



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 18th September 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
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 & [Facebook](#)
A Service of Reflection and Remembrance
All welcome

Monday

- 5:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
After the Funeral – a service of
Evening Prayer

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
- 7:00pm 'The Way' – film. Shrivenham, St Andrew
All welcome. More details on page 2.

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

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

Saturday

- 11:00am Compton Beauchamp PCC Meeting
- 3:00pm Wedding. Shrivenham, St Andrew

Sunday 25th September

- 11:00am Fernham, St John & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion for Harvest
with the Choir

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in The Malthouses in Ashbury, and Sandhill Farm in Shrivenham.

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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 open until 5pm on the day following the funeral 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 and www.churchofengland.org/remembering-her-majesty-queen

Baby and Toddler Group

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

Wednesday Study Groups

The morning and evening study groups will restart on Wednesday 21st 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.

Welcome

Welcome to Ivy Elizabeth de la Mare who was baptised at St Andrew's Shrivenham on Sunday 11th September.

Dates for Your Diary

The Space

Friday 30th September at 7pm in St Andrew's
An hour of beautiful music and reflective quietness with Epiphany, an ensemble of professional musicians.

Harvest Fayre, Flower Festival and Tower Tours

Saturday 1st October from 2 – 4pm in St Andrew's

Living in Love and Faith

Starting on Saturday 8th October

St Andrew's Vicarage. Time to be confirmed.

A five-week Church of England course which aims to help Christians think more deeply about what it means to be human, exploring Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

St Andrew's Harvest Fayre – Can You Help?

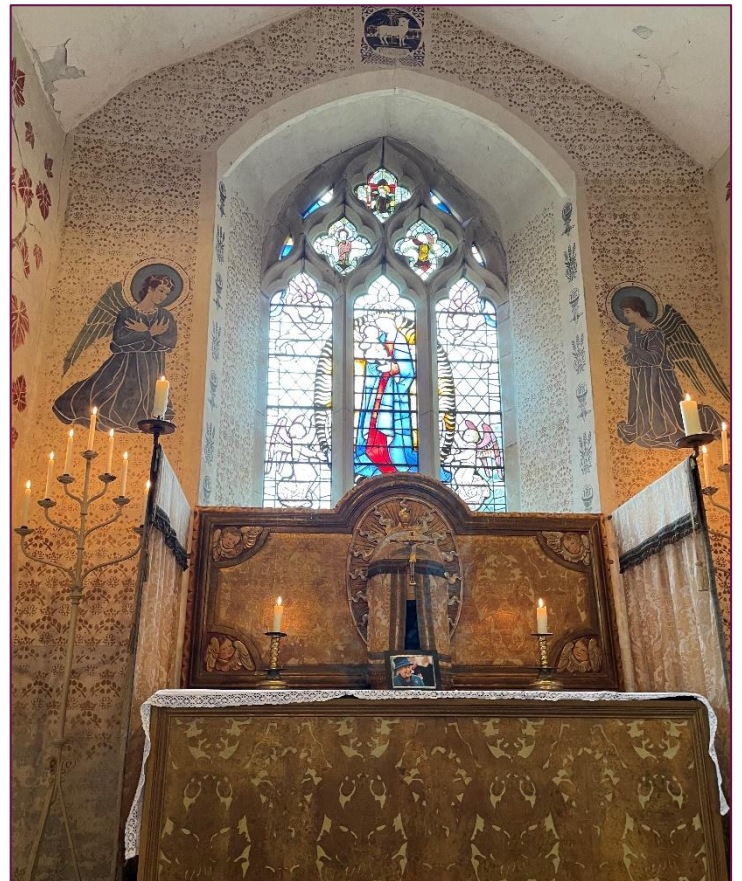
If you are able to help on the day or can donate items for the various stalls (cakes, raffle, bric-a-brac, gifts refreshments etc.) please contact Marilyn Jeans.

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Remembering the Queen around the Benefice



St Andrew's Shrivenham



St Swithun's Compton Beauchamp



Ashbury Crossroads



St Mary's Longcot



Ashbury with Compton Beauchamp
C.E Primary School



The band who rang a half-muffled peal
at St Mary's Longcot to mark the passing of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your
presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast
wills
to worship you in spirit and in
truth;
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 Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

PSALM Psalm 113

R Give praise to the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Alleluia!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord;

praise the name of the Lord.

Let the name of the Lord be blessed,

from this time forth for evermore. **R**

From the rising of the sun to its going down

let the name of the Lord be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. **R**

Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,

but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

He takes up the weak out of the dust

and lifts up the poor from the ashes. **R**

He sets them with the princes, with the princes of his people.

He makes the woman of a childless house

to be a joyful mother of children. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

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

Jesus said to the disciples,

"There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away

from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love,

keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread,

and one in joy and simplicity of heart,

in Jesus Christ our Lord.



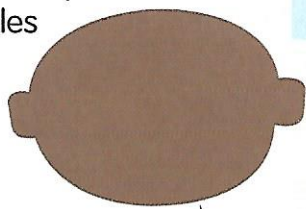
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GOSPEL TODAY

What can I share?

When we are generous and share our things and our time, we store up treasure for ourselves in heaven. Draw, or write about, something you could share with your friends inside the money bag.



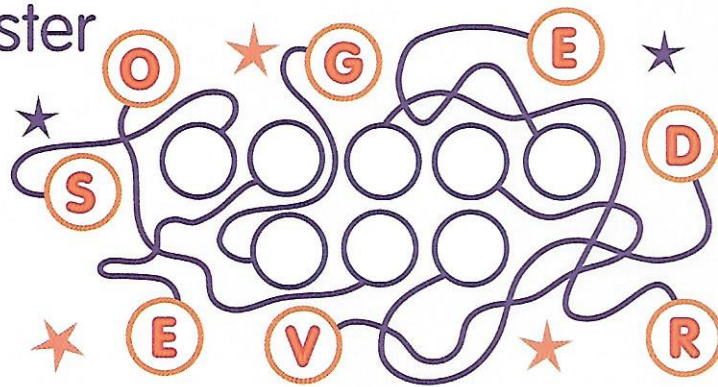
Sharing makes us **happy**. Make this face like you with hair, freckles or glasses. Draw a happy smile on your face!



Jesus tells us that it is good if we can be trusted to look after our money and the things we own. If we want to be given responsibility for big things, we need to show we can be trusted with small things. Jesus does not want us to think too much about money and possessions. Jesus wants us to use the things we have to help other people.

One master

Jesus gives us a special message in today's Gospel. Move each letter to its linked empty circle to see what it is.



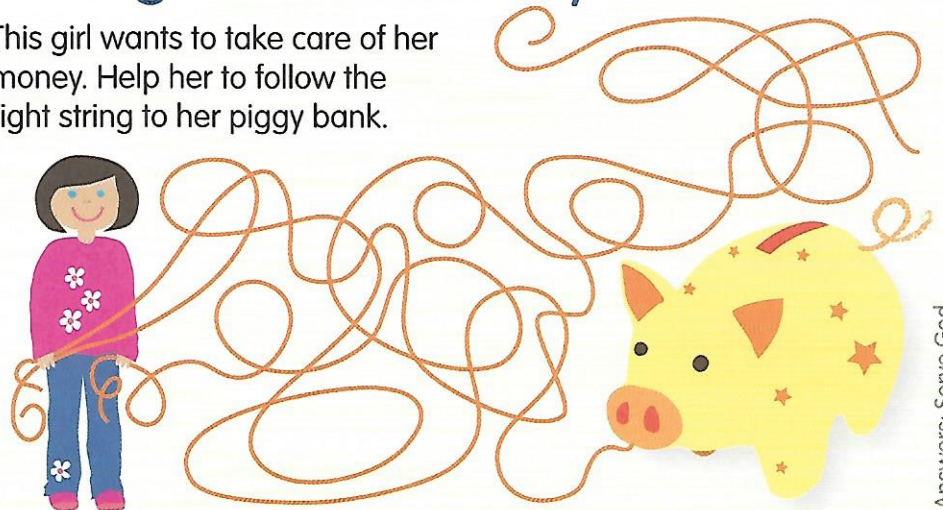
Who needs help?

Jack has lots of things. How can he help his friends? Draw a line from his things to the person he can share with.



Taking care of money

This girl wants to take care of her money. Help her to follow the right string to her piggy bank.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for all the good gifts you have given to me. Help me to take care of my things and to use what I have well. Help me to be generous and to share what I have. Amen.