



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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**Sunday 12th September Trinity 15**



**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 12th September**

Richard Fergusson 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  
Holy Communion  
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion

## **Tuesday**

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

## **Wednesday**

9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Morning Prayer  
10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom.  
7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
St Andrew's Vicarage  
7:30pm Shrivenham W & B PCC Meeting

## **Thursday**

9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's  
9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)  
2:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Interment of Ashes  
6:30pm Choir Practice, St Andrew's

## **Friday**

10:30am Community Coffee Morning  
Shrivenham, St Andrew  
5:30pm Worship and Praise via Zoom

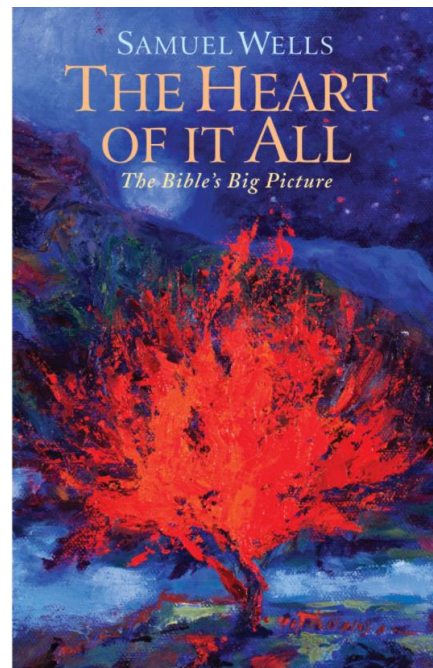
## **Saturday**

11.30am Shrivenham, St Andrew. Baptism  
All day Longcot, St Mary  
Association of Ringing Teachers  
Training Course

## **Sunday 19th**

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  
10:00am Bourton, St James & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion  
10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion  
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Morning Prayer in the Celtic Tradition

## **Wednesday Study Group**



The Wednesday Study Group restarts this week looking at Sam Wells' book 'The Heart of It All'. Join us on Zoom at 10:30am or get together in St Andrew's Vicarage at 7pm.

More information and Zoom link from Norma  
01793 784338

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## **Welcome**

to Philippa Grace Marie Ridsdel, who was baptised at St Andrew's Shrivenham and Martha Frances Hall who was baptised at St John's Fernham. Both on Sunday 5th September.

**Canon Paul Richardson is off duty from Saturday 11th to Saturday 18th September.**

Please contact Rev'd Norma Fergusson for pastoral issues, and your local churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator for other church enquiries.

[www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk](http://www.shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

### Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Walnut Trees Hill.

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Mrs Sue Pryor.  
Please keep them in your prayers.



### 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 Julian 782065

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project



### Community Coffee Morning

Friday 17th September in St Andrew's Church from 10.30am – noon.

Come for cake and a cuppa.

Catch up with old friends and maybe make some new ones.

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 **Home Instead.**  
*To us, it's personal*

### Alpha is Back!

Every Monday from 4th October to 13th December.

We plan to hold Alpha in person.  
Venue to be confirmed.

Explore life, faith & meaning.  
Bring an open mind and an open heart.

More information from Jane Ahern  
01793 783521 or [thestable@protonmail.com](mailto:thestable@protonmail.com)



### Baby and Toddler Group

The Group meets in St Andrew's Shrivenham every Thursday (term-time only) from 9 - 10:45am.

Plenty of parking available!



All parents and carers with pre-school children are welcome, but please remember that you are at all times responsible for the children you bring along.

Refreshments are provided along with snacks for the children.

The group is run entirely by volunteers and there is no charge to attend, but a minimum donation of £1 per child towards costs would be appreciated.

Please contact Jane Hollick for more information on 07779 656 767

### Bereavement Café

Tuesday 14th September 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 or Norma.

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Support your local church or the Benefice as a whole with a text donation using the numbers below.

### For Ashbury

Text **STMARYS 5** to **70085** to donate **£5**  
Text **STMARYS 10** to **70085** to donate **£10**

### For Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton

Text **SWB** to **70460** to donate **£5**  
Text **SWB** to **70450** to donate **£10**

### For Longcot and Fernham

Text **LONGCOT** to **70085** to donate **£4**

### For the Benefice as a whole

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

**Thank you!**



## COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Isaiah 50:4-9a

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

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens – awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

## PSALM Psalm 116:1-8

**R** *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;

I came to grief and sorrow. **R**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion. **R**

The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low and he helped me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well. **R**

For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord

in the land of the living. **R**

## SECOND READING James 3:1-12

*A reading from the letter of James.*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

## GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." Jesus asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

## POST COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.





Sunday 12 September 2021  
Mark 8:27-35  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

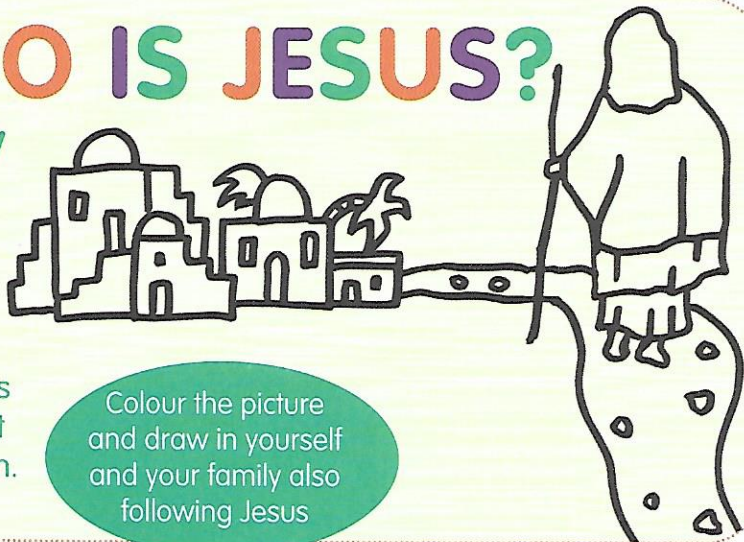
IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

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## WHO IS JESUS?

Follow God!

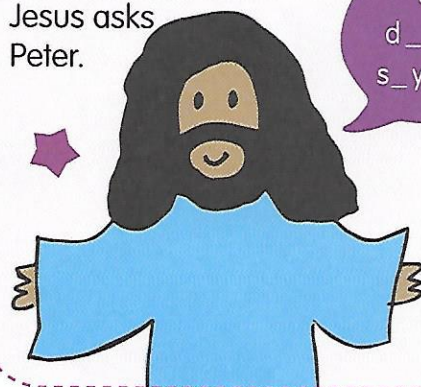
Jesus has gone on ahead on the road. His friends want to follow him.



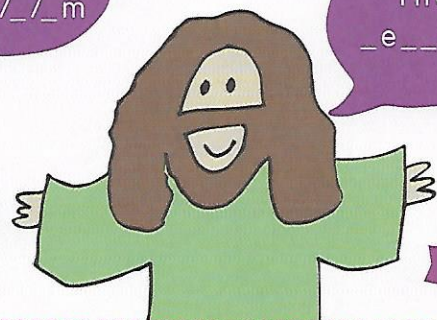
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Add the vowels **a** or **o**, to find out what Jesus asks Peter.

Add the consonants, **m**, **s** or **h** to find out what Peter replied.



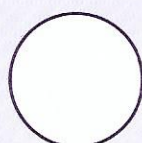
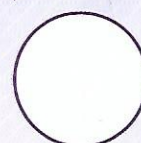
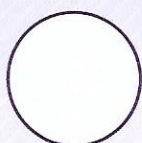
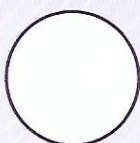
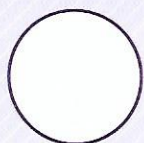
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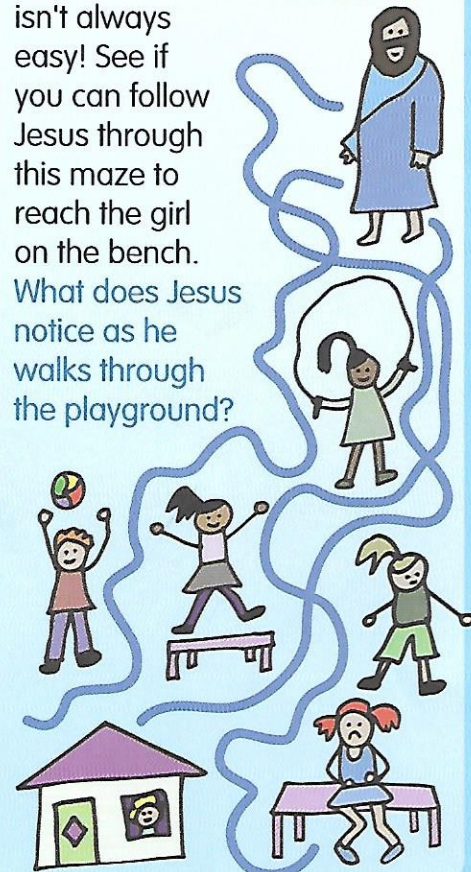
## Who am I?

Write in each circle the first letter of the word describing the object. You will find the name of someone very special.



Following Jesus isn't always easy! See if you can follow Jesus through this maze to reach the girl on the bench. What does Jesus notice as he walks through the playground?

## Maze



## A PRAYER TO SAY

Jesus, I believe you are the Christ, sent to save us. Help me to follow your example and put other people first, even when it is hard. Help me to spread your love and life all around me. Amen.

"Who do you say I am?", "The Messiah!". Jesus.