



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 2nd October 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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 2nd October Harvest Generosity Week

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is giving today's online sermon. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#) from 9am.

- 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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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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
- 2:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#) ASK Holy Communion
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group St Andrew's Vicarage
- 7:00pm Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton PCC

Thursday

- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:00am Longcot, St Mary School Harvest Festival

Saturday 8th October

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:00am Children's Clothes Exchange St Andrew's Church Shrivenham
- 10:00am Café Inspire in Shrivenham School Hall

Sunday 9th October

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#) Holy Communion
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas. Matins (BCP)
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary. Holy Communion
- 3:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas Benefice Sunday School

Harvest: a time of gratitude and generosity

Harvest. It's the time of year when we give thanks for God's goodness and share what we have with others (this year primarily the Food Bank and Swindon Women's Aid) and we will be reflecting on this in our school and church services over the next couple of weeks.

Do join us either in person or online if you can.

We're all thinking about costs right now – and churches are not immune from that – but it shouldn't stop us doing what we can to help others, be that with money and food or love and prayer. It all counts in God's economy.



Harvest Fayre, Flower Festival and Tower Tours



Saturday 1st October from 2 – 4pm
in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham.
In aid of general church funds.

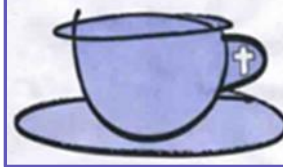
Lots of stalls including a raffle, cakes, books & games, cards and the chance to win a box of bottles.

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.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Wixes Piece in Ashbury, and Springfield Close in Shrivenham.



Café Inspire
Saturday 8th October
10 – 11:30am
in Shrivenham School Hall
All ages welcome

Chat or browse the newspapers. Toys, craft-based activities and a Wii to entertain younger visitors.
Free tea, coffee and squash.
Bacon rolls £1.50 and cakes 60p per slice.

Congratulations to Victoria Mackarness and Timothy Sculthorpe who were married at St Andrew's Shrivenham on Saturday 24th September.



Benefice Sunday School

9th October at 3pm
St Thomas' Church Watchfield

Drop your child off at 3pm, then come along at 4pm to see what they have been doing and have a cuppa and cake in the Village Hall. Parents are welcome to stay for the whole time if they wish.

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

Concert – The Torriano Ensemble

Sunday 16th October at 6pm
in St Mary's Church Longcot

The programme features music for the relatively unusual but very sonorous combination of two clarinets, two horns and two bassoons, which should sound particularly well in the lovely acoustic of St Mary's.

Beethoven's effervescent Sextet Op 76 and Mozart's sublime Serenade in E flat K. 375 are teamed with a contrasting 20th century work by the Hungarian composer Matyas Seiber, described in the Edinburgh Review as 'quite scrumptious: warmly lyrical, sometimes pastoral, with some influences from jazz rhythms and a lot of influences from Hungarian folk music.'

Free admission. Donations in aid of Longcot Village Trust to support future community projects. The bar will be open from 5.30pm for drinks before the concert and also at the interval.

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



Children's Clothes Exchange

Saturday 8th October from 9 – 11am
St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham

When is it?

The second Saturday of every month
9.00am - 11.00am

Come along and pick up what you need.

How much does it cost?

It's FREE

Our goals are to recycle clothing, reduce waste and save money

How do I donate?

You can donate on the day.

Please only donate clean clothing that is stain and damage free.

Do I have to donate clothes?

Nope! Just come and pick up what you need and donate if and when you can.



What age clothes will there be?

Ages 0 - 13 years

A Message from Faringdon Food Bank

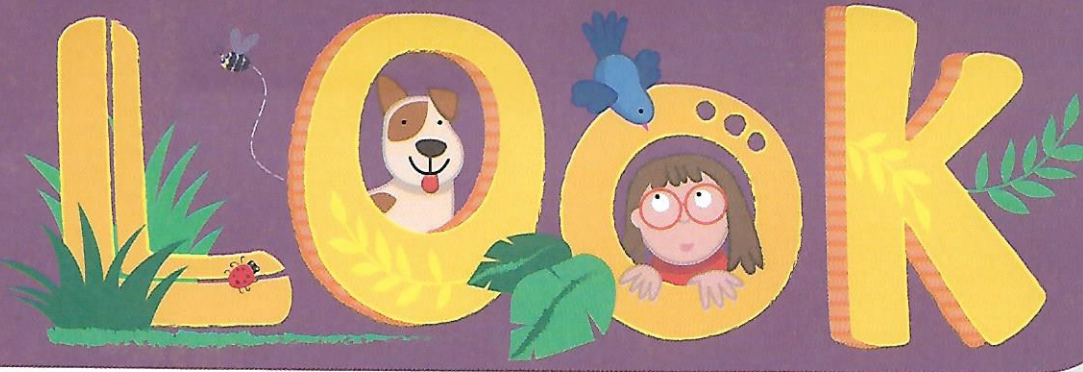
Faringdon Food Bank is run by a team of volunteers led by members of Churches Together in partnership with Faringdon Town Council. It is housed in a small room in the Pump House (the Council building in the square, not the Pump House Project in Post Office Lane). Because of the small space we would really 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.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Sue Drew and Ian Richardson. Please keep them in your prayers.



Sunday 2 October 2022
 Luke 17:5-10
 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the GOSPEL TODAY

What God asks

I can do amazing things when I do what God asks. Find out what God asks us to do. Fill in the blanks with vowels (a,e,i,o,u).

- 1 L_v _ G _ d
- 2 L_v _ y _ r n _ _ g h b _ _ rs
- 3 L_v _ y _ _ rs l_v _ s

Draw or write some of the amazing things you would like to do with God's help in the leaves of the tree.



Jesus tells his friends about the power of faith. Jesus says that if we really believe in him we can do anything. Jesus also says we are God's servants. It is our job to get on with doing what God asks and to love and help other people.

Spot the difference

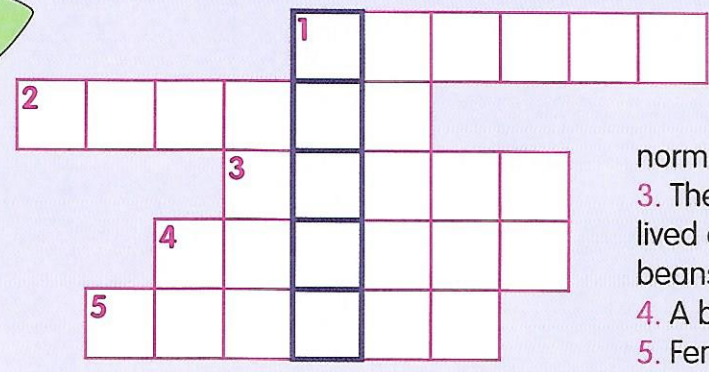
Both servants have done their job and prepared a meal for their master. Spot the five differences between the two pictures.



Puzzle

Fill in the words by working out the clues and then see what the word in the purple box spells

The word is
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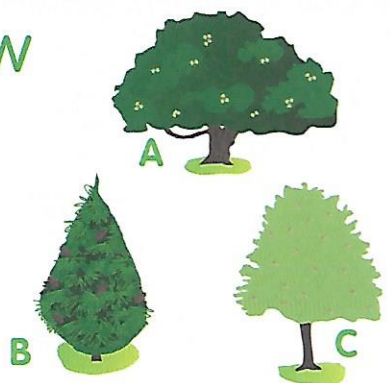
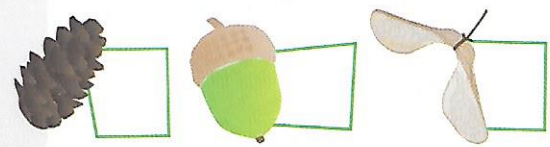
- Clues**
1. Male parent
 2. The day we normally go to church
 3. The person who lived at the top of the beanstalk
 4. A baby cat
 5. Female parent

A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to just get on with doing what you ask.
 Help me to be loving and kind with everyone I meet.
 I know you will be with me and you will help me. Amen.

Our belief can grow

Our belief can grow, just as little seeds grow into big plants. Match these seeds to the big tree they will become.



Answers: Crossword: Father, Sunday, Giant, Kitten, Mother. FAITH. Spot the difference: bananas, apron, bottle, chair, number of apples.



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.'