



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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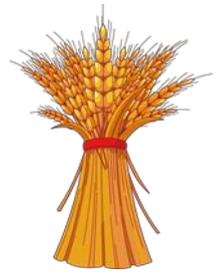
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Sunday 26th September Trinity 17 Harvest



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

Wearing a mask and observing social distancing in church is encouraged but not mandatory.

Please sign in or use the QR code.

Hand sanitiser is available.

Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.

Sunday 26th September

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is giving today's sermon.

Watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) from 9:00am.

- 9:30am Fernham, St John
Service cancelled
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
United Harvest Holy Communion with Shrivenham Methodist Church and Benefice Choir
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Harvest Holy Communion
- 3:00pm Benefice Sunday School
Ashbury, St Mary
- 4:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Harvest Festival Songs of Praise followed by Holy Communion

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:00pm Bereavement Café
St Andrew's Vicarage

Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom.
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 3:15pm Messy Church in St Andrew's
- 6:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
ASK Evening Prayer
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's

Friday 1st October

- 9:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer

Saturday

- 10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service for Harvest
- 5:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Hope and Harmony. United service with Shrivenham Methodist Church
Join us at 4pm for tea before the service.

Sunday 3rd October

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Harvest Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Family Service
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer with Baptism
- 3:00pm Benefice Sunday School
Watchfield Village Hall
- 3:00pm Longcot, St Mary
United Village Harvest Service with the Methodists to celebrate the re-opening of St Mary's, followed by refreshments.
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction

Benefice Sunday School

Our new Sunday School starts on Sunday 26th September at St Mary's Church Ashbury.

For children aged 4 – 11 years of age

No need to book in advance

All sessions open to the whole Benefice

Drop your child off for a 3:00pm start, then at 4:15pm come and see what they have been doing and have a cuppa and cake as we celebrate their work with a short family service finishing at about 4:30pm

The sessions will rotate between the churches in Ashbury, Shrivenham, Watchfield (Village Hall) and Longcot on a weekly basis.



Messy Church is coming to Shrivenham!



What - Messy Church is a church with a difference! A chance to be creative, hear bible stories, eat yummy food and have fun with friends and family!

When - Every month starting Thursday 30th September 2021, 3.15pm-5pm

Where - St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham
Suggested donation £1.50 per child



Messy Church is open to the whole Benefice.

For more information and to book your space contact

standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com or scan the QR code to sign up.



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

'Hope and Harmony' at St Andrew's Shrivvenham
Saturday 2nd October

United service with Shrivvenham Methodist Church
Tea at 4pm, service at 5pm

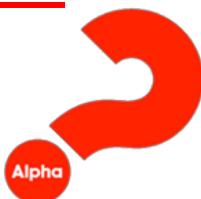
Not long after the pandemic started, people began to ask about how we would celebrate when it was all over and we could "go back to normal." Little did we know how long that would take: indeed, is still taking. It still seems as if a simple service of celebration would be premature and also, frankly, insensitive when so many people have lost so much. This service, therefore, seeks to combine both the thankfulness and the lamentation in a service of prayer and meditation. It is also harmonious because it is a joint service between the Anglican and Methodist Churches and because we can sing together. In the best traditions of both churches, there will also be cake. Come and join us in St Andrew's for tea at 4pm, followed by a service at 5pm. We'll look forward to seeing you there.

Alpha is Back!

Every Monday at 7:00pm
from 4th October to 13th December
in St Andrew's Church Shrivvenham.

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

More information from Jane Ahern
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United Village Service in St Mary's Longcot
Sunday 3rd October at 3pm

United Village Harvest Festival with the Methodists
to celebrate the re-opening of St Mary's Church,
followed by refreshments.



Villagers not attending the service are warmly invited
to join us 4:15pm for refreshments and to have a
closer look at the stunning transformation that has
taken place during the closure.



Bell Ringing Training Course at St Mary's Longcot
on Saturday 18th September

The Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) held a training day for ringers aiming to become accredited teachers at St Mary's on Saturday 18th September. Good use was made of the new facilities, with a buffet lunch served in the kitchen (including sausage rolls hot from the oven!), theory sessions and presentations on the mezzanine, and practical sessions in the ringing room. Those who had previously visited the church were very impressed by the improvements.



View from the mezzanine down into the ringing room.



Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

Welcome to Poppy Patricia Hughes, baptised at St Andrew's' Shrivvenham on Saturday 18th September.



Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness and you give
the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we
may use them to your glory for the relief of those in
need and for our own well-being; 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.
Amen

Joel 2: 21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for
the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you
animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness
are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine
give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and
rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the
early rain for your vindication, he has poured down
for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain,
as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay
you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great
army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty
and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your
God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my
people shall never again be put to shame. You shall
know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I,
the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my
people shall never again be put to shame.

Psalm 126

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
'The LORD has done great things for them.'
The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.
Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,

shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for
everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions,
so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all
godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in
the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to
be saved and to come to the knowledge of the
truth. For there is one God; there is also one
mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus,
himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. For this I was
appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the
truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith
and truth.

Matthew 6: 25-34

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,
what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your
body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food,
and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of
the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into
barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are
you not of more value than they? And can any of you
by worrying add a single hour to your span of
life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider
the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil
nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory
was not clothed like one of these. But if God so
clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and
tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much
more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not
worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we
drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles
who strive for all these things; and indeed your
heavenly Father knows that you need all these
things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and
his righteousness, and all these things will be given to
you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for
tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's
trouble is enough for today.

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered
thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared
in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your
grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give
us and make us generous and wise stewards of the
good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



Sunday 26 September 2021
 Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48
 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

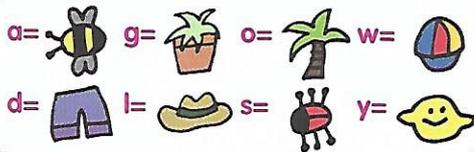
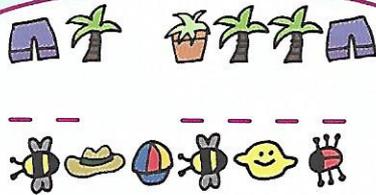
IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

HELP OTHERS

What does Jesus do?

Can you work out the code to find out what Jesus is saying?



What good can I do?

Jesus asks us to do good deeds today. Can you fill in the missing letters to find out the good things you can do?

___ p (elh) your friends.

___ d _ (iyt) your room.

S _ a _ e (rh) your toys.

L _ _ t _ n (ies) to your parents.

Helping hands

I can use my... ___s to l ___e_ (ntsi) when my friend is sad, ___s to ___ (ghu) him or her better, ___ to ___ (ese) when someone needs help, ___ to ___ (rnu) to help.

Maze

Even today there are some people who have no fresh water. Help the man take water to the sick child.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help me to show other people that you are my friend by trying to treat other people in the way I know you would. Help me to be kind and helpful. Amen.

Answers: Do good always.