



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 7th November Third Sunday Before Advent



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 7th November

Richard 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
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Family Service
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Family Service with Baptism
- 3:00pm Benefice Sunday School
Watchfield, St Thomas
- 3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel
United Service
- 5:30pm Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Choral Evensong with Benefice

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 7:30pm Shrivenham, W & B PCC Meeting

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 Ashbury PCC Meeting
- 7:00pm Alpha at the Ahern's.
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's

Friday

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

Saturday

- 9:00am Children's Clothing Giveaway
St Andrew's Church Shrivenham
- 10:00am Café Inspire. Shrivenham School Hall

Ashbury Cycle of Prayer

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

Remembrance Sunday 14th November

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield War Memorial
Act of Remembrance
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Remembrance Service
- 10:30am Longcot, St Mary
Remembrance Service
- 10:50am Ashbury War Memorial
Act of Remembrance
- 11:00am Compton Beauchamp War Memorial
Act of Remembrance
- 12 noon Bourton War Memorial
Act of Remembrance
- 3:00pm Fernham, St John's Churchyard
Act of Remembrance
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction

A Message from Canon Paul Richardson

Dear friends,

I understand it may come as a bit of a shock and surprise that I have announced my appointment as Interim Priest in Charge of Tickhill and Stainton in Sheffield diocese.

The reasons for leaving are threefold: the needs of my mother-in-law who lives near York; my improved health, which means I am able to return to full time working; a strong sense of vocation to a place and at a time where my gifts and experience are most needed. I am immensely grateful to Norma and Richard, and all of you here. I have enjoyed this time together, and have learned so much during this short season of ministry among you. It has been a privilege and pleasure. Thank you. My last service here will be on January 16th, and I take up my duties in Tickhill and Stainton some time in February.

God bless you all, Paul

Coffee Concert given by The Torriano Ensemble

St Mary's Church Longcot
Sunday 28th November at 11:30 am

The Torriano Ensemble, a group of professional musicians, will be playing Beethoven's Septet for clarinet, horn, bassoon and strings.

There will be a brief talk with musical illustrations before the performance.

Free admission – retiring collection in aid of the charity 'EMBRACE the Middle East' and also towards urgent repairs to St. Mary's churchyard wall.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served from 11 am and after the concert. All seats need to be reserved in advance by contacting victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

Benefice Sunday School
Sunday 7th November,
3pm

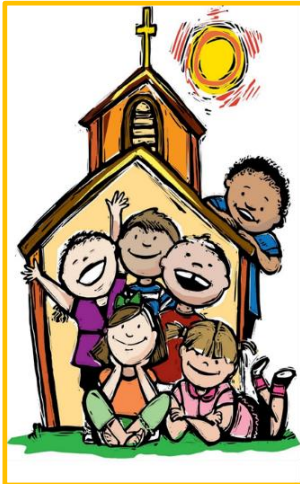
Watchfield, St Thomas followed by refreshments in the Village Hall

Songs, prayer, Bible story, activities and more!

For children aged 4 – 11

No need to book in advance

All sessions open to the whole Benefice



Drop your child off for a 3:00pm start, then at 4:00pm 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. Parents who wish to stay for the whole time are welcome to do so. No Sunday School on Remembrance Sunday (14th).

Ashbury Church Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 27th November at 2pm in the Village Hall

We are delighted to confirm that we are planning to hold our annual Christmas Bazaar this year, subject to there being no further Covid restrictions.

Lots of stalls including cakes, books, gifts, cards, toys and games, and our mammoth raffle!

All proceeds to St Mary's Church

Operation Christmas Child



In 2021, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 9.7 million children. Anyone can pack a shoebox. Individuals, families, churches and groups fill empty shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys.

Our Benefice collection points are St Mary's Ashbury and St Andrew's Shrivvenham, where you can also pick up a 'How to Pack Your Shoebox' leaflet which gives guidance on what can and can't be included.

Bring your shoebox to the Shoebox Sunday service in St Mary's at 11.00am on Sunday 21st November, or drop it off in either church any time before that date.

Visit the Samaritan's Purse website for more information, or to send a pre-packed shoebox.

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

Shrivvenham Children's Clothes Exchange
Check out their [Facebook](#) page.

Children's clothing giveaway

St Andrew's Church, Shrivvenham
2nd Saturday of every month

STARTS 13 NOVEMBER



When is it?

The second Saturday of every month
9.00am - 11.00am

Come along and pick up what you need.

How much does it cost?

It's **FREE**

Our goals are to recycle clothing, reduce waste and save money

How do I donate?

You can donate on the day.

Please only donate clean clothing that is stain and damage free.

Do I have to donate clothes?

Nope! Just come and pick up what you need and donate if and when you can.



What age clothes will there be?

Ages 0 - 13 years

Welcome



Welcome to Hamish Alexander Lambert and his sister Elizabeth (Eliza) Heidi Matilda Lambert who were baptised at St John's Fernham on Saturday 30th October.

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

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all
things
in your beloved Son, the King
of all:
govern the hearts and minds of
those in authority,
and bring the families of the
nations,
divided and torn apart by the
ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and
gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5. 10

*A reading from the book of
Jonah.*

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

PSALM Psalm 62:6-14

R *God alone is my rock and my
salvation.*

For God alone my soul in
silence waits;

truly, my hope is in him.
He alone is my rock and my
salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall
not be shaken.
In God is my safety and my
honour;
God is my strong rock and my
refuge. **R**

Put your trust in him always,
O people,
pour out your hearts before
him, for God is our refuge.
Those of high degree are but
a fleeting breath,
even those of low estate
cannot be trusted.
On the scales they are lighter
than a breath,
all of them together. **R**

Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not
your heart upon it.
God has spoken once, twice
have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.
Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,
for you repay everyone
according to his deeds. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

*A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews.*

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the

sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

POST COMMUNION

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ
proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to
wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the
anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and
nations;
through our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ.



IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus warns us against putting on a show and thinking we look good while really being mean and nasty. We are living as God asks when we are generous and we trust God, like the poor widow who gives all she has to the Temple.

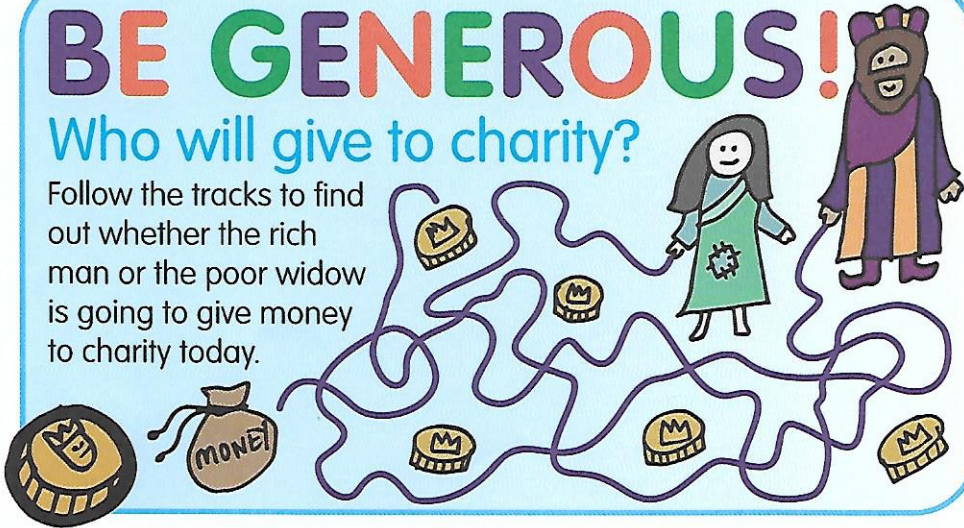


My name is _____

BE GENEROUS!

Who will give to charity?

Follow the tracks to find out whether the rich man or the poor widow is going to give money to charity today.



Follow God's law

Jacob's mum is very busy. Jacob wants to help. Circle the ways that he can be very generous with his time and help his mum.

Put the shopping away

Tidying up

Stay on the laptop



Make his bed

Watch TV

Washing up

How much money?

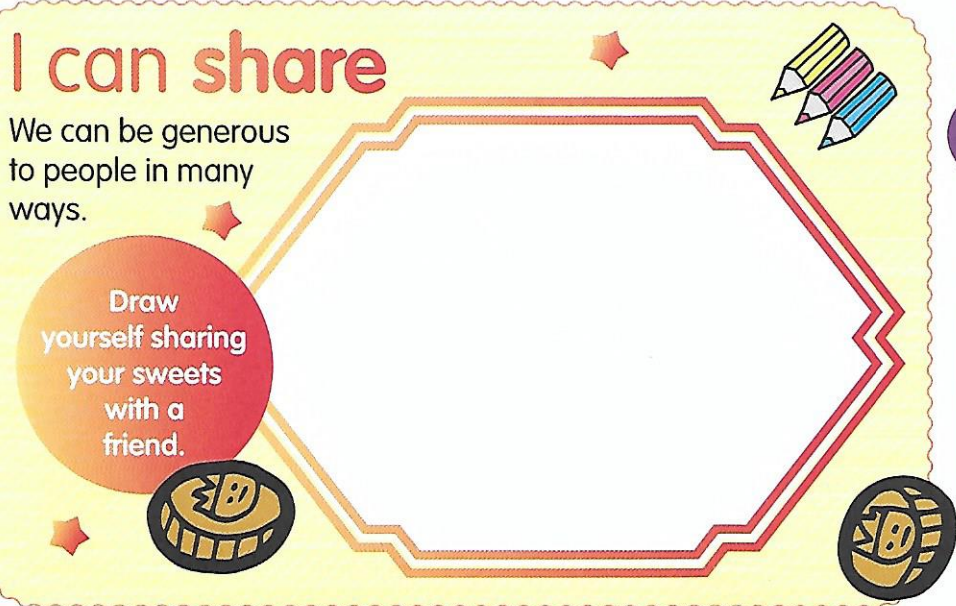
The rich man has dropped his bag of money! Some coins have rolled away around the page. Count them and write the number in the box.



I can share

We can be generous to people in many ways.

Draw yourself sharing your sweets with a friend.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, please help me not to care too much about what people think of me. Help me to care more about how loving and generous I am, so that I grow to be like you. Amen.

Answers: ten coins - fifteen including the ones on the puzzle!