



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 28th 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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Padre Phil Craven is giving today's online sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9am.

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday 1st September

6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

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

Saturday

10:00am Bourton, St James.
Family Service

Sunday 4th September

9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Matins (BCP)
9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas.
Matins (BCP)
10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew.
Family Service
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary.
Morning Prayer
3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel.
United Service

Eleventh 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. sharing 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 this week for all who live and work in Odstone Farm and Cottages in Ashbury, and Recreation Ground 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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Welcome

Welcome to Bethan Jade George Hoggarth and Kai Hoggarth who were baptised at St Thomas' Watchfield, and Imogen Grace Prior who was baptised at St Mary's Longcot, all on Sunday 21st August.

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is off duty from

Tuesday 30th August until Wednesday 7th September.

For pastoral emergencies please call 01793 783519.

For other church enquiries please contact your local churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator.

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Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Mavis Mattingly. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

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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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.

Baby and Toddler Group Restarts on Thursday 22nd September



The Group meets in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham every Thursday (term-time only) from 9 - 10:45am.

All parents and carers with pre-school children are welcome, but please remember that you are at all times responsible for the children you bring along.

Refreshments are provided along with snacks for the children.

The group is run entirely by volunteers and there is no charge to attend, but a minimum donation of £1 towards costs would be appreciated.

More information from Jane Hollick on 07779 656 767

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 St Swithun's please contact Joanna Lambert jjlambert@aol.com or 07990 898 175; for other churches please contact the churchwarden or local Ride and Stride organiser. Thank you.

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

Songs and Stories Restarts on Wednesday 7th September



Action songs, nursery rhymes and stories for pre-school children and their carers.

Every Wednesday (term-time only) at 9:15am (doors open 8:45am) in Shrivenham Methodist Church.

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Either **Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

Or **Proverbs 25:6-7**

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

PSALM Psalm 112

R *Light shines in the darkness for the upright.*

Alleluia!

Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever. **R**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice. For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. **R**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord. Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies. **R**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour. The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8. 15-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way

of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL Luke 14:1. 7-14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated
that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings
pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the
gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

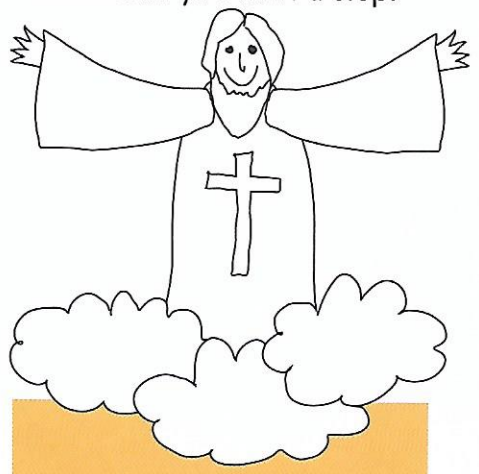


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 Luke 14:1. 7-14
 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Move up higher to be with Jesus

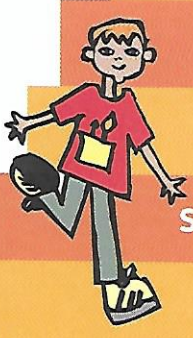
Fill each step with your own ideas of how you can put other people first. Move up higher each time you fill in a step.



Play with someone who is left out

Tidy up after tea

Share my toys



Jesus is invited for a meal and notices the other guests choose the best places for themselves. Jesus says it is much better to go and sit in the least important place. Then it is a nice surprise when you are asked to move up to a better place! Jesus says that if we put other people before ourselves we will be in the very best place of all – with Jesus!

Party Maze

Jesus says when you have a party you should invite people who can't invite you back. Give without expecting anything in return. These people are all invited to the party. Can you help them get there?



Wordsearch

Can you find these words on the table?

- FEAST SHARE
- TABLE GIVE
- FIRST PLACE

F	E	A	S	T
I	C	G	H	A
R	A	I	A	B
S	L	V	R	L
T	P	E	E	E

A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to put other people before myself. Amen.



Who needs a friend?

Here is a playground. Who has been left out and needs a friend? Circle all the people you could invite to join you and your friend.

