



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 3rd July 2022

Third Sunday after Trinity

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 3rd July

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

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#) 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 & [Facebook](#) Compline and Benediction

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook ASK Holy Communion

7:00pm Wednesday Study Group St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

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

Friday 1st July

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

Saturday

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

Sunday 10th July

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas. Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary. Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#) Holy Communion led by the Ven Judy French, Archdeacon of Dorchester
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary. Holy Communion with Baptism
- 3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas Benefice Sunday School followed by refreshments in the Village Hall

Benefice Sunday School 10th July at 3pm

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

Open to all children aged 4 – 11 in the Benefice.

Please note that there will be no Sunday School in August – we'll be back on 11th September.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Rev'd Norma Fergusson on 01793 784338



Shrivenham Open Gardens

Sunday 3rd July 2pm - 5pm

Map and list of gardens **£5.00** from Shrivenham Post Office in advance, or the church and open gardens on the day.

No charge for accompanied children



There will be 9 gardens to explore including 4 that are opening for the first time this year.

Refreshments will be available in St Andrew's Church during the afternoon

In aid of St Andrew's Church Restoration Fund

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Church Lane in Ashbury, and Shrivenham High Street.

Welcome to Elsie Elvina Dickinson who was baptised at St Thomas Watchfield on Sunday 26th June.

**Benefice Pilgrimage
from Ashbury to Compton Beauchamp**



Maggie Simons writes: Sunday 26th June was a bright and breezy day when we gathered in St Mary's car park for our pilgrimage walk to St Swithun's. There was the opportunity to look inside St Mary's church as some of the group had never been inside and after a prayer, we set off for the walk of just under two miles. We walked through Ashbury, past the pond and then across grassy fields, through oil seed rape and only met one herd of cows before we arrived in Compton Beauchamp just under an hour later.



The paths had been cleared, thanks to the landowners, so the walk was fairly easy, and we could chat with different people as we walked – something I really appreciated as I usually walk alone. We were welcomed in Compton Beauchamp with a delicious and very welcome tea before going into St Swithun's for a short pilgrimage service. We followed the same trail back to Ashbury finishing in the Rose and Crown pub for a social drink.



**Tea in St Mary's Community
Hub, Longcot**

Friday 15th July
from 2 till 4pm

Come and see the new facilities, visit the bell tower (and have a ring if you would like!) and learn more about the exciting plans for the playground.

Representatives of Home Instead will be there as well to talk about how they support local communities.

If you are part of a local group, why not come along and share information about what you do?

For more details contact
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Bottles Please!

The Bottle Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete at the end of August is one of the major fund raising events for St Andrew's Church General Fund. Margaret Hern will be pleased to receive bottles of any kind, but no cans. She will collect from you if required. Margaret 01793 782100

**Brush Up Your
Shakespeare**

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

Tickets £10 from
Shrivenham Post Office,
IV Florist and on the door



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

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

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
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or visit <https://www.odbe.org.uk/governance/>

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son
into our hearts whereby we call you
Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom
to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children
of God;
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 66:10-14

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad
for her, all you who love her; rejoice
with her in joy, all you who mourn
over her – that you may nurse and be
satisfied from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom. For thus says
the LORD: I will extend prosperity to
her like a river, and the wealth of the
nations like an overflowing stream; and
you shall nurse and be carried on her
arm, and dandled on her knees. As
a mother comforts her child, so I will
comfort you; you shall be comforted in
Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart
shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish
like the grass; and it shall be known
that the hand of the LORD is with his
servants, and his indignation is against
his enemies.

PSALM Psalm 66:1-8

R *Be joyful in God, all you lands.*

or

R *Bless our God, you peoples,
make the voice of his praise be
heard.*

Be joyful in God, all you lands;
sing the glory of his name;
sing the glory of his praise.
Say to God, "How awesome are your
deeds!
because of your great strength
your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your name." **R**

Come now and see the works of God,
how wonderful he is in his doing
towards all people.
He turned the sea into dry land,

so that they went through the water on
foot,
and there we rejoiced in him. **R**

In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations;
let no rebel rise up against him.
Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be
heard;
Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip. **R**

SECOND READING

(Short or long reading)

Galatians 6:[1-6]. 7-16

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

[My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.] Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised – only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule – peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

GOSPEL Luke 10:1-11. 16-20

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

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

POST COMMUNION

O God, whose beauty is beyond our
imagining
and whose power we cannot
comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can
grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than
we can bear
until we may look upon you without
fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

The Collect

ALMIGHTY and everliving God,
who for the more confirmation of the faith
didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be
doubtful in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us
so perfectly, and without all doubt, to
believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our
faith in thy sight may never be reproved.
Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus
Christ, to whom, with thee and the Holy
Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and
for evermore. **Amen.**

Habakkuk 2: 1-4

I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to
me,
and what he will answer concerning my
complaint.
Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed
time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalms 31

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide
me,
take me out of the net that is hidden for
me,
for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful
God.

You hate those who pay regard to
worthless idols,
but I trust in the Lord.

Ephesians 2: 19-end

So then you are no longer strangers and
aliens, but you are citizens with the saints
and also members of the household of
God, built upon the foundation of the
apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus
himself as the cornerstone. In him the
whole structure is joined together and
grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in
whom you also are built together
spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

John 20: 24-29

But Thomas (who was called the Twin),
one of the twelve, was not with them when
Jesus came. So the other disciples told
him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said
to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails
in his hands, and put my finger in the mark
of the nails and my hand in his side, I will
not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in
the house, and Thomas was with them.
Although the doors were shut, Jesus came
and stood among them and said, 'Peace be
with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put
your finger here and see my hands. Reach
out your hand and put it in my side. Do not
doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him,
'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him,
'Have you believed because you have seen
me? Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.'



In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Getting ready

Imagine you are going on a long walking journey. Circle the things you might pack. Add your own ideas.



Jesus sends his followers out to tell everyone how much God loves them. The disciples go in twos. They do not take a bag, purse or sandals. The disciples trust God to look after them. They bring a blessing of peace to every home they visit. The disciples come back full of joy – faith in Jesus changes lives!

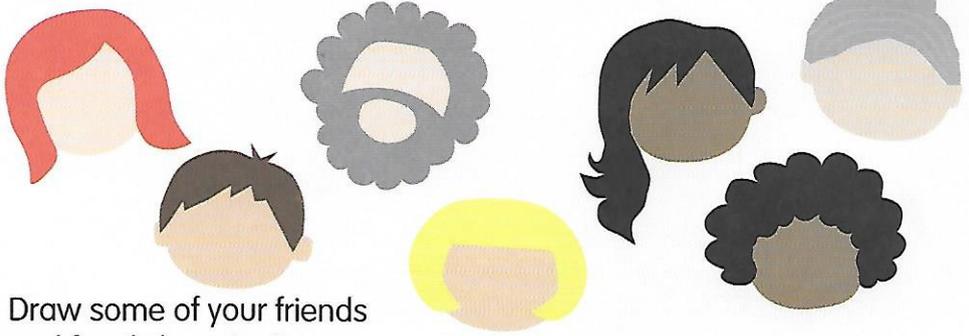
Tangled trails

Who went where? Find out which pair of disciples went to each town, and colour them to match.



I can spread love and peace

Do you want to be like Jesus? Then spread his message of love and peace to everyone you know. Put smiles on the faces of all these people who have heard the Good News.



Draw some of your friends and family here too!

A PRAYER TO SAY

Jesus, help me to be a missionary. Help me to tell everyone all about you. Help me to show them what you are like by being kind and loving. Amen.

Wordsearch

Fill these words from the Gospel in the wordsearch.

- BAG SANDALS
- JOY PURSE
- LOVE PEACE TRUST
- FAITH JESUS TWOS

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