Live via Zoom.
2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & recorded
ASK Holy Communion

Thursday

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

Saturday

10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service

Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)

Acts of Remembrance

9:30am Watchfield War Memorial
10:40am Ashbury War Memorial
11:00am Shrivenham War Memorial
Also live on [Facebook](#).
11:00am Compton Beauchamp War Memorial
11:30am Longcot War Memorial
12:00pm Bourton War Memorial
3:00pm Fernham Memorial Garden

All links, orders of services and readings
are posted on the services page of our website

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The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Every year on Remembrance Sunday the Royal British Legion calls on the nation to unite in remembering those members of the armed forces who gave their lives during two world wars and subsequent conflicts.



Hostilities in WW1 officially ceased at 11am on 11th November 1918 - in other words the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The first time the 2 minutes silence was observed was in 1919 - the very first Armistice Day (what we now refer to as Remembrance Day following WW2). An Australian journalist proposed a "respectful silence" to remember those who had given their lives in the First World War. This was brought to the attention of King George V who proclaimed "All locomotion should cease, so that, in perfect stillness, the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated in reverent remembrance of the glorious dead." The 2 minutes silence held every Remembrance Sunday to respect those who gave their lives begins at 11am for this reason.

Armistice Day is always on November 11th and Remembrance Sunday is always held on the second Sunday in November.

The first Poppy Appeal was in 1921 and raised £100,000. This was a vast sum at the time and was used to help the war veterans who desperately needed it. That help has been ongoing ever since.

The reason poppies became the symbol of Remembrance is because they were the only flowers which grew on the churned-up battlefields of the Western Front. The poppy remains a symbol of Remembrance and hope. When you wear a poppy in memory of those who fell you are also supporting the work of the Royal British Legion.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, this year's Poppy appeal will be very different from previous years.

Collectors are unable to carry out door to door collecting and fund-raising events are limited. Church services and wreath laying at war memorials are not able to take place in quite the usual way, but there will be Acts of Remembrance at all the Benefice War Memorials on Sunday 8th November.

As always, **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

Kate Curson

The Silent Soldier



Many thanks to John Lloyd and Pete Nicholson for installing 'Tommy' in St Andrew's churchyard.

Churches Open for Private Prayer

Our churches will be open once a week for private prayer as follows:

- Ashbury 10am – 4pm on Thursday
 - Bourton 10am – 4pm on Saturday or Sunday when there is a service
 - Compton Beauchamp 9am – 5pm on Sunday
 - Longcot 10am – 4pm on Wednesday
 - Shrivenham 9am – 5pm on Sunday
 - Watchfield 10am – 4pm on Wednesday
- Fernham church remains closed to allow Annabelle's pre-school exclusive access during term time.

New Date for Longcot & Fernham APCM

Wednesday 18th November 7pm

The meeting will be held in church if permitted by regulations in place at the time, otherwise via Zoom

There are vacancies on the PCC.

If you would like to become a member of your PCC, please contact Richard Fergusson or Dennis Blease.

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Station Road.

A Time of Reflection and Remembrance

Sunday 1st November

St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

St Andrew's Church will be open between 2pm and 6pm for anyone who wishes to come, be still and light a votive candle.

There will then be a short service at 5pm which will also include the opportunity to light a candle.

Everyone is welcome but, to ensure that we can seat everyone and maintain social distancing, please let the Benefice Administrator know by 31st October if you wish to attend the service at 5pm.

If you are unable to attend the service but would like to have a candle lit on your behalf, please let us know. The candles will be used as our votive candles in the Lady Chapel in the weeks after All Souls.

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Operation Christmas Child



If you would like to contribute a shoebox of goodies for children in need across the world, please bring it along to the services at St. Mary's Ashbury on 1st and 15th November or leave it in the porch between those dates. You can also pick up a 'How to Pack Your Shoebox' leaflet from the porch or visit the Samaritan's Purse website for more information.

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/

Jam Jars Wanted

Yes - really 😊 But not for making jam or marmalade. Our Christingle and Crib Services will have to be outside this year, and we will be using tea lights in jam jars to mark out spaces for people to gather in the churchyards. Even at two metre distances, that's a lot of jam jars! If you do have any to spare, please bring them to the vicarage in Shrivenham.

Christmas Cards for Sale

Margaret Hern is getting a good selection of Christmas Christian charity cards on a sale or return basis from the Lighthouse Book Shop in Highworth. If you would like a socially distanced browse Margaret will put them out in her garage in Shrivenham.

Ring 01793 782100 to arrange a time to visit



My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

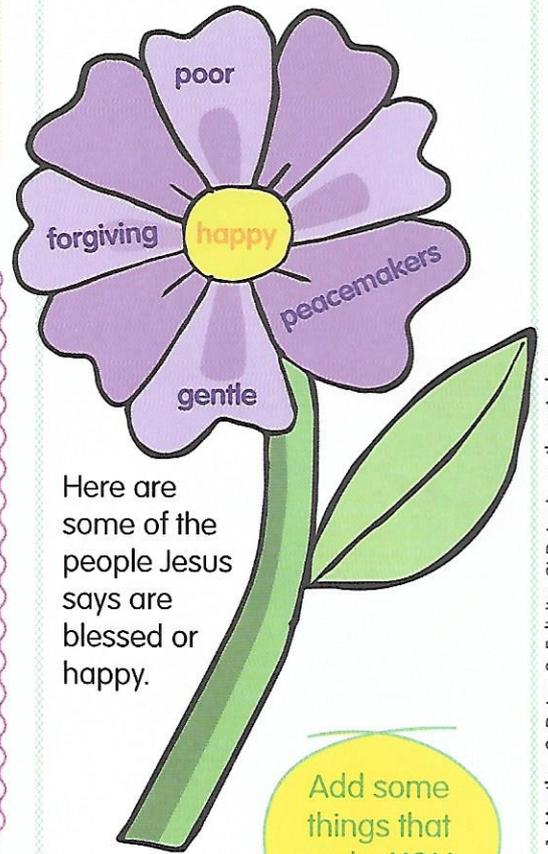
Jesus is teaching his listeners how to be happy. Jesus says that people who are poor, sad or humble are happy, because they know they need God. People who love others are very close to God.

BE HAPPY

Find happiness by following Jesus' path.



Our beautiful world



Here are some of the people Jesus says are blessed or happy.

Add some things that make YOU happy!

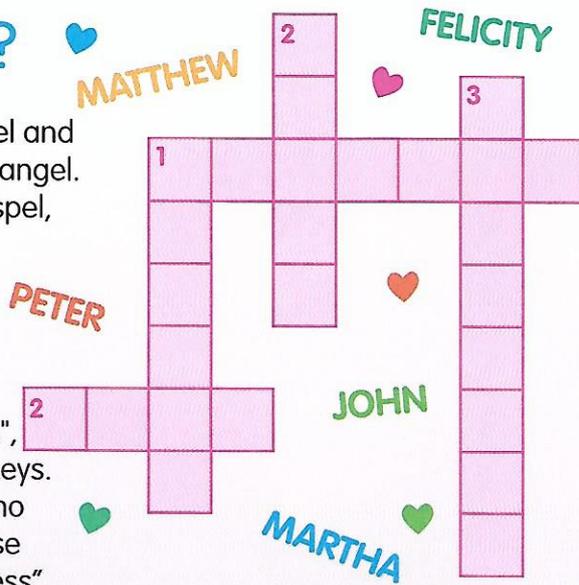
Which saint?

Across

1. He wrote today's Gospel and is often shown with an angel.
2. Writer of the fourth Gospel, often carrying a book.

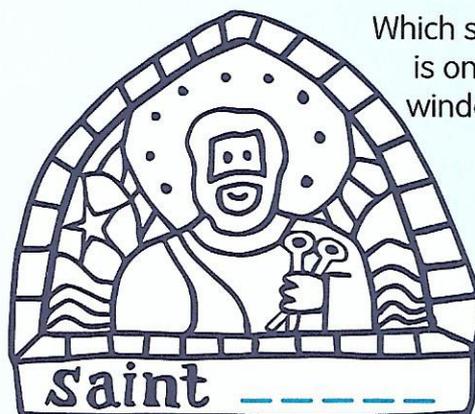
Down

1. She lived in Bethany with her sister Mary and brother Lazarus.
2. His name means "rock", often shown carrying keys.
3. An African Christian who died for her faith, whose name means "happiness".



All Saints

Today is All Saints' Day, when we remember the people whose lives made God happy. Saints are often shown with a halo – a glow or a circle around their heads to show they are holy. What colour will you make the halo?



Which saint is on the window?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, life with you is good! Please help me to share the happiness you give me with the people I see every day. Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
 you have knit together your elect
 in one communion and fellowship
 in the mystical body of your Son
 Christ our Lord:
 grant us grace so to follow your
 blessed saints
 in all virtuous and godly living
 that we may come to those
 inexpressible joys
 that you have prepared for those who
 truly love 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

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

PSALM Psalm 34:1-10

R *Those who trust in him will understand truth [and the faithful will abide with him in love].*

I will bless the Lord at all times;
 his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
 I will glory in the Lord;
 let the humble hear and rejoice.
 Proclaim with me the greatness of
 the Lord;
 let us exalt his name together. **R**

I sought the Lord and he answered me
 and delivered me out of all my terror.
 Look upon him and be radiant,
 and let not your faces be ashamed.
 I called in my affliction and the Lord
 heard me
 and saved me from all my troubles. **R**

The angel of the Lord
 encompasses those who fear him,
 and he will deliver them.
 Taste and see that the Lord is good;
 happy are they who trust in him! **R**

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,
 for those who fear him lack nothing.
 The young lions lack and suffer
 hunger,
 but those who seek the Lord
 lack nothing that is good. **R**

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of John.
 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved,

we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness
 and giver of all good things:
 may we who have shared at this table
 as strangers and pilgrims here
 on earth
 be welcomed with all your saints
 to the heavenly feast on the day of
 your kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.