



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 9th October 2022

## Seventeenth 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 9th October

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

- 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

### 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
- 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 Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion
- 6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

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

### Saturday 15th October

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast at the Prince of Wales  
Shrivenham
- 2:00pm Living in Love and Faith  
St Andrew's Vicarage

### **Living in Love and Faith**

Saturdays 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.

Don't worry if you missed the first session on 8th October, you can still come along.  
More information from Norma.

### Sunday 16th October

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Matins (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas.  
Matins (BCP)
- 10:00am Bourton, St James  
Holy Communion with Baptism
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Taizé Service
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Choral Evensong

### **Children's Clothes Exchange**

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

You will find a good selection of children's clothes (ages 0-13). It is free and you can donate on the day.  
You do not have to donate clothes to take some home.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Community Cycle of Prayer**

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

**Welcome** to Percy Raymond O'Neill who was baptised at St Andrew's Shrivenham on Sunday 2nd October.

### Thank you from St Andrew's

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Harvest Fayre such a lovely successful afternoon. The flower arrangements were beautiful, the stalls were all so well supported, the tower tours were extremely popular and everyone enjoyed gathering in St Andrew's Church.

We raised £820 for general church funds.  
Thank you also to Chitra Madhavan for selling her wonderful paintings in aid of the Restoration Fund.

Pip, Brenda and Marilyn

### 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

### 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](mailto:victorialmedcalf@gmail.com)

### Celebrating Harvest Around the Benefice



Display by Shrevenham Primary School  
in St Andrew's Shrevenham



St Mary's Ashbury



St Mary's Ashbury



St Thomas' Watchfield



St Andrew's Shrevenham



## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find  
their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and  
draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your  
heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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

**2 Kings 5:1-3. 7-15b**

*A reading from the second book of Kings.*

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants

approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; Naaman came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

## PSALM Psalm 111

**R** *The works of the Lord stand fast for ever.*

Or

**R** *Great are the deeds of the Lord, [full of majesty and splendour].*

Alleluia!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord!  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendour,  
and his righteousness endures for ever. **R**

He makes his marvellous works to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant. **R**

He has shown his people the power of his works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.  
The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all his commandments are sure.  
They stand fast for ever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity. **R**

He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever;  
holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever. **R**

## SECOND READING

**2 Timothy 2:8-15**

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.*

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

## GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to the Samaritan, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

## POST COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



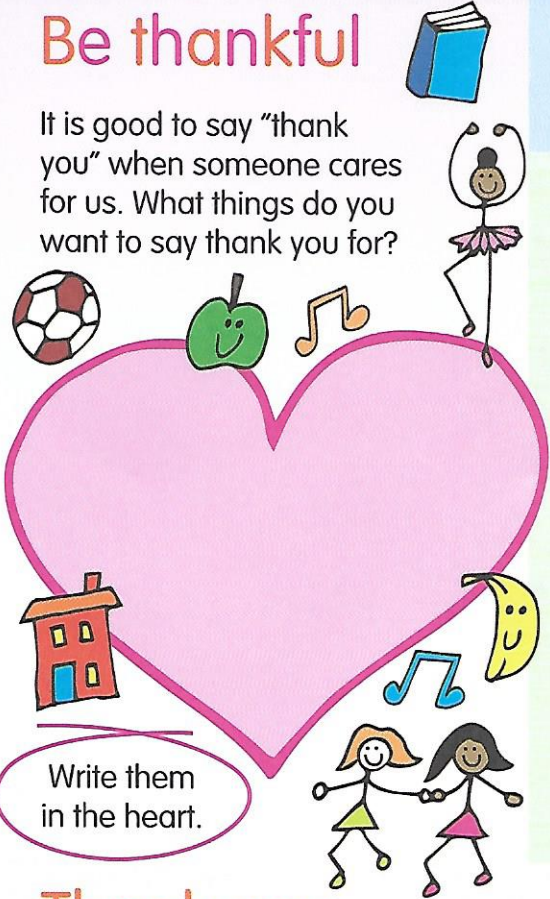
# LOOK

Sunday 9 October 2022  
 Luke 17:11-19  
 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## In the GOSPEL TODAY

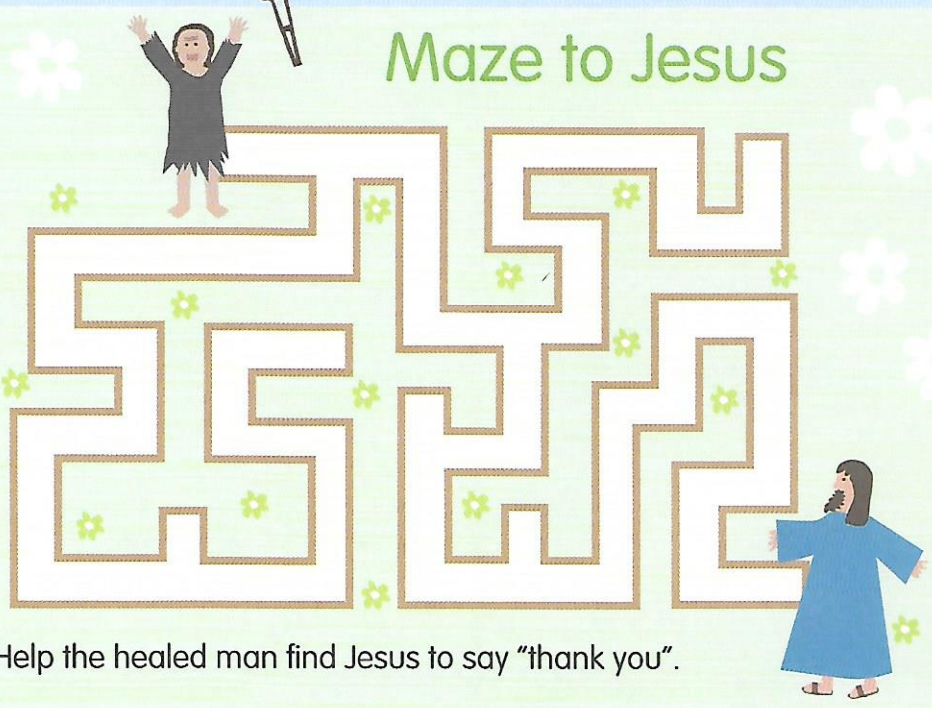
### Be thankful

It is good to say "thank you" when someone cares for us. What things do you want to say thank you for?



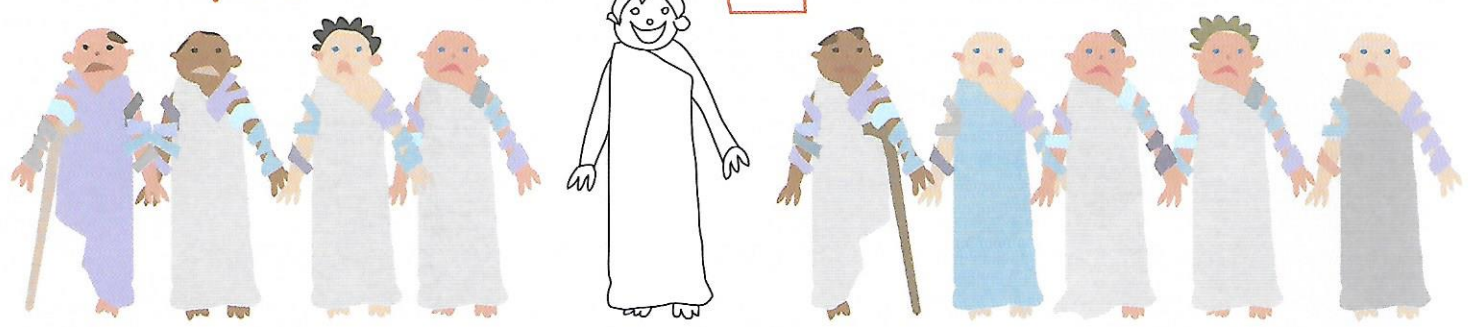
Ten people with a horrible skin disease ask Jesus to heal them. Jesus makes them all well. Only one comes back to say "thank you". What a surprise – it is the foreigner, the Samaritan, who does what is right!

### Maze to Jesus



Help the healed man find Jesus to say "thank you".

### Thank you



Only **one** came back to say thank you. Colour him in. He trusted Jesus and Jesus made him well.

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for everything you have given me. Amen.

Perhaps you can make a "thank you" card for someone who cares for you?

### Wordsearch

Ways to say "Thank you"

- KISS
- HUG
- SMILE
- PRAY
- SING
- GIFT

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