



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 25th 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.

Sunday 25th September

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

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

Tuesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
1:00pm Bereavement Café. St Andrew's Vicarage

Wednesday

9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Shrivenham Methodist Church
10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
3:15pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Messy Church
6:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
ASK Evening Prayer
6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

9:00am Matins (BCP). Live on [Facebook](#)
1:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Shrivenham School Harvest Service
7:00pm The Space. Shrivenham, St Andrew
More information opposite

Saturday 1st October

10:00am Bourton, St James.
Family Service for Harvest
2:00pm Harvest Fayre, Flower Festival
and Open Tower
Shrivenham, St Andrew

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, books, refreshments etc.) please contact Marilyn Jeans. 01793 782508

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Walnut Trees Hill in Ashbury, and Sandy Lane in Shrivenham.

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 2nd October Harvest

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)
9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Holy Communion (BCP) for Harvest
9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion by Extension for Harvest
10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew.
Family Harvest Service with Baptism
11:00am Ashbury, St Mary.
Morning Prayer for Harvest
3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Harvest Songs of Praise
followed by Communion
3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel
United Service
5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction



The Space
Friday 30th September
7pm
St Andrew's Church
Shrivenham

An hour of beautiful music and reflective quietness with Epiphany, an ensemble of professional musicians.
Free admission.

Harvest Fayre, Flower Festival and Tower Tours

Saturday 1st October from 2 – 4pm in St Andrew's
In aid of general church funds
Lots of stalls including a raffle, cakes, books & games, cards and the chance to win a box of bottles.
Paintings by Chitra Madhavan (in aid of St Andrew's Restoration Fund).
Climb the tower, see the bells and enjoy the view from the top! Children under 16 must be supervised by an adult and be able to climb ladders. Flip-flops are not suitable footwear for climbing the tower.

Living in Love and Faith

Starting on Saturday 8th October at 2pm
St Andrew's Vicarage

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.

More information from Norma
vicar@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk

Flower Workshop at Longcot Community Hub



Thank you to Shirley Dalton-Morris for organising an enjoyable and productive morning in St Mary's Community Hub earlier this month. The group made some beautiful arrangements to take home.

Concert – The Torriano Ensemble

Sunday 16th October at 6pm in St Mary's Longcot
Free admission. Donations in aid of Longcot Village Trust to support future community projects.
All seats need to be reserved in advance by contacting victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

Unusual things you didn't know about World War 2

Friday 18th November at 7:30pm in St John's Fernham
A presentation by local historian Tom Arnold including how Britain stopped Japan from acquiring an atomic bomb, the submarine that sank a train and the greatest loss of life at sea (ever) (not the Titanic!).
Free admission to include cheese and wine.
Donations in aid of St John's and the Village Hall

A Message from Faringdon Food Bank

Faringdon Food Bank is run by a team of volunteers led by members of Churches Together in partnership with Faringdon Town Council. It is housed in a small room in the Pump House (the Council building in the square, not the Pump House Project in Post Office Lane). Because of the small space we would really prefer people to make a financial donation as it means that the team can buy in bulk on a weekly basis as needed. If you would like to do this please make your payment to Churches Together in and Around Faringdon no 2 account.
Sort code 20-90-91, account no. 53402738.

If you do wish to make a small physical donation the Food Bank would be grateful for any of the following:
Cereals, pasta, rice, cook-in sauces, coffee, tea.
Tins of meat (but nothing that must be oven cooked), tins of fruit, rice pudding, steamed puddings, readymade custard. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoos, shower gels, soaps. Cleaning materials. Pet food.

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

Congratulations!

We're pleased to announce that St Swithun's Church in Compton Beauchamp has won a Bronze Eco Church Award in recognition of their efforts to care for God's earth, the first of our Benefice churches to do so.



The overall aim of the Eco Church award scheme is to celebrate the ways that church communities have been engaging with caring for the earth as a key part of their Christian faith.

Remembering the Queen around the Benefice

I hope you have enjoyed seeing the wonderful pictures from around the Benefice included here and in last week's Newsletter. Richard and I went in to all the churches and were so moved by the flowers and photographs as well as the messages in the books of condolence. Some of the ones from children were especially touching. We also held a number of special services. I would especially like to thank the churchwardens, choir, bell ringers, flower arrangers and cleaners for all they did to ensure that our churches were places of welcome and refuge both during services and for times of private prayer. Norma



The bells of St Andrew's Shrivenham were rung half-muffled at noon on the day after the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II



St James Bourton



St Andrew's Shrivenham
Thank you to IV Florist
for this beautiful arrangement



The post box near St Alban's Church in Watchfield



Reading Sheet Harvest Festival

Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their
season:

grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need
and for our own well-being;
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. Amen

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.'

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God:

'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this

place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.'

You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God.

Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Gospel John 6:25-35

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?'

Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.'

So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."'

Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

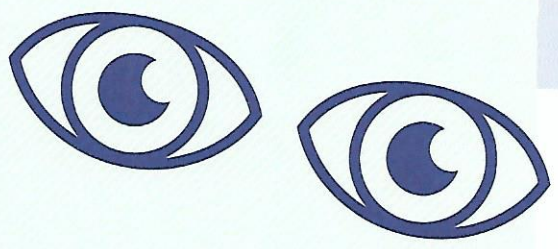


Sunday 25 September 2022
 Luke 16:19-31
 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Sharing

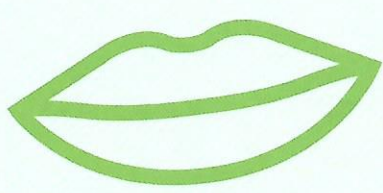
Jesus wants us to use our:



to (ese) the pictures
 of starving children.



to l (netsi) to the
 news of the poor.



to t (kla) about
 what to do.

A rich man is so busy enjoying his good food he does not even notice Lazarus, a poor man sitting by his gates. Lazarus is very hungry and poorly. God loves Lazarus. When he dies, Lazarus goes to live with God in heaven. God is disappointed with the rich man because God wants everyone to notice people in need and help them.

Take notice!

Jesus rose from the dead. We want to listen to Jesus when he asks us to love others.



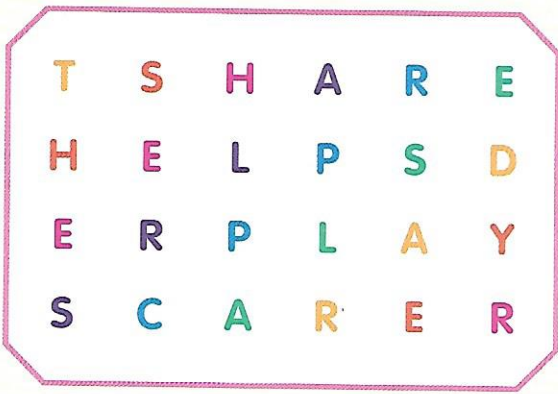
Circle the pictures of any children who are sharing God's love.

Wordsearch

We show Jesus' love to others when we

SHARE HELP
PLAY CARE

Can you find these words in the puzzle?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to see when people need help. Help me to do something about it. Amen.



Fairtrade

Match the word with the fairtrade product.

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T-sh _ _ t (ri)

b _ n _ _ a (naa)

sw _ _ _ s (tee)

ch _ c _ l _ t _ (oeao)

c _ k _ (ea)