



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 11th September 2022

## Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

### Sunday 11th September

Richard Fergusson is giving today's online sermon.  
Watch on Facebook, YouTube or our website.

- 3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas  
Benefice Sunday School
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook  
Compline and Benediction

### Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on Facebook

### Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & Facebook  
Morning Prayer
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group  
Shrivenham Methodist Church

### Thursday

- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on Facebook
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

- 9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on Facebook
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Worship and Praise

### Saturday

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast at the Prince of Wales  
Shrivenham

### Sunday 18th September

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Holy Communion by Extension (BCP)
- 10:00am Bourton, St James & Facebook  
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion
- 5:30pm Ashbury, St Mary  
Evening Service

### **Benefice Sunday School – 11th September at 3pm**

St Thomas' Church Watchfield

followed by refreshments in the Village Hall

Drop your child off at 3pm, then come along at 4pm for a short family service with a cuppa and cake. Parents who wish to stay for the whole time are welcome to do so.

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

### **Community Cycle of Prayer**

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Station Road in Ashbury, and Sandhill in Shrivenham.

### **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

1926 - 1922

Gracious God, we give thanks  
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,  
for her faith and her dedication to duty.

Bless our nation as we mourn her death  
and may her example continue to inspire us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

### **Books of Condolence**

Books of condolence are available in St Andrew's Shrivenham, St Swithun's Compton Beauchamp, St Mary's Ashbury, St James' Bourton, St Thomas' Watchfield and St Mary's Longcot.

St John's Fernham will remain closed  
due to its use by the pre-school.

Official online books of condolence can be found at  
[www.royal.uk](http://www.royal.uk) and  
[www.churchofengland.org/remembering-her-majesty-queen](http://www.churchofengland.org/remembering-her-majesty-queen)

### **Updated Information on Services and Events**

All services will proceed as planned but with an amended liturgy to reflect recent events.

Online services and sermons will continue as normal.

The following meetings and events have been cancelled and will be rescheduled in due course:

Monday 11th September

House for Duty Section 11 meeting

Wednesday 14th September

Shrivenham with Watchfield & Bourton PCC meeting  
Bible Study Group film "The Way" at St Andrew's

Sunday 18th September

Hymns and Pimms at St Mary's Ashbury

This information was correct on 10th September.

Further updates will be published on the Benefice website and Facebook page.

### **A Prayer for the new King, Charles III**

Lord God,

you provide for your people by your power,  
and rule over them in love.

Grant to your servant our King  
the Spirit of wisdom and discernment,  
that being devoted to you with his whole heart,  
he may so wisely govern;  
that in his time we may live in safety and in peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

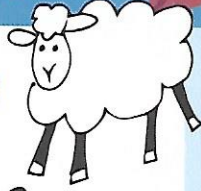
Amen



Sunday 11 September 2022  
 Luke 15:1-32  
 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

## Lost Sheep



A shepherd loses one sheep and leaves ninety-nine others to search for it. A woman sweeps the whole house to find a lost coin. Both are really happy and celebrate when their lost sheep and coin are found. God loves each one of us even more than this!

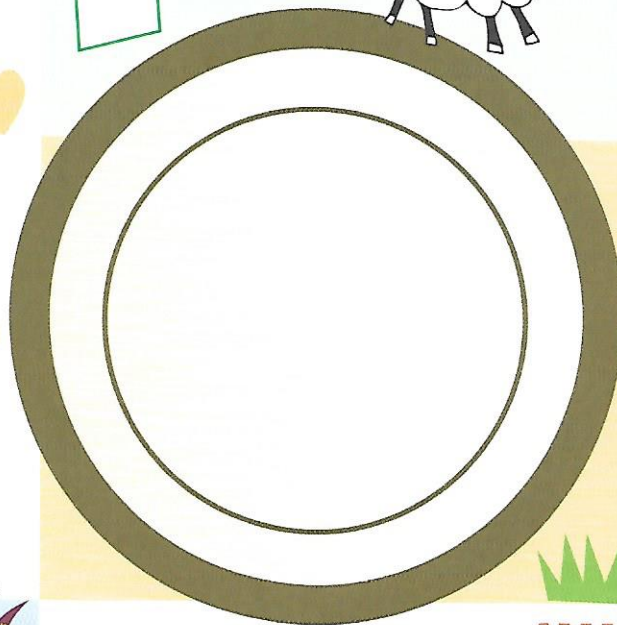


## Where is the coin?

Which way (A, B or C) did the woman search around her room before she found the coin?

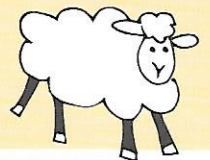


The shepherd has lost six of her sheep. They are hiding on this page. Can you help her find them?



## Self-portrait

Draw a picture of your head on this coin. You are very important to God. God will never stop searching for you.

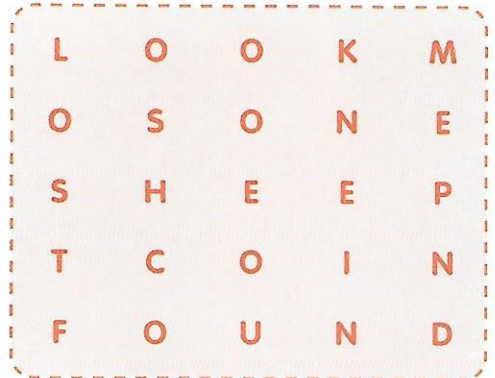


## A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me so much. If I ever go away from you and get lost, come quickly and find me again. Amen.

## Wordsearch

Can you find these words?



Answers: Where is the coin? A.

**The Collect**

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, for the love she received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ne God, world without end. **Amen.**

**Isaiah 43: 1-7**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

**Romans 8: 28-38**

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son,

but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**John 10: 11-18**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

**The Post Communion Prayer**

Father in Heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**