



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 15th August Trinity 11

Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.

For the time being we will continue to ask you to wear a mask during services, to observe social distancing and either to sign in or use the QR code.

Should you prefer not to do this, we ask you to be respectful of those who have made a different choice and to give them the space they need.

Hand sanitiser is available.

Holy Communion will continue to be offered in one kind only.

Sunday 15th August

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 Watchfield, St Thomas Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Fernham, St John Morning Prayer
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#) Holy Communion (**revised time**)
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary Taizé Service
- 4:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#) Benefice Pilgrimage Service

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#) Morning Prayer

Thursday

9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
6:00pm Bereavement Café
St Andrew's Vicarage Garden

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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 of approximately 1¼ miles from Bourton St James to Shrivenham St Andrew (and back for those who feel energetic!).

We will leave Bourton at 3pm. Tea and cake will be served in St Andrew's from 4pm, with a service at 4:30pm, then departing for Bourton 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!

Download the map and directions from our [website](#).

More information from David Watson (01793 783405)

Benefice Sunday School

We are hoping to start the Benefice Sunday School and "Come and See with Cake and Tea" family service on Sunday afternoons from September 26th this year.

This is the "crunch" moment. Can we recruit enough leaders and helpers to make sure that we can go ahead with this outreach to families and young children in our parishes? We need your help.

Please could you consider whether you are willing to volunteer up to 2 hrs of your time at least one Sunday a month during school term times, and/or if you could pass on this request to a friend or neighbour who you think might be able to do so.

Please get in touch with Canon Paul Richardson if you are able to help. 01793 710241
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Bereavement Café

Thursday 19th August at 6pm
St Andrew's Vicarage Garden

An informal, friendly get-together for anyone who has been bereaved at any time. Come for a cuppa, a chat and mutual support. Open to all, regardless of faith or beliefs. There is no charge.

More information from Rose-Anne O'Hare or Rev'd Norma Fergusson.

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Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Odstone Farm & Cottages.

In fine voice and ready to sing all together!



I'm pleased to report that the Benefice Choir has managed to sing through most of this year and is ready and raring to go for the months ahead.

Despite the challenges posed by social distancing and a limit on numbers, the choir have managed to sing at six services since April, in five different churches and with just six singers each time. We've been rehearsing and singing at services in small groups but the change in regulations mean we can at last look forward to singing all together. We can't wait!

Even though it's months since we've been able to meet en masse, our choir has, in fact, grown in number, with new members joining from across the Benefice.

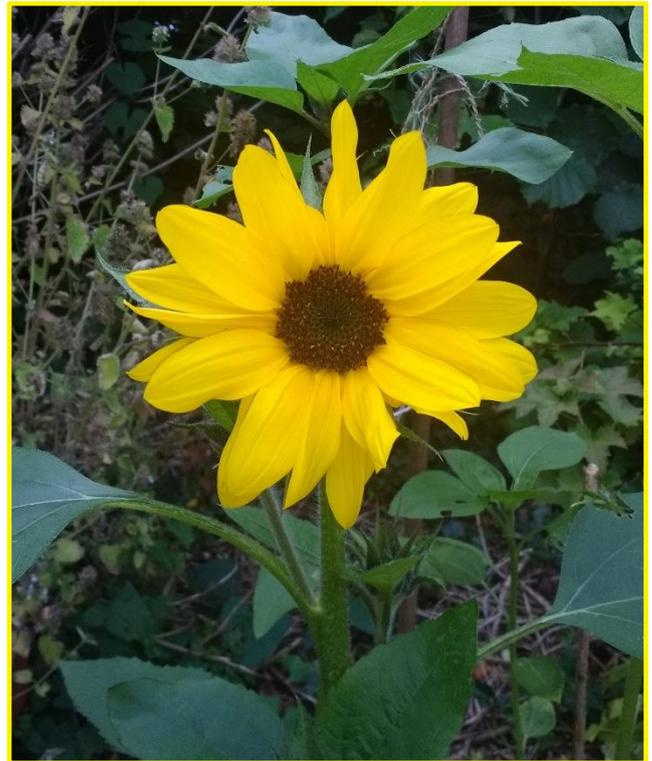
If you'd like to join us, we'd love to see you. We rehearse in St Andrew's every Thursday at 6:30pm for an hour. There's no audition and no requirement to be able to read music. We learn everything together and have some fun along the way!

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch.

Claire Hartley chartley.music@gmail.com

More Generosity Week Sunflowers

At each service during the Benefice Generosity Week in April, we offered you a Sunflower seed as an example of God's generosity in creation.



This beauty almost didn't make it. My seeds were planted in the cat's favourite spot for rolling in the dust and he managed to squash a few before I surrounded them with sticks. He doesn't look too pleased!



Photos: Lucy Laird

How is your Sunflower doing? Let us have a picture to celebrate its growth and fruitfulness.

Spies in the Village

A treasure trail around Shrivenham
First prize £20
Solve it by 30th September

Some spies have raided the Defence Academy and stolen some secret documents!! The Security Services are on their trail. They have discovered that the spies are hiding out in a house in the village but need your help to find out where.

One of the spies is a double agent and works undercover for the Security Services. This agent has left clues around the village to help you discover the house they are hiding in, the room in the house and the combination number of the safe the documents are locked away in.

Clues and Map (£5) from Shrivenham Post Office or Churchwardens David 783405 and Julian782065

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project

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

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

O God, you declare your
almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy
and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a
measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of
your commandments,
may receive your gracious
promises,
and be made partakers of your
heavenly treasure;
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

Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals,
she has mixed her wine, she
has also set her table. She has
sent out her servant-girls, she
calls from the highest places in
the town, "You that are simple,
turn in here!" To those without
sense she says, "Come, eat
of my bread and drink of the
wine I have mixed. Lay aside
immaturity, and live, and walk
in the way of insight."

PSALM Psalm 34:9-14

R *The Lord is near to the
brokenhearted.*

or

R *The Lord ransoms the life of
his servants.*

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**

Come, children, and listen to
me;
I will teach you the fear of the
Lord.

Who among you loves life
and desires long life to enjoy
prosperity? **R**

Keep your tongue from
evil-speaking
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters, be
careful then how you live,
not as unwise people but as
wise, making the most of the
time, because the days are
evil. So do not be foolish, but
understand what the will of the
Lord is. Do not get drunk with
wine, for that is debauchery;
but be filled with the Spirit,
as you sing psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs among
yourselves, singing and making
melody to the Lord in your
hearts, giving thanks to God
the Father at all times and for
everything in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL John 6:51-58

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

Jesus said to the crowd: "I
am the living bread that came
down from heaven. Whoever
eats of this bread will live for

ever; and the bread that I will
give for the life of the world
is my flesh." The Jews then
disputed among themselves,
saying, "How can this man
give us his flesh to eat?" So
Jesus said to them, "Very
truly, I tell you, unless you eat
the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood, you have
no life in you. Those who eat
my flesh and drink my blood
have eternal life, and I will
raise them up on the last day;
for my flesh is true food and
my blood is true drink. Those
who eat my flesh and drink my
blood abide in me, and I in
them. Just as the living Father
sent me, and I live because of
the Father, so whoever eats
me will live because of me.
This is the bread that came
down from heaven, not like
that which your ancestors ate,
and they died. But the one
who eats this bread will live
for ever."

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have
celebrated that one true
sacrifice
which takes away our sins and
brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation
of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Sunday 15 August 2021

Luke 1:39-56

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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My name is _____

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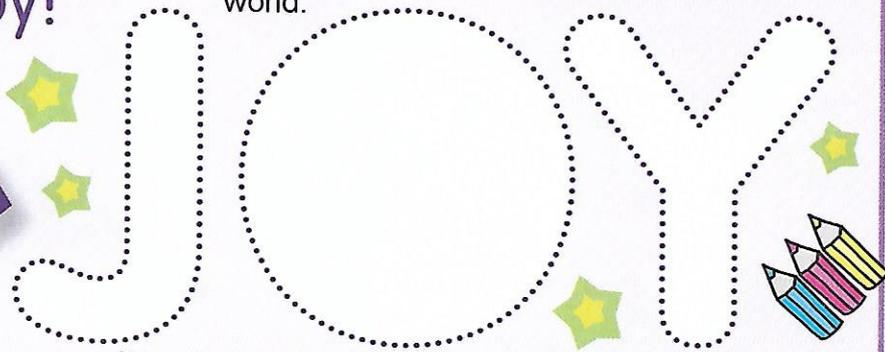
THANK YOU!

Mary is going to see her cousin, Elizabeth. Can you help her find her way?

**J**

Bringing joy!

Mary's baby, Jesus, brings joy to the world. How will you bring joy to the world this week?



Draw yourself inside the "O" doing something to spread happiness!

X

Mary's prayer

There are ten letters hidden around this page. When you find them, circle the same ones on the grid to reveal Mary's prayer.

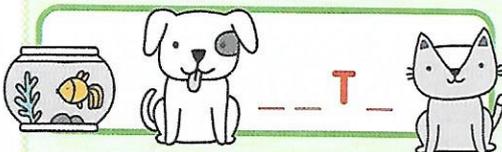
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N**Z**

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.

**T****H****A****N****K****S**