



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 13th February 2022

## Third Sunday before Lent

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

Wearing a face covering indoors is no longer mandatory but we would encourage you to exercise discretion, especially in larger services or smaller churches.

Please respect the concerns of others in the congregation, sign in or use the NHS QR code and continue to observe social distancing.

Hand sanitizer is available.

Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.

### Sunday 13th February

Richard Fergusson is giving today's sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9:00am

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins (BCP)

9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Holy Communion

10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion

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

3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas  
Benefice Sunday School

5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Healing Service

### Tuesday

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

### 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 Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)

9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's

6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)

5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Worship and Praise

### Saturday

8:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Men's Breakfast

11:00am Stainswick Lane Cemetery  
Interment of Ashes – Peter Trowbridge

2:00pm Compton Beauchamp PCC Meeting

### Sunday 20th February

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 Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer

10:00am Bourton, St James  
Holy Communion

10:30am Shrivenham Methodist Church & [Facebook](#)  
Covenant Service

11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Taizé Service

5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Compline and Benediction

### Healing Service

#### Sunday 13th February at 5:30pm

St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

There are, or should be, aspects of healing in every service as we come before the God who loves us and wants only the best for us. But sometimes we need to spend time thinking more intentionally about healing – for ourselves, for others, for creation.

This Sunday at 5.30pm we invite you to join us in St Andrew's for a short time of music, prayer and reflection. There will also be an opportunity for personal prayer for those who wish.

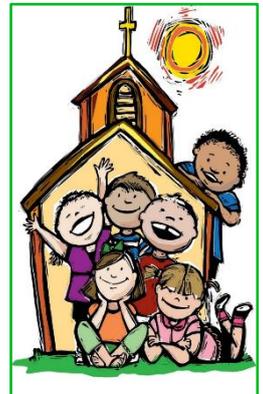
For further information please talk to Norma (01793 784338) or David Ahern (01793 783521)

### Benefice Sunday School

#### Sunday 13th February at 3pm

St Thomas' Church Watchfield followed by refreshments in the Village Hall

Children from across the Benefice are welcome to attend our monthly Sunday School at St Thomas' Church Watchfield, and "Come and See with Cake and Tea" in the Village Hall to celebrate all they have done!



Drop your child off for a 3pm start and then at 4pm come and see what they have been doing and have a cuppa and cake as we celebrate their work with a short family service, heading back home around 4.30pm.

Parent/s who wish to stay for the whole time are very welcome to do so.

Next session – Sunday 13th March

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Berrycroft Lane in Ashbury, and Charlbury Road in Shrivenham

### Lent Challenge for 2022

We have a different Lent challenge for you this year – inspired by knitters at Victoria Methodist Church in Bristol who are holding their third Lent knitalong this year and would warmly welcome knitters from all over the country (and beyond!) to join them.

The knitalong will take the format of weekly emails throughout Lent, consisting of a set of daily knitting instructions (or 'clues') and specially written meditations for each day.



By the end of the knitalong, each knitter will have completed a cushion cover. Those participating may like to buy a cushion pad in advance so it can be sewn up/finished on Easter morning - full details of dimensions etc. will be available on the information sheet.

The design of the cushion cover is a surprise but will only use simple knit and purl stitches, so should be achievable by knitters of all abilities.

Alongside each knitting clue will be a daily meditation which knitters may wish to use as they knit and enjoy some quiet, reflective time as they journey through Lent. The meditations have been written by a team of seven Ministers, preachers and worship leaders from the Bristol area and beyond.

An information sheet, containing details of yarn/needles needed, release dates, and a practice swatch pattern to check gauge (for those worried about these things!) will be available from Monday 14th February.

Contact Norma for further information.  
01793 784338  
[vicar@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk](mailto:vicar@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

### Men's Breakfast in Shrivenham

Saturday 19th February at 8:30am (Covid permitting!)



Meet at 8:30am in St Andrew's for a short time of prayer then put the world to rights over breakfast at the Vicarage. For catering purposes, please let Richard know by Wednesday 16th if you plan to attend.

07788 436831 [richard.fergusson.ilm@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.fergusson.ilm@btinternet.com)  
Men's Breakfast will run monthly on the 3rd Saturday.

### Virtual Wine Tasting A Taste of South Africa

Friday 18th February at 8pm via Zoom  
with wine expert and educator Abbie Bennington.

South Africa is home to some of the best value and highest quality wines of any region in the world. However, Covid 19 with its strict lockdowns and ban on alcohol sales has left its wine industry – and many of the people it employs – facing a crisis. In this tasting we will take a look at the best value and quality wines of a nation that has a proud and distinguished wine making history, and make our own small contribution towards boosting their wine sales.

Tickets are £10 per household, any surplus in aid of St Mary's Church Ashbury. You'll also need to purchase two bottles of wine from Sainsburys – we can help with delivery if anyone would struggle to get there.

To book your place email [claireroutley@btinternet.com](mailto:claireroutley@btinternet.com)

### World Day of Prayer Service Friday 4th March at 2pm

Shrivenham Methodist Church and [Facebook](#)

World Day of Prayer is a women led, global, ecumenical movement which raises awareness and funds to help the women of countries around the world which are part of the Movement. This is mainly achieved by holding a special ecumenical Service in all these countries on the first Friday of March every year.

This year the service is focusing on the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and as our Methodist Minister, the Rev'd Rachael Wilson, was part of the Committee that put the service together, it was felt that the venue should be Shrivenham Methodist Church. Although we have been part of the movement for many years, it will certainly feel very different as we prepare this year, knowing that people at services around the world will be looking towards England, Wales and Northern Ireland; praying for us as they learn about how these countries have changed over the years and are now places of great diversity both in topography and population.

The theme for the service is "I know the plans I have for you" (Jeremiah chapter 29, verses 1-14). The theme was chosen before the pandemic and we hope that knowing this will help you find reassurance and encouragement in our current situation. God's plans are not always what we expect.

If you are unable to attend (or still do not feel comfortable coming into church) the service will also be live-streamed on the Benefice [Facebook](#) page so you can join in from home. Copies of the service will be available online or I can drop one into you together with an envelope in which you might like to make a donation and return to me (or ask me to collect from you). You can also donate to the WDP Organisation [online](#).

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### Condolences

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

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
 who alone can bring order  
 to the unruly wills and passions of  
 sinful humanity:  
 give your people grace  
 so to love what you command  
 and to desire what you promise,  
 that, among the many changes of  
 this world,  
 our hearts may surely there be fixed  
 where true joys are to be found;  
 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 Jeremiah 17:5-10

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

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

## PSALM Psalm 1

**R** *Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord*

Happy are they who have not walked  
 in the counsel of the wicked,  
 nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
 nor sat in the seats of the scornful!  
 Their delight is in the law of the  
 Lord,

and they meditate on his law day  
 and night. **R**

They are like trees planted by  
 streams of water,  
 bearing fruit in due season,  
 with leaves that do not wither;  
 everything they do shall prosper.  
 It is not so with the wicked:  
 they are like chaff which the wind  
 blows away; **R**

Therefore the wicked shall not  
 stand upright  
 when judgement comes,  
 nor the sinner in the council of the  
 righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the  
 righteous,  
 but the way of the wicked is  
 doomed. **R**

## SECOND READING

### 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

## GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

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

He came down with them and  
 stood on a level place, with a

great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

## POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,  
 who gave Jesus Christ to be for us  
 the bread of life,  
 that those who come to him should  
 never hunger:  
 draw us to the Lord in faith and  
 love,  
 that we may eat and drink with him  
 at his table in the kingdom,  
 where he is alive and reigns, now  
 and for ever.



Sunday 13 February 2022  
 Luke 6:17. 20-26  
 6th Sunday in  
 Ordinary Time

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

## Be happy!

Jesus wants us all to be happy.  
 Can you draw a picture of you  
 when you are happy?



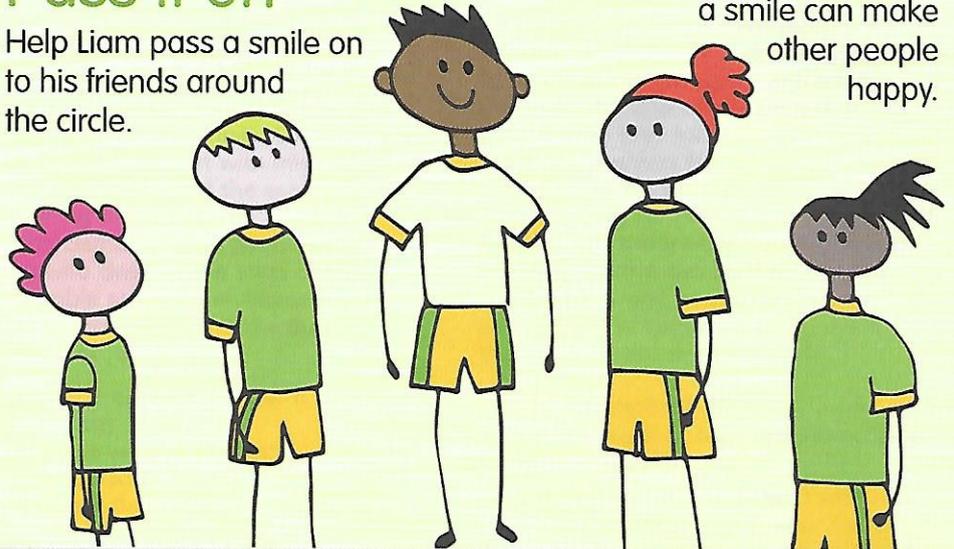
What makes you happy?

People have come from far and wide to be healed by Jesus and hear him speak. Jesus surprises everyone when he explains which people are blessed by God and will be really happy. Anyone who trusts God and puts love first will be truly happy.

## Pass it on

Help Liam pass a smile on  
 to his friends around  
 the circle.

Sometimes sharing  
 a smile can make  
 other people  
 happy.



## Follow Jesus

People come from very far away to see Jesus.  
 Where have these followers come from to see Jesus?

My name  
 is Manuel  
 and I  
 come from  
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 (ANPI)

My name  
 is Karine  
 and I  
 come from  
 - RA \_ \_ \_  
 (CNFE)

My name  
 is Giovanni  
 and I  
 come from  
 - \_ \_ \_ \_  
 (IAYTL)

My name  
 is Sinead  
 and I come  
 from  
 - \_ \_ LAND  
 (EIR)

And what about you? Fill in the sentence below using your own name and where you come from:  
 My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I come from \_\_\_\_\_. I am a follower of Jesus!

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for all the  
 good things in my life and for  
 all the happiness that I enjoy.  
 Please help me to share  
 with anyone who is not as  
 blessed as I am. Amen.

## Can you help?

Help these  
 people find what  
 they need so  
 that they can be  
 happy again.

hungry



poor



sad



Answers: Spain, France, Italy, Ireland.