



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 14th August 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.

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

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Holy Communion

There will be no 9am online services on Tuesdays and Thursdays during August

Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer.

Thursday

- 10:00am Bourton, St James
Funeral – Steven Cooper RIP
- 1:00pm Ashbury, St Mary
Funeral – Rita Bunce RIP

Friday

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

Sunday 21st August

- 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
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
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Third Sunday Service
- 12:30pm Longcot, St Mary. Baptism
- 2:30pm Watchfield, St Thomas. Baptism

Bourton, St James

Please note that there are no services during August

Benefice Sunday School

Please note that the Benefice Sunday School is not meeting during August.

Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings are taking a break until after the school summer holidays.

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Distribution of the Sacraments at Communion Services

Care is still being advised at the distribution of the sacraments and if you do not wish to receive in both kinds (i.e. to share the common cup as well as receiving the bread) please feel free to do that.

We will continue the practice of 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.

Intinction by communicants is not recommended and we will not be offering this, but we will keep the matter under review. Please talk to Norma if you have any questions.

Faringdon Food Bank – Can You Help?

Faringdon Food Bank is open on Mondays and Wednesdays, but is hoping to open on Fridays too as the need has increased substantially.

At present the Food Bank particularly needs tinned meats; tinned vegetables; tinned and microwaveable puddings; deodorants; dog food; dry items such as rice and flour; cheese sauce; jam.

There is a collection point for donations in St Andrew's Church porch.

Support for Ukrainian Refugees

Local collection points for essential items have now closed. However, the Swindon Humanitarian Refugee Support Hub is still accepting donations for onward transportation. Please contact them on 01793 542321.

Cash donations can be made through well-established Organisations/Charities such as the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

The White Horse Rotary Faringdon has recently launched an appeal to help support locally hosted refugee families in our communities. More information from Bjorn Watson: bjorn.watson@shrivenham.org

Bottles Please!

The Bottle Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete on 27th 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

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Kingstone Winslow, and Northford Close in Shrivenham.



Do you have electronic devices you no longer need?

Many people in our communities today, including Ukrainian Refugees, are disadvantaged because they have no access to the internet. The Diocese of Oxford has partnered with Getting Oxfordshire Online to take electronic devices which are no longer required, wipe them of any personal data, repurpose them and provide them (with data and training) to people who desperately need them. The project has already helped many people who are digitally excluded, including refugees in Oxfordshire, to get online allowing them access to GPs, education, cheaper bills, online food orders etc.

Do you (or the organisation you work for) have any devices that might be suitable to give to this project? Minor faults (failed disks, broken keyboards, missing chargers etc) can be repaired. They are looking for:

Laptops up to 12 years old (high-spec Windows Vista, any Windows 7 or later, and all "unibody" Macs)
Tablets up to 10 years old
Phones up to 6 years old (iPhone 5S or later)

For more information on how to donate your devices please contact info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

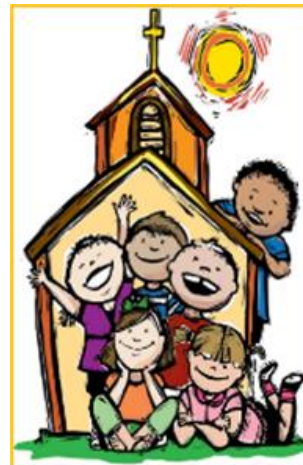
Benefice Sunday School Can You Help?

Our Sunday School aims to help children have fun whilst learning more about loving God and our neighbours, about Jesus, the Bible and the life of the Church.

We meet at 3pm on the second Sunday of the month in St Thomas Church in Watchfield. Each session is followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

The sessions are led by our clergy team, and we are looking for people to join our team of volunteers who help to set up and clear away, serve refreshments, and more importantly help the children with their activities.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Lucy Laird: 01793 783519
info@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk



The Venerable Judy French, Archdeacon of Dorchester, Visits St Mary's Ashbury



In March 2019 St Mary's Church received a grant from the Diocesan Development Fund of £2,500 towards the installation of kitchen and toilet facilities. In February 2020 Judy was going to come to look at what the money had helped us achieve – then came Covid!

Two and a half years later we were able to welcome her to Ashbury at last, where we showed her round the church, especially our new kitchen and toilet of course, and then went up to the churchyard for tea and cake on our new bench.

Maggie Simons

Fun With Flowers



Enjoy a morning at a flower workshop and create a small arrangement to take home.

Saturday 10th September from 10am – 12 noon at the Community Hub, St Mary's Church, Longcot.

£20 per person including flowers, foliage and refreshments. No experience needed.

For more information and to book a place contact Shirley Dalton-Morris
01793 782989 or sdm57@btinternet.com

Wednesday Study Groups Summer Break

The morning and evening study groups are taking a break during the summer.

They will restart on Wednesday 14th September, meeting at 7pm in St Andrew's to watch the film 'The Way' about a group of pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela.

Both the morning and evening groups will then look at 'The Long Road to Heaven' by Tim Heaton, which is based on that film.

Do come if you can!

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your
Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your
grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of
the Spirit
in love and joy 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

Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Am I a God near by, says the LORD,
and not a God far off? Who can hide
in secret places so that I cannot see
them? says the LORD. Do I not fill
heaven and earth? says the LORD.
I have heard what the prophets have
said who prophesy lies in my name,
saying, "I have dreamed, I have
dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts
of the prophets ever turn back –
those who prophesy lies, and who
prophesy the deceit of their own
heart? They plan to make my people
forget my name by their dreams that
they tell one another, just as their
ancestors forgot my name for Baal.
Let the prophet who has a dream tell
the dream, but let the one who has
my word speak my word faithfully.
What has straw in common with
wheat? says the LORD. Is not my
word like fire, says the LORD, and
like a hammer that breaks a rock in
pieces?

PSALM Psalm 82

R Arise, O God, and rule the earth.

God takes his stand in the council of
heaven;
he gives judgement in the midst of
the gods:
"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favour to the wicked? **R**

Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;
Rescue the weak and the poor
deliver them from the power of the
wicked. **R**

They do not know, neither do they
understand;
they go about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are
shaken. **R**

Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most
High;
Nevertheless, you shall die like
mortals,
and fall like any prince.'" **R**
Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your
own. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people of Israel passed
through the Red Sea as if it were
dry land, but when the Egyptians
attempted to do so they were
drowned. By faith the walls of
Jericho fell after they had been
encircled for seven days. By faith
Rahab the prostitute did not perish
with those who were disobedient,
because she had received the spies
in peace. And what more should I
say? For time would fail me to tell of
Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of
David and Samuel and the prophets
– who through faith conquered
kingdoms, administered justice,
obtained promises, shut the mouths
of lions, quenched raging fire,
escaped the edge of the sword, won
strength out of weakness, became
mighty in war, put foreign armies to
flight. Women received their dead by
resurrection. Others were tortured,
refusing to accept release, in order
to obtain a better resurrection.
Others suffered mocking and
flogging, and even chains and
imprisonment. They were stoned to
death, they were sawn in two, they
were killed by the sword; they went
about in skins of sheep and goats,
destitute, persecuted, tormented
– of whom the world was not
worthy. They wandered in deserts
and mountains, and in caves and
holes in the ground. Yet all these,
though they were commended for
their faith, did not receive what was
promised, since God had provided

something better so that they would
not, apart from us, be made perfect.
Therefore, since we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses, let
us also lay aside every weight and
the sin that clings so closely, and
let us run with perseverance the
race that is set before us, looking to
Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of
our faith, who for the sake of the joy
that was set before him endured the
cross, disregarding its shame, and
has taken his seat at the right hand
of the throne of God.

GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "I came
to bring fire to the earth, and how I
wish it were already kindled! I have a
baptism with which to be baptized,
and what stress I am under until it is
completed! Do you think that I have
come to bring peace to the earth?
No, I tell you, but rather division!
From now on five in one household
will be divided, three against two
and two against three; they will
be divided: father against son and
son against father, mother against
daughter and daughter against
mother, mother-in-law against her
daughter-in-law and daughter-in-
law against mother-in-law." He also
said to the crowds, "When you
see a cloud rising in the west, you
immediately say, 'It is going to rain';
and so it happens. And when you
see the south wind blowing, you say,
'There will be scorching heat'; and it
happens. You hypocrites! You know
how to interpret the appearance of
earth and sky, but why do you not
know how to interpret the present
time?"

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the
table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and
language to share in the eternal
banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sunday 14 August 2022

Luke 1:39-56

The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Prayer

Fill in the gaps. We have a special prayer that we say to Mary. Do you know the words? Can you work them out?

H ____ (lia) **Mary**,
full of g ____ c ____ (are) the Lord
is ____ (hitw) thee.
Blessed art thou among
w ____ (moen) and
b ____ s ____ d (lese) is the
f ____ (uitr) of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, m ____ (thoer)
of God, p ____ (yra) for ____ (su)
sinners now, and at the
h ____ (uor) of our death.
Amen.

Mary is so excited – both she and her cousin Elizabeth are having new babies! Mary sings a song of praise to God. God has blessed Mary and God blesses us too.

Word search

Can you find these words hiding in the word search?

E	L	I	Z	A	B	E	T	H
X	Q	V	I	S	I	T	H	A
C	O	U	S	I	N	X	A	P
I	C	H	O	S	E	N	N	P
T	Y	M	A	R	Y	M	K	Y
E	E	B	A	B	Y	E	Y	H
D	S	J	E	S	U	S	O	E
S	P	E	C	I	A	L	U	L
A	M	A	Z	I	N	G	Z	P

MARY
ELIZABETH
COUSIN
CHOSEN
EXCITED
HAPPY
BABY
JESUS
AMAZING
SPECIAL
THANK YOU
HELP
VISIT
YES
ME

Visiting Elizabeth

Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Show Mary the way through the maze to Elizabeth's house.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Lord, for all the good things and loving people in my life. Thank you for my many blessings. Amen.

Mother care

Mary and Elizabeth were both expecting babies. In the bag draw some things that they might need for their new babies.

