



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 26th June 2022

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

Please respect the concerns of others in the congregation. Hand sanitizer is available.

### Sunday 26th June

Padre Phil Craven is giving today's online sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9am.

10:15am	Shrivenham, St Andrew & <a href="#">Facebook</a> Benefice Holy Communion with Choir
2:30pm	Watchfield, St Thomas Baptism
4:00pm	Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun Benefice Pilgrimage Service

### Tuesday

9:00am	Morning Prayer. Live on <a href="#">Facebook</a>
1:00pm	Bereavement Café 5 Martens Road, Shrivenham

### Wednesday

9:00am	Morning Prayer. Live on <a href="#">Facebook</a>
9:15am	Song and Stories Toddler Group
10:30am	Shrivenham Methodist Church
7:00pm	Wednesday Study Group via Zoom

### Thursday

9:00am	Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
9:00am	Matins (BCP). Live on <a href="#">Facebook</a>
3:15pm	Shrivenham, St Andrew
6:00pm	Messy Church
6:30pm	Shrivenham, St Andrew
	ASK Evening Prayer
	Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday 1st July

9:00am	Matins (BCP). Live on <a href="#">Facebook</a>
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### Saturday

10:00am	Bourton, St James
	Family Service
12 noon	Shrivenham, St Andrew
	Wedding

### Benefice Pilgrimage Sunday 26th June

This year we will walk from Ashbury to Compton Beauchamp and back. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome too. **Note that there are a number of stiles to climb on the way.** We'll depart from St Mary's Church at 2:30pm, arriving at St Swithun's in time for tea and cake before a short service at 4pm. We'll set off on the return journey at about 4:30pm, and the bar at the Rose and Crown will be open for refreshment when we get back to Ashbury. Everyone is welcome to join us, even if only for the walk and tea! For more details and a map please contact David Watson (01793 783405) [shrivenhamchurchwarden@outlook.com](mailto:shrivenhamchurchwarden@outlook.com)

## Second Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 3rd July

7:45am	Shrivenham, St Andrew
9:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
	Matins (BCP)
9:30am	Watchfield, St Thomas & <a href="#">Facebook</a>
	Holy Communion (BCP)
	for the Feast of St Thomas
9:30am	Longcot, St Mary
	Holy Communion by Extension
10:15am	Shrivenham, St Andrew
	Family Service
11:00am	Ashbury, St Mary
	Morning Prayer
3:00pm	Longcot Methodist Chapel
	United Service
5:30pm	Shrivenham, St Andrew & <a href="#">Facebook</a>
	Compline and Benediction

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Chapel Lane in Ashbury, and Hazell's Lane in Shrivenham.

### Return to Offering Holy Communion in Both Kinds

The first thing to say is that receiving both bread and wine is not mandatory. The church teaches that God gives the fullness of grace in Communion, however we receive it, so please don't feel pressured to receive the chalice if you don't feel comfortable doing so.

We will continue wearing masks and using hand sanitiser during the prayers of consecration and the distribution. This will also apply to lay administrators of the cup. The rim of the cup will be cleaned after each communicant has received.

If you wish to receive Communion, please come to the altar rail at the distribution, standing or kneeling but maintaining a safe distance between communicants. Please wait until everyone at the rail has received before coming forward to the altar rail, to make it easier for us to know who has and has not received.

If you don't wish to share the common cup, please stay at the rail until communion has been offered in both kinds, crossing your arms over your chest with hands pointing towards your shoulders to indicate that you do not wish to receive the cup.

The Church of England does not currently permit the use of individual cups, and intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is considered to be less safe than sharing the cup so we are not offering it at this time. If you have any other questions, please ask!

## Shrivenham Open Gardens



Sunday 3rd July 2pm - 5pm

Map and list of gardens £5.00 available from Shrivenham Post Office, the Church Wardens or at the church after services

No charge for accompanied children

Refreshments available in St Andrew's Church  
In aid of St Andrew's Church Restoration Fund

### Can You Help?

We need small clear plastic bottles (up to 500ml) and scraps of wool for some of the activities at Messy Church on 30th June.

Please drop them off in St Andrew's Church.

St Andrew's Shrivenham  
Thursday 30th June from  
3:15 – 5pm

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.



Suggested donation of £1.50 per child.

To book click [here](#), scan the QR code or email [standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com](mailto:standfast.shrivenham@yahoo.com)

**Messy Church is open to the whole Benefice.**



PCC members from across the Benefice enjoying a social evening at St Andrew's Vicarage.  
We thank them for all they do for our seven churches.

## Canon Richard Hancock

will be licensed as Rector of the Spire Hill Benefice in the Diocese of Salisbury on Wednesday 29th June at 7pm in St Mary's Church Stalbridge.

## Wanted: Foundation Governor at Shrivenham C of E School from September 2022. It could be you!

Foundation governors are appointed by the Oxfordshire Diocese (usually on a 4-year term) and are responsible for ensuring the school maintains its Christian ethos, as well as being a critical friend on other governance matters. Working within the construct of the Faringdon Learning Trust, governors have oversight of the school at the strategic level and are accountable for the performance of the school. Shrivenham School will shortly be relocating to a new site, so it's a really exciting time to get involved. We need a wide range of skills and training is provided to help governors fulfil this vital role.

If you would like to know more, contact Chris Taylor [cstaylor1974@hotmail.com](mailto:cstaylor1974@hotmail.com) or 07867 520824 or visit <https://www.odbe.org.uk/governance/>

## Open Tower Hour at St Mary's Church Ashbury

On Sunday 5th June, as part of the Ashbury village Jubilee celebrations, the bell ringers welcomed more than twenty villagers from Ashbury, Kingston Winslow and Idstone during their 'Open Tower Hour'.

There was plenty of interest in the bells themselves with the opportunity to go up into the belfry to see the different sizes of the 6 bells.



Having seen the bells, visitors were invited to feel their weight by trying to chime a bell which is hard work on the heaviest at 690kg.

Special thanks to Colin, Ben and Fiona for their time to make the open tower hour possible.

Three of the Benefice churches have rings of bells. If you are interested in learning to ring or returning to ringing, please get in touch using the details below.

Ashbury: Allister Godfrey [ashburytower@gmail.com](mailto:ashburytower@gmail.com)  
Shrivenham and Longcot: Tony Crabtree 01793 784064 [tony.crabtree@talktalk.net](mailto:tony.crabtree@talktalk.net)

## Brush Up Your Shakespeare

"A celebration of the Bard. Historical/Tragical. Tragical/Pastoral. Pastoral/Historical. Words, Music, Drama ... and a dog."

Saturday July 23rd at 7:30pm in St Andrew's Church

Tickets £10 on sale soon

In aid of the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

## COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are  
nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most  
excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all  
virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted  
dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus  
Christ's sake,

who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

### 1 Kings 19:15-16. 19-end

*A reading from the first book of Kings.*

The LORD said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place." So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

## PSALM Psalm 16

R O Lord, you are my portion and my cup.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."  
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people. R

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. R

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. R

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. R

For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. R

## SECOND READING

### Galatians 5:1. 13-25

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.*

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like

these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

## GOSPEL Luke 9:51-end

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

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another Jesus said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

## POST COMMUNION

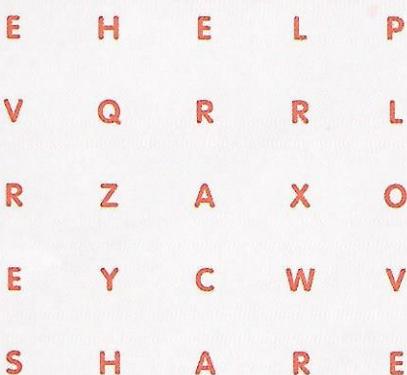
Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.



In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

## Wordsearch

A disciple is someone who is learning. Jesus' disciples are people who are learning to live like him. Can you find these words that describe Jesus' disciples in the wordsearch?



## A PRAYER TO SAY

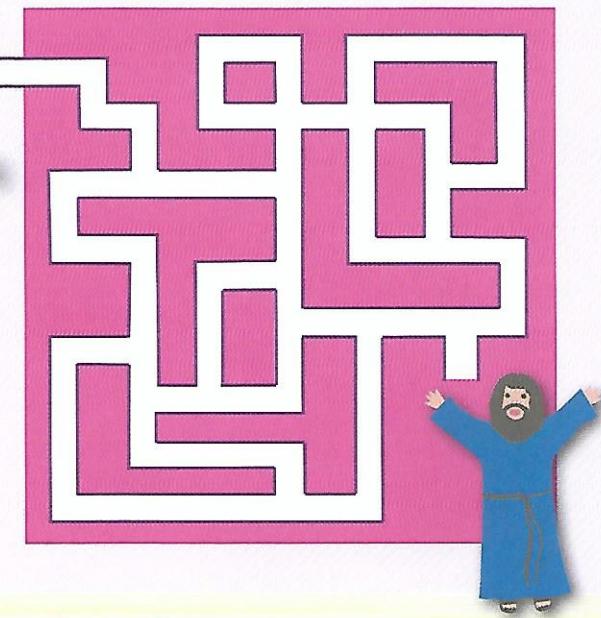
Thank you, Jesus, for being so determined to show me how much God the Father loves me. I want to follow you and be your disciple. Help me to be kind and loving. Amen.

Jesus is travelling to Jerusalem. He is determined to show everyone how much God the Father loves them. Jesus' message is so important he has no time to rest. The people who follow Jesus try to live like him. It's not easy, but nothing is more important than following Jesus and loving other people.

## Follow Me

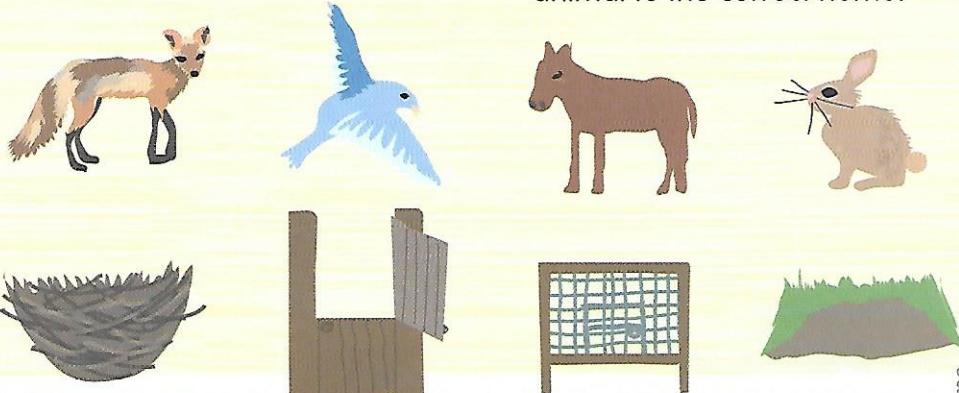


Following Jesus is not easy... we sometimes get lost. Find your way through the MAZE to Jesus.



## Match the animal with their home

Jesus has no time or place to rest. Where do these animals rest? Draw a line from the animal to the correct home.



## Jesus' message

e= m=   
f= o=   
l= w=

Jesus wants to ask us something important. Can you break the code and find out what it is?

