



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 4th July Trinity 5

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.

Saturday 3rd July

10:00am Bourton, St James
 Family Service

Sunday 4th

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is giving today's sermon.
 Watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) from 9:00am.

7:45am	Shrivenham, St Andrew Holy Communion (BCP)
9:00am	Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun Matins (BCP)
9:30am	Fernham, St John Morning Prayer
9:30am	Watchfield, St Thomas & Facebook . Holy Communion (BCP)
10:45am	Shrivenham, St Andrew. Family Service
11:00am	Ashbury, St Mary Morning Prayer
5:30pm	Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook . Compline and Benediction

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9:00am	Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook . Morning Prayer
2:00pm	Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook . ASK Holy Communion
6:00pm	Benefice Wardens' Meeting via Zoom
7:00pm	Ashbury PCC via Zoom

Thursday

9:00am	Matins. Live on Facebook .
9:00am	Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
10:00am	Ashbury, St Mary & Facebook . Holy Communion

Saturday

11:00am Compton Beauchamp PCC via Zoom

Sunday 11th

9:30am	Fernham, St John & Facebook . Holy Communion
9:30am	Watchfield, St Thomas Matins (BCP)
10:45am	Shrivenham, St Andrew. Holy Communion
11:00am	Ashbury, St Mary Holy Communion
12:30pm	Ashbury, St Mary Wedding

Shrivenham Open Gardens

Sunday 4th July from 2 – 5pm



Twelve gardens will be open.

Ticket & map £5 per person on sale at Shrivenham Post Office in advance and from the church on the day.

Accompanied children under 16 – free.

Tea and cakes in Medlar Cottage Garden.

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project.

NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day

Monday 5th July



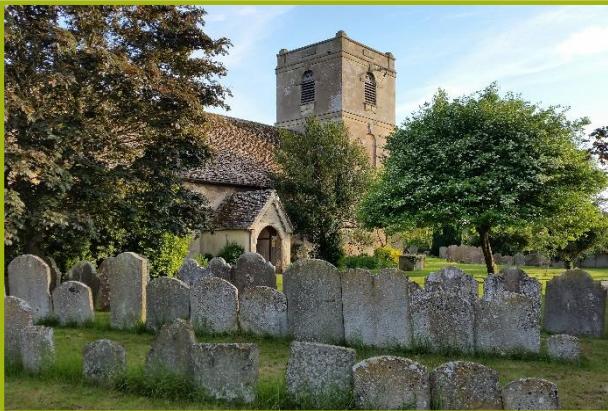
Various events will be happening nationwide throughout the day concluding at **8:00pm** with clapping our heroes and the ringing of church bells.

More information at www.nhsfrontlineday.org/

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Joy Deacon
 Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

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.

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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Longcot with Fernham Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 14th July at 7pm via Zoom.

Please contact the PCC Secretary for the link to join the meeting. You can also join by telephone.

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Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

St Swithun's Church needs your help!



We are looking for volunteers to help us clear weeds in St Swithun's Churchyard, Compton Beauchamp. on Friday 9th July from 2pm onwards. If you have suitable equipment and gloves please bring them along.

Volunteering at the Covid Vaccination Clinic at Great Western Hospital, Swindon



Read about Becky Peal's experience as a volunteer at the Great Western Hospital on the next page.

Volunteering at the Covid Vaccination Clinic at Great Western Hospital, Swindon

The vaccination clinic at GWH opened on Thursday 9th December 2020, one of the first 50 in England to do so, and I started volunteering there a few days later.

It happened almost by accident, but I am so pleased to have been a very small part in this incredible operation to vaccinate the UK population. It started last autumn with a trip to the hospital with my daughter, we arrived to be greeted by the cheerful hospital volunteers in their green tops and my daughter said, "Mum, you could do that job", which got me thinking why not. So I made some enquiries and applied to be a hospital volunteer.

I completed my training and induction at the end of November just as the hospital found out that they were to be one of the first hospital vaccination hubs and so this became my first placement in the hospital along with lots of other existing hospital volunteers who were asked to step up. At the vaccination clinic our role as volunteers is to welcome people as they arrive and book them in, show them to the waiting rooms, make sure all the tables and chairs in the waiting rooms are sanitized between each patient, aiding patients who have mobility issues and supporting the clinical staff in any way we can. There is a great team spirit between all the staff and volunteers.

Initially the Hospital vaccination hub focused on over eighties who either had outpatient appointments at the hospital or were about to be discharged. Very quickly NHS staff and Care home staff were added. We also covered three GP practices in Swindon which weren't part of the groups working at Steam. It was a real privilege meeting these older patients who had often not left their homes for over 9 months, and this was their first trip out. They were so excited, and our waistlines all grew with the number of tins of biscuits and sweets they brought with them.

One patient that stands out was a petrified young girl who worked in a care home, not only was she very needle phobic but had also been given lots of fake news about the vaccine. I spent some time chatting to her and trying to reassure her whilst she was waiting for her turn. Despite all her fears she was determined to go through with it as she wanted to protect her residents - what amazing dedication!

As the nation moved down the age groups, we also moved down groups vaccinating pharmacists, dentists, opticians as well as some hospital patients with underlying health conditions. Although the government said that people shouldn't be prioritised by their profession rather than age Police and Fire employees were allowed to use up doses at the end of the day, so we had the Police station and Fire station on speed dial. There was one day I was volunteering when the car park became completely blocked by two riot police vans and two fire engines, goodness knows what regular visitors to the hospital thought was going on!

A few weeks ago, we finished all our lists and so opened up on the national online booking system. We have been busier than ever, with lots of people in their late teens. What has struck me most is still how pleased everyone is to be there. We had a lovely young girl this week who told us she was so excited to be there as she had only celebrated her 18th birthday a couple of days before. Once, not so long ago, youngsters would get excited about drinking legally in a pub for the first time now it's going to the vaccination clinic!

If you've not received your vaccination yet, it's not too late. Go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> to book your appointment.

If you haven't done it yet because you are needle phobic, please be assured all the volunteers and staff have seen it before and we will do our utmost to support you.

If you have medical concerns the big vaccination sites and hospital hubs all have doctors available to speak to patients, just ask when you arrive to speak to them or speak to your GP before.

Becky Peal

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the
Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all
your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and
truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 2:1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. When I saw this, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking. He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

PSALM Psalm 123

R Our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he shows us his mercy.

To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the
hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of
her mistress,
So our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he show us his mercy. **R**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have
mercy,
for we have had more than enough of
contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent
rich,
and of the derision of the proud. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I know a person in Christ who
fourteen years ago was caught up
to the third heaven – whether in the
body or out of the body I do not
know; God knows. And I know that
such a person – whether in the body
or out of the body I do not know;
God knows – was caught up into
Paradise and heard things that are not
to be told, that no mortal is permitted
to repeat. On behalf of such a one I
will boast, but on my own behalf I will
not boast, except of my weaknesses.
But if I wish to boast, I will not be a
fool, for I will be speaking the truth.
But I refrain from it, so that no one
may think better of me than what is
seen in me or heard from me, even
considering the exceptional character
of the revelations. Therefore, to
keep me from being too elated, a
thorn was given me in the flesh, a
messenger of Satan to torment me,
to keep me from being too elated.
Three times I appealed to the Lord
about this, that it would leave me,
but he said to me, "My grace is
sufficient for you, for power is made
perfect in weakness." So, I will boast
all the more gladly of my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ may
dwell in me. Therefore I am content
with weaknesses, insults, hardships,
persecutions, and calamities for the
sake of Christ; for whenever I am
weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13

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

Jesus came to his home town, and
his disciples followed him. On the

sabbath he began to teach in the
synagogue, and many who heard him
were astounded. They said, "Where
did this man get all this? What is this
wisdom that has been given to him?
What deeds of power are being done
by his hands! Is not this the carpenter,
the son of Mary and brother of James
and Joses and Judas and Simon,
and are not his sisters here with us?"
And they took offence at him. Then
Jesus said to them, "Prophets are
not without honour, except in their
home town, and among their own
kin, and in their own house." And he
could do no deed of power there,
except that he laid his hands on a few
sick people and cured them. And he
was amazed at their unbelief. Then
he went about among the villages
teaching. He called the twelve and
began to send them out two by two,
and gave them authority over the
unclean spirits. He ordered them to
take nothing for their journey except
a staff; no bread, no bag, no money
in their belts; but to wear sandals and
not to put on two tunics. He said to
them, "Wherever you enter a house,
stay there until you leave the place. If
any place will not welcome you and
they refuse to hear you, as you leave,
shake off the dust that is on your
feet as a testimony against them." So
they went out and proclaimed that
all should repent. They cast out many
demons, and anointed with oil many
who were sick and cured them.

POST COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be
so peaceably ordered by your
governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve
you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



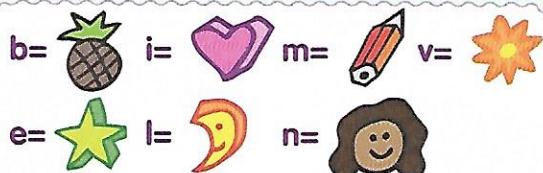
My name is _____

LOOK

BELIEVE IN JESUS

Jesus was amazed that the people did not have faith.

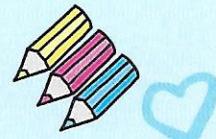
Decode the words to hear what Jesus wants.



Who am I?

I am ____ years old.
I live in _____.

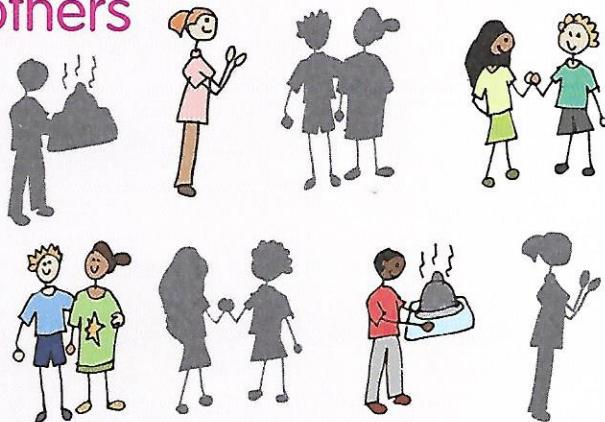
In my family, there are ____ people.



Draw a picture of yourself, to show who you are.

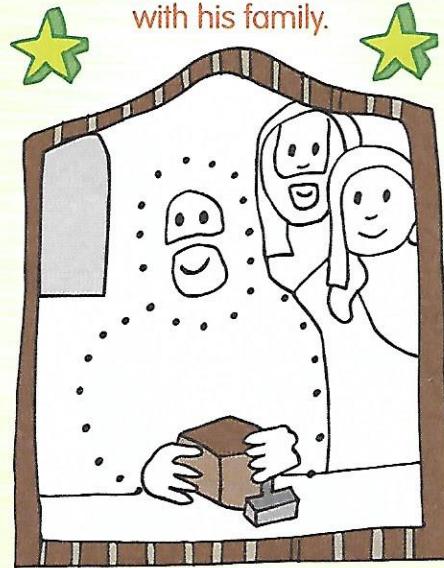
Welcome others

It is good to welcome people into our homes and lives. Match the picture to its shadow to show how we can welcome others.



Who is Jesus?

Jesus surprises people by teaching in the synagogue. Join the dots to see how they knew him before, as a carpenter living at home with his family.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, sometimes it is hard to listen to those who know us the best. We prefer to listen to people at school instead of our parents and brothers or sisters. Help us to remember that the people we live with know us well and usually give us the best advice. Amen.