



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 20th March 2022

Third Sunday of 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, and continue to observe social distancing where possible. Hand sanitizer is available.

Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.

Sunday 20th March

We are sharing Bishop Steven's weekly 'Come and See' films as our sermons during Lent.

Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9:00am

- 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 & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Celtic Morning Worship
- 11:30am Fernham, St John
Dedication of the War Memorial

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

Thursday

- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's
- 7:45pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline for Lent

Friday

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

Mothers' Sunday 27th March

- 9:30am Fernham, St John
Family Service
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#).
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Family Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Family Communion

The Torriano Ensemble in Concert

Sunday 20th March at 7:30pm
St Andrew's Church Shrivenham



Music for Piano and Wind Instruments

The programme includes Mozart's much-loved Quintet for Piano and Winds, an arrangement for wind quintet of three pieces from the Dolly Suite by Fauré, and Poulenc's exhilarating Sextet for Piano and Winds.

The Torriano Ensemble are a group of professional musicians who have been giving chamber music concerts for many years. They have performed several times in St. Mary's, Longcot in recent years and are delighted to be visiting St. Andrew's for the first time.

Tickets £15 will be available on the door
or www.shrivenham-church.eventbrite.co.uk

Bar & Raffle

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Fund

Fernham War Memorial

ready for unveiling and dedication on Sunday 20th March



Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
Please note that the group will not meet this week.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in High Street in Ashbury, and Cleycourt Road in Shrivenham.

Support for Ukrainian Refugees

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) charities and their local partners in Ukraine and neighbouring countries are providing food, water, shelter and medical assistance. To make a cash donation visit <https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

More information on the Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme can be found here

<https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/>

Please contact your Parish Council for information on local schemes being set up to help refugees.

Church Electoral Rolls

Church electoral rolls will be revised before the annual parish meetings. Please let your parish Electoral Roll Officer know if your contact details have changed since last year. If you would like to join the electoral roll, please contact your church's PCC Secretary or Churchwarden, or pick up an application form in church.

Annual Parish Meetings

Shrivenham, W & B	Tuesday 19th April 6:30pm
Compton Beauchamp	Saturday 30th April 11am
Longcot & Fernham	Tuesday 10th May 6pm
Ashbury	Tuesday 24th May 7pm

All welcome

The Vault Under the Porch An Illustrated Talk by Margaret Andrews



Wednesday 30th March at 7:30pm
St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham

In 2020 the long lost and almost forgotten Barrington family burial vault was rediscovered at St Andrew's.

Come along and hear about its rediscovery and the Barringtons buried there.

Free Admission. Bar and Raffle.

Donations in aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project

HRH Princess Anne's Visit to Shrivenham Wednesday 9th March



HRH Princess Anne met members of the Shrivenham community who had volunteered to be part of the Shrivenham Resilience Group lead by Chris Hand during the pandemic. It was an amazing event and HRH spoke to everyone there individually, including Tony Crabtree and Rev'd Norma Fergusson.

A Memorial to Simon Dalton-Morris



An Amelanchier has been planted in Longcot churchyard in memory of Simon Dalton-Morris.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up
to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before
he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in
the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way
of life and peace;
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 55:1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PSALM Psalm 63:1-9

R *My soul thirsts for you, O my God. O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;*

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water;
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory. **R**

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name. **R**

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches. **R**

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9

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

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

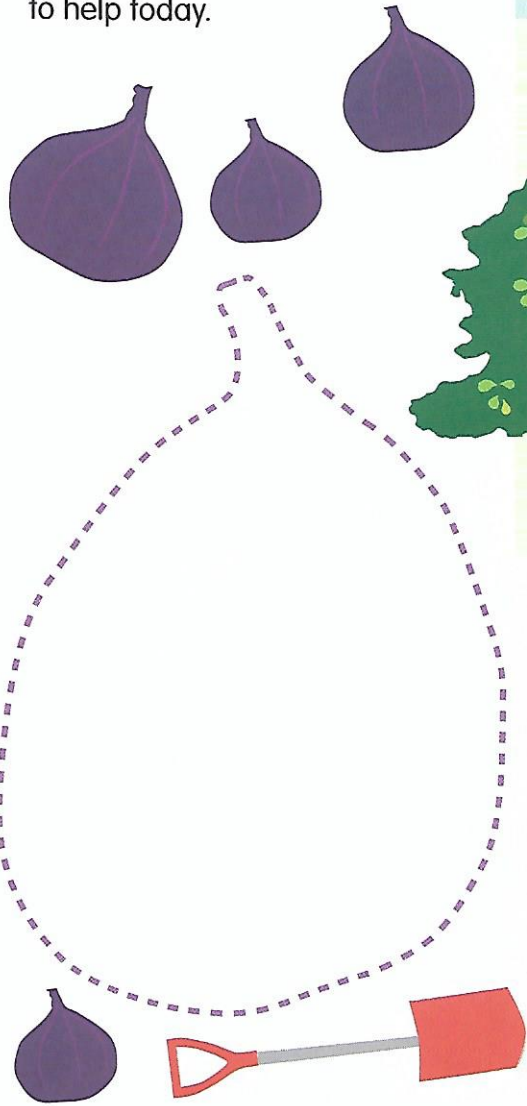


Sunday 20 March 2022
 Luke 13:1-9
 3rd Sunday of Lent

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

My good fruit

What good fruit will you grow today? Draw a picture of you inside this fig doing something to help today.



The owner of the vineyard wants trees with lots of good fruit - but the fig tree is not growing fruit. After three whole years he is tired of waiting and wants to cut the fig tree down. The wise, kind gardener, however, wants to wait. With more time, love and care, the fig tree may still grow good fruit.

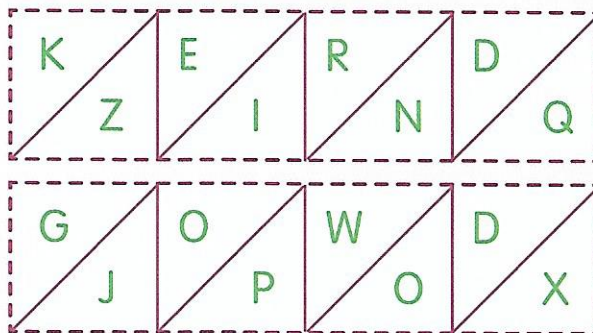
Time to grow!

Spot the difference between the two trees.

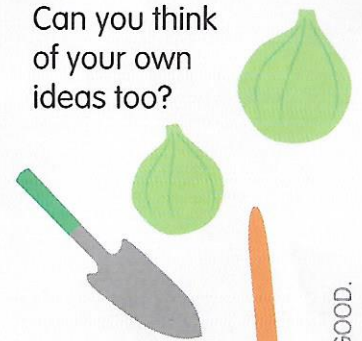


Growing fruit

What sort of person would you like to be when you are older? Make a word by choosing one triangle in each square to colour in. Maybe these words describe what you want to be like?



Can you think of your own ideas too?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you are like the wise, kind gardener. Thank you for being patient with me and always giving me another chance. Help me to grow good fruit for you today. Amen.

Word search

Gardeners need special equipment to do their work. Find these:

- RAKE FORK
- TROWEL HOE
- SPADE POTS



Answers: One tree has lots of fruit. KIND GOOD.