



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 18th July Trinity 7



Face coverings are mandatory, and you should either scan the NHS test and trace QR code or use the sign-in sheets on entering. Hand sanitiser is available and remember to maintain social distancing.  
Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.

### Sunday 18th

Canon Paul Richardson is giving today's sermon  
Watch on Facebook or YouTube from 9:00am

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins (BCP)  
10:00am Bourton, St James  
Holy Communion by Extension  
10:30am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Holy Communion (BCP) with choir  
for Patronal Festival  
10:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion  
3:00pm Ashbury St Mary  
Sunday School Meeting

### Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)  
7:30pm Shrivenham, W & B PCC

### Wednesday

9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Morning Prayer  
2pm Leavers' Service, Longcot School

### Thursday

9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)  
9:30am School Leavers' Services at  
St Andrew's, and St Mary's Ashbury

### Saturday

2:00pm Bourton, St James  
Wedding Blessing

### Sunday 25th

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)  
Benefice Holy Communion (BCP)  
with choir  
11:30am Ashbury, St Mary  
Morning Prayer with Thanksgiving for  
the Gift of a Child

### Baby and Toddler Group

No baby and toddler group in St Andrew's this week.  
They are taking a break until after the school holidays  
and will restart on Thursday 9th September.

### Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

### Services after 19th July

At the time of writing (16th July) we have yet to receive updated guidance from the national church regarding the continued use of face coverings and social distancing in churches after 19th July. Our priority will continue to be to do whatever is necessary for visitors to feel safe and welcome at our services.  
Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for further details.

### Summer Picnic on Godparents' Sunday Postponed by 1 week to 25th July 2021



Celebrate past and upcoming Christenings.  
Bring all the family and godparents too!

3.30pm – 5.00pm in Shrivenham Vicarage Garden

Bring Your Own Picnic  
Refreshments & Ice Cream Available

**RSVP** Numbers may be limited due to Covid restrictions (but we hope these will end on 19th July) so please let us know you are coming.

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### Sunday School

We will be starting a Benefice Sunday School for primary school aged children in the Autumn.

We meet again on Sunday 18th July at 3pm at St Mary's Ashbury to pray for the Sunday School to have a look at the "Roots" Sunday School resources we hope to use. Please come along if you can.

### Our churches are open for private prayer at the following times:

Ashbury 10am – 4pm on Thursday  
Compton Beauchamp 9am – 5pm daily  
Shrivenham 9am – 5pm daily  
Watchfield 10am – 4pm on Wednesday



Messy Church will start at St Andrew's in Shrivenham on Thursday 30th September from 3:15 – 5pm so you can come straight from school.

**Messy Church is open to the whole Benefice.**

If you haven't come across the idea of Messy Church before, it's an opportunity (once a month) for young families to come together, have fun, enjoy making things, share a simple meal and also worship God.

The name is the perfect description because it is (usually) joyfully messy and (always) joyfully church.

If you've been before and enjoyed it then please come again – and bring a friend.

For more information contact Norma on 01793 784338.

### Longcot Village Green Concerts

Sunday 25th July

The Clarinet Collective will be giving a short concert on Longcot Village Green, at 2:30pm and 5pm.



Bring your own rugs, chairs and refreshments and come and enjoy some socially distanced live clarinet sextet music on the green! The programme will feature classics by Mozart, Beethoven and Gounod, and popular favourites including Runaway Rocking Horse and the Dambusters March.

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

FREE ADMISSION with a collection in aid of the renovation of St. Mary's tower roof, which is in urgent need of repair.

**Tickets must be booked in advance but, with the loosening of government restrictions on 19th July, more tickets are now available.**

To make your reservation for either concert please email [victorialmedcalf@gmail.com](mailto:victorialmedcalf@gmail.com).

### Congratulations



Congratulations to Alessandra Prentice and John Wendle who were married at St Mary's Ashbury on Sunday 11th July.

### Benefice Pilgrimage Sunday 15th August

We often talk about our "Christian journey" and for many this is purely figurative, but for others it is literally true as they walk to or between holy places, meeting God in new ways as they go.

We would like to recreate this ancient practice in the Benefice, starting with a walk from Bourton St James to Shrivenham St Andrew (and back for those who feel energetic!) on Sunday 15th August.

We will leave Bourton at 3pm, arriving at St Andrew's for a service, tea and cake, leaving again at about 5pm. Bourton Club have kindly allowed us to use their car park - and the bar will be open for refreshment when we get back.

Everyone is welcome to join us, even if only for the walk and tea!

For more details, please contact Richard Fergusson (01793 780057) or David Watson (01793 783405)

If you would like to make a text donation to support the work of the churches in our Benefice, please

Text **GIVEfive** to **70470** to donate **£5**  
Text **GIVEten** to **70470** to donate **£10**

Your standard text message rate applies.

**Thank you!**

## COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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 Jeremiah 23:1-6

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

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

## PSALM Psalm 23

**R** *The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways  
for his name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.  
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

## SECOND READING

### Ephesians 2:11-end

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

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of

God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

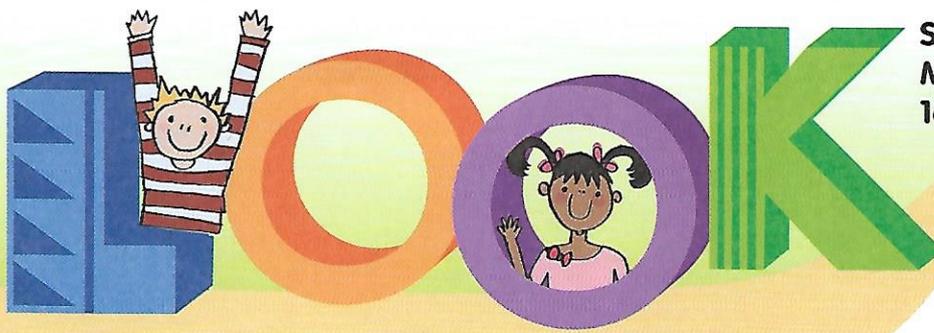
## GOSPEL Mark 6:30-34. 53-end

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

The apostles returned from their mission. They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

## POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine  
and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world  
may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory and be made  
perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now  
and for ever.



Sunday 18 July 2021

Mark 6:30-34

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

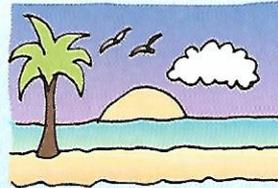
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## IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus realises that his friends have been working very hard spreading the Good News. He knows they need to rest and pray, so Jesus tells them they must all go to a quiet place for a while.

## BE STILL

Jesus and his friends rowed across the lake to find a quiet place to rest.

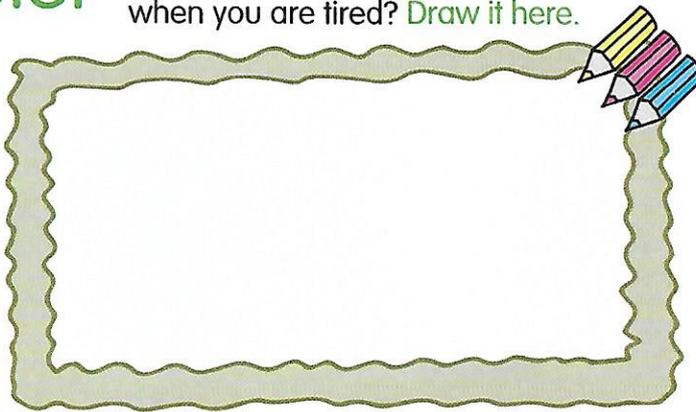


Which beach should they land on?

## My quiet place

Have you got a quiet place you can go to when you are tired? Draw it here.

or draw somewhere from your imagination that is peaceful.



## Which is the quietest?

Put these objects in order in order starting with the quietest.



## Wordsearch

Find these words about being quiet.

REST  
QUIET  
PRAY  
STILL  
LISTEN  
SILENCE

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## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Father in heaven, sometimes I am so busy that I forget to have some quiet time with you. Help me remember that you are always with me, just waiting for me to give you some time. Amen.