



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 21st 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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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. Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary Morning Prayer
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#) Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary Third Sunday Service
- 12:30pm Longcot, St Mary. Baptism
- 2:30pm Watchfield, St Thomas. Baptism

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 3:00pm Cremation – Stan Hutchings RIP
- 3:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew Funeral – John Clements RIP
- 6:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew ASK Evening Prayer
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

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

Saturday

- 2:00pm Bourton, St James Baptism

Sunday 28th August

- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#) Benefice Holy Communion with Choir
- 2:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew Baptism

Tenth 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 to wear masks and use hand sanitiser during the prayers of consecration and the distribution, as will 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.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Malthouse Close in Ashbury, and Queen's Crescent in Shrivenham.

Hymns and Pimms at St Mary's Ashbury

Sunday 18th September at 5:30pm



Before the summer is over, join us for a special Songs of Praise where we can enjoy singing some of our favourite hymns as well as a glass (or two!) of Pimms.

What would you like to sing? We would love to know both the hymn and the story behind it. The Benefice Choir will join us to lead the singing.

Please contact Norma by 14th September to help us devise the programme.

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Help - we are very short of bottles!

The Bottle Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete on Saturday 27th August is one of the major fund-raising events for St Andrew's Church General Fund.

We normally have 300 to 400 and only have 150 at the moment. Margaret Hern will be pleased to receive bottles of any kind, but no cans. She will collect from you if required. Margaret 01793 782100

Supporting St Andrew's at Shrivenham Village Fete

Saturday 27th August from 12 noon on the Recreation Ground

In addition to the Bottle Tombola which raises money for general church funds, the St Andrew's bellringers will be running the Coconut Shy at the fete and opening the tower in aid of the St Andrew's Restoration Fund.

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 are collection points in the church porch at St Andrew's Shrivenham and St Thomas' Watchfield.

Wednesday Study Groups

The morning and evening study groups will restart on Wednesday 14th September, meeting at 7pm in St Andrew's Church to watch the film 'The Way' starring Martin Sheen and James Nesbitt, about a group of pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela.



The study groups will then look at 'The Long Road to Heaven' by Tim Heaton, which is based on that film.

The morning group meets at 10:30am via Zoom; the other group meets at St Andrew's Vicarage at 7:30pm.

All are welcome to come along to the film, even if you don't plan to join one of the study groups.

Please contact Norma for more information.

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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

OHCT Sponsored Ride and Stride Saturday 10th September



This annual event raises much needed funds for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and our local churches, most of which have received generous grants from OHCT towards projects including bell restorations and the installation of kitchen and toilet facilities.

Participants are sponsored to walk or cycle around a number of churches and can nominate their own church to receive 50% of all the money they raise.

The Shrivenham bellringers have organised a circular walk of just under 5 miles from Buscot Church, visiting Inglesham and Lechlade with either a picnic or pub lunch, and you are welcome to join them. For more information and sponsor forms contact Tony Crabtree tony.crabtree@talktalk.net or 01793 784064.

If you can't come along, maybe you could sponsor someone who is going or volunteer to be a welcomer in your church (and get sponsored for that!)? For St Andrew's, please sign up on the list at the back of the church; for other churches please contact the churchwarden or local Ride and Stride organiser.

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

COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your
humble servants;
and that they may obtain their
petitions
make them to ask such things as
shall please you;
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 58:9b-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

You shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

PSALM Psalm 103:1-8

R Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his
holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits. **R**

He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
He redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and
loving-kindness; **R**

He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an
eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are
oppressed. **R**

He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of
Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and
mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-end

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what

is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

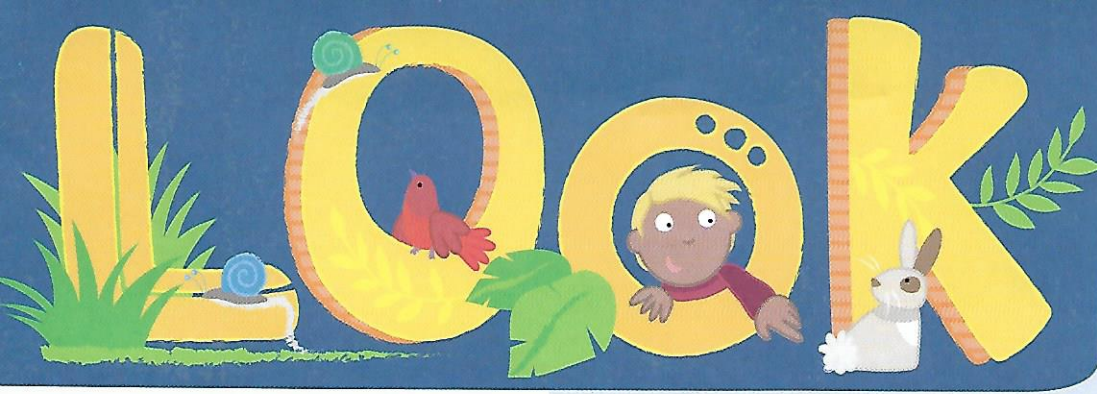
GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

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

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of
mercy
should stand open for those who
trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your
will
may never wander from the way of
life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

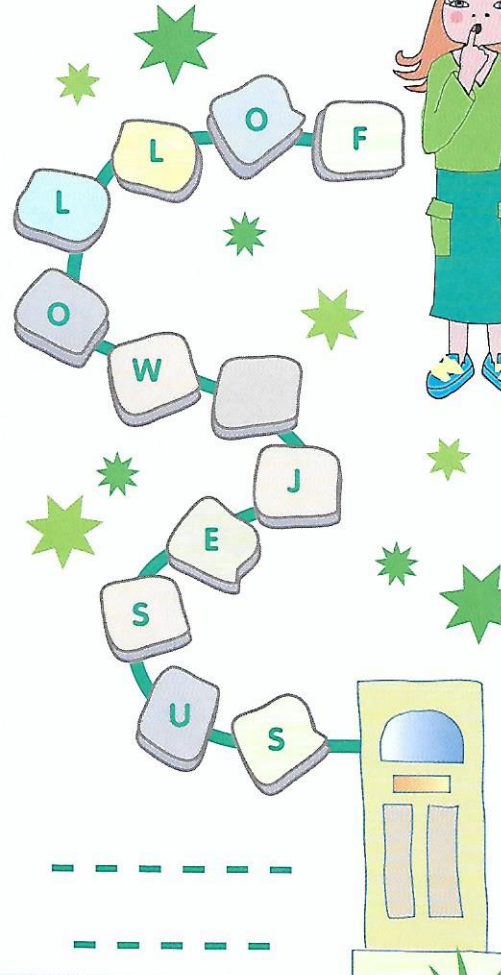
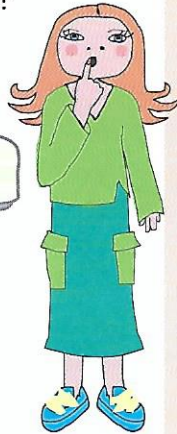


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Luke 13:22-30
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

How to get through the narrow door

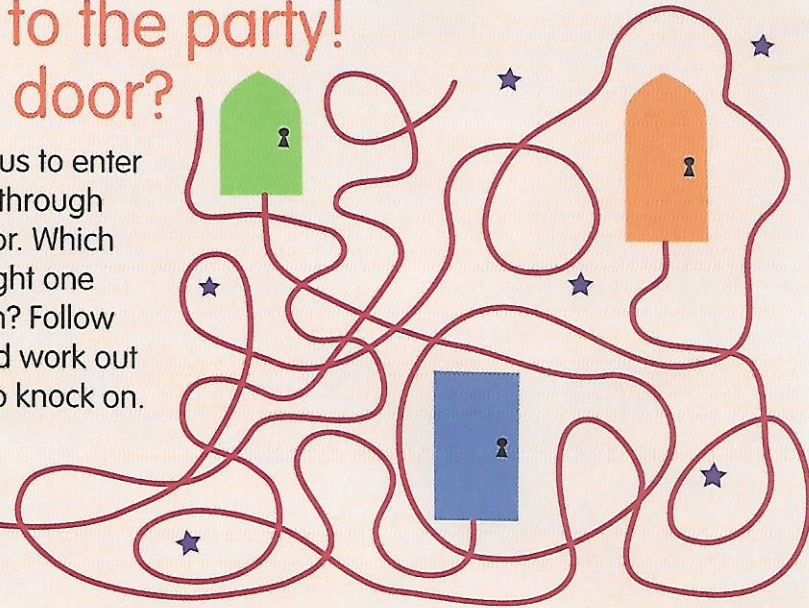
Hester is trying to find the way to Jesus through the narrow door. Can you find out what the message on her path is?



Jesus invites everyone to come to his party! We can get to the party through a narrow door. We go through the narrow door when we follow Jesus and put other people before ourselves.

Come to the party! Which door?

Jesus invites us to enter his kingdom through a narrow door. Which door is the right one to go through? Follow the paths and work out which door to knock on.



Through the keyhole



Jesus' kingdom is like a big party. Have a look through the keyhole in the narrow door. Jesus invites everyone to his party, even the people no one else might want to invite. Who would you invite to a party? Draw what you can see of the fabulous party you'd like to join. Draw the people you'd let through the narrow door.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for inviting me to your party. Help me to follow your example and put other people before myself. Help me to share your love with everyone I meet today by speaking kindly and helping out at home. Amen.

My invitation

Jesus invites(your name)
to his party.
Come in through the narrow door.