



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 8th August Trinity 10



**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 8th August

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

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Fernham, St John  
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion (revised time)
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Holy Communion
- 2:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Baptism

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)  
10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion

### Sunday 15th

- 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

### The Bishop of Dorchester's Visit



We were delighted to welcome Bishop Gavin to the Benefice for the first time when he attended the ASK Holy Communion service at St Andrew's on Wednesday 4th August.

The Bishop writes "Many thanks for the great hospitality and welcome (especially the cakes!). It was a joy to be with you, especially in the context of worship, and really good to see such a vibrant sense of community at a midweek service."

### 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. 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)

**Rev'd Norma Fergusson is off duty from Monday 9th until Saturday 14th August.**

Please contact Canon Paul Richardson for pastoral issues, and your local churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator for other church enquiries.

### Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Malthouse Close.

### Welcome

to Sienna King and Laurie Dudley  
who were baptised at St Andrew's  
on Sunday 1st August.



Young helpers chiming the bells before the service.

### A Prayer for the Summer

Lord God,  
be close to us as we meet those being married,  
those beginning a faith journey in baptism,  
and those who are grieving a loss.  
May we witness to hope and joy  
in our words and in our welcome,  
as we share the good news of your love.  
May we find rest for our hearts in these summer days  
And be renewed by your Spirit  
for the ministry to which you have called us.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

### More Generosity Week Sunflowers



Photo: Maggie Simons

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 and what can  
be achieved as we work with God in caring for the  
things of this earth, generous with our time, and talents,  
and the material things with which God has blessed us.

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

### Progress in St Mary's Longcot

Views from the mezzanine showing the new flooring  
in the ringing room and the nave.



Photos: Chris Gotch

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

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your  
humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their  
petitions  
make them to ask such things as  
shall please 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 1 Kings 19:4-8

*A reading from the first book of Kings.*

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

## PSALM Psalm 34:1-8

**R** *Turn from evil and do good.*

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. **R**

Proclaim with me the greatness of  
the Lord;  
let us exalt his name together.  
I sought the Lord and he answered  
me  
and delivered me out of all my  
terror. **R**

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**

## SECOND READING

**Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2**

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

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## GOSPEL John 6:35. 41-51

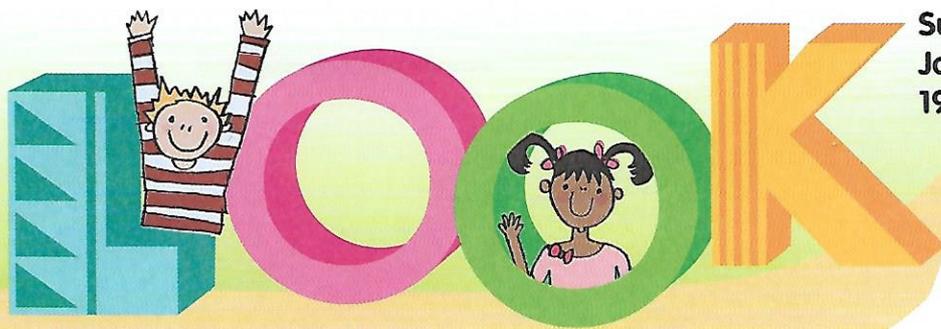
*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

Jesus said to the crowd, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain

about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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."

## POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of  
mercy  
should stand open for those who  
trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your  
will  
may never wander from the way of  
life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

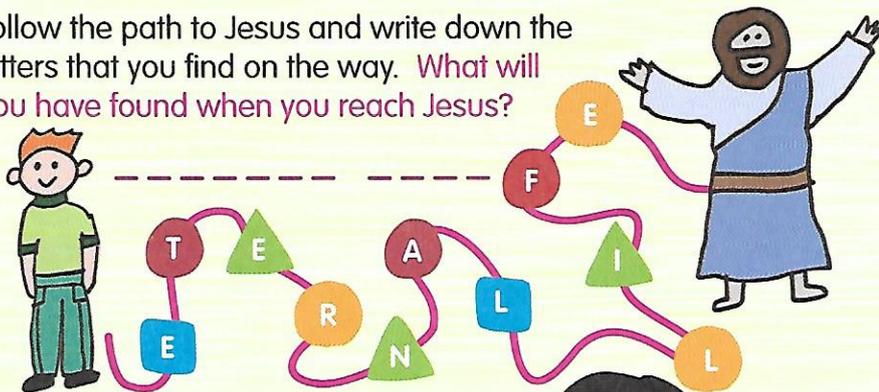


IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

# BREAD OF LIFE

Follow the path to Jesus and write down the letters that you find on the way. What will you have found when you reach Jesus?



The people are complaining about what Jesus is saying. Jesus asks them to stop and tells them that he is the bread of life. This not the bread they usually eat – but bread that can give life to whole world.

## Be like Jesus

Jesus asks people to stop complaining and teaches us the right way. How would you help when someone is moaning?

I don't like my toys

Can we do something else while we wait?

I'm bored

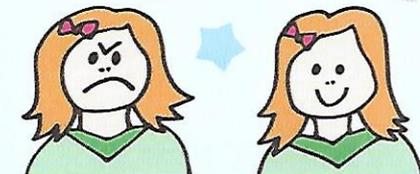
Shall we sit in the shade?

It's too hot

Would you like another toy?

I want it now

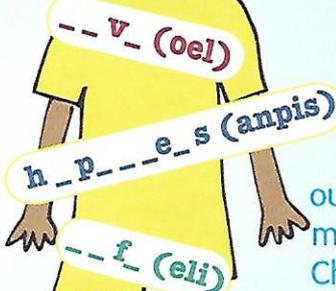
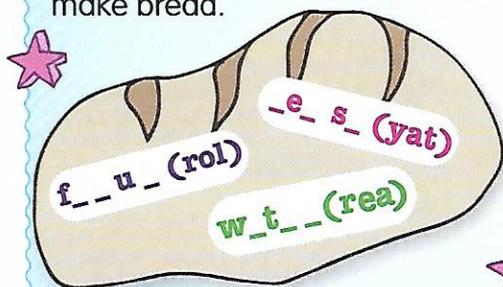
Let's do something different!



Draw a line to match the best response to each complaint.

## Ingredients

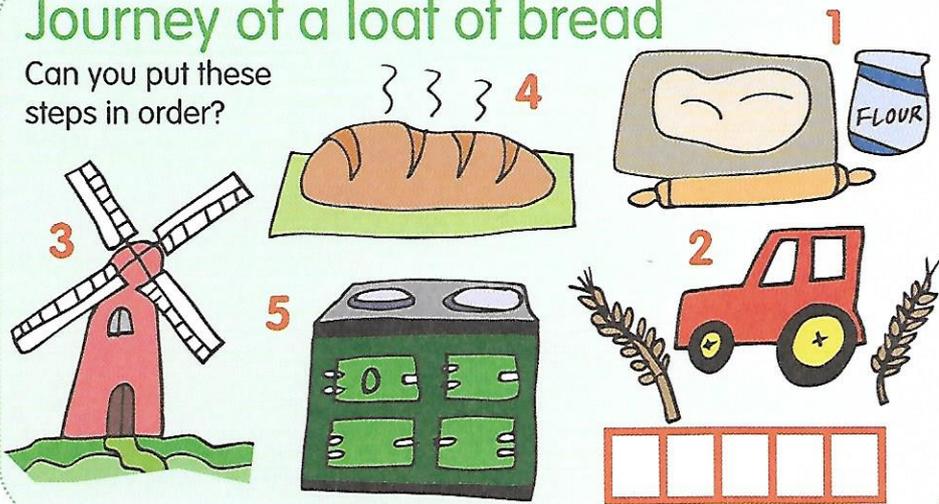
Fill in the missing letters to find out the ingredients that make bread.



Find out what makes a Christian by filling in the missing letters too!

## Journey of a loaf of bread

Can you put these steps in order?



## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Father, we love you and thank you for sending us Jesus, the bread of life, so that we may live with you forever. Amen.