



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 20th November 2022

Christ the King

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
Matins
- 10:00am Bourton, St James
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Shoobox Sunday Service

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
12 Chapelwick Close Shrivenham
01793 783481

Thursday

- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
ASK Evening Prayer
- 6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice
in St Mary's Longcot

Friday

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

Sunday 27th November

- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir
for the Feast of St Andrew
- 5:30pm Longcot, St Mary
Benefice Advent Carol Service with Choir
and handbells

Rev'd Norma Fergusson is off duty

from the afternoon of Sunday 20th November until Friday 25th November inclusive.

For pastoral emergencies please call 01793 783519.

For other church enquiries please contact your local churchwarden or the Benefice Administrator.

An Evening with 'Shrivenham Ladies Choir' and 'After Eight Glee Club'

Friday 25th November at 7.30pm
St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

A light-hearted programme featuring a mix of traditional and modern songs.

Tickets £10 from Shrivenham Post Office, st-andrews-shrivenham.eventbrite.com and on the door. Bar and Raffle.

In aid of Church Funds



Established in 2017, Shrivenham Ladies Choir initially included various friends and acquaintances; in fact mostly anyone who expressed a vague interest in spending time with other like-minded women on a Thursday evening! Since then there have been a few new faces and we now comprise twenty-one ladies. We are looking forward to singing in St Andrew's at long last; our first concert planned for Spring 2020 was postponed for obvious reasons.



Starting out as a small informal off-shoot of Wessex Male Choir, After Eight Glee Club has evolved over the years, both in terms of repertoire and singers. We sing songs that suit smaller venues and occasions in and around the Swindon area and have raised substantial sums for a variety of charities in recent years. We are very pleased to support SLC in this fundraising concert.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Ashdown Estate near Ashbury, and Townsend Road (including Rhymes House) in Shrivenham.

The Well at Watchfield

The Well seeks to provide a regular local meeting point for any military veterans or families who have been badly affected by combat stress in any of its different forms. We have been meeting for over a year now. The evenings are welcoming, informal and militarily savvy - they provide opportunities to listen and be listened to, refreshments are included, and it is all free - what's not to like?

The next meeting is on Tuesday 22nd November at 7:30pm at AFCU offices, Unit 24 in the Business Park off Majors Road in Watchfield. We have a local speaker, Olly Church, coming and he will share both his own experiences of combat in Afghanistan, and his resourceful response. All are welcome.

More information from: jeremyclare@hotmail.com.

Ashbury Church Christmas Bazaar and Raffle

Saturday 26th November at 2pm in the Village Hall

Lots of stalls including cakes, books, bottle tombola, gifts, toys and games, and refreshments.

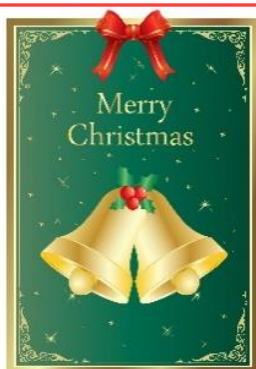
If you are able to support this event by providing items to sell please contact Maggie Simons on 01793 710801

All proceeds to St Mary's Church

Advent Calendars, Candles and Christmas Cards

Margaret Hern has a good selection of Christian charity Christmas cards, Advent calendars and candles for sale from the Lighthouse Book Shop in Highworth.

Margaret lives in Shrivenham. Ring her to arrange a time to visit 01793 782100



Shrivenham Warm Spaces Initiative

Are you struggling to heat your home?
Would you like somewhere warm to go in the winter?

The following places will be warm and open at the times shown below.

St Andrews Church: every day until dusk except during services and Thursday mornings.

The Methodist Church: Wednesdays from 9am till noon, and Fridays from 10am to 1pm.

The Barrington Room at the Memorial Hall: weekdays from 1pm to 5pm.

If you're struggling to pay your bills or buy other essentials like food and drink, visit the Vale of White Horse District Council '[Cost of Living](#)' page for information about what support is available.

Bottle Tombola in Aid of St Thomas' Church Watchfield

The church will be running a bottle tombola in aid of St Thomas at the annual Christmas Fayre at Watchfield Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December. It is open from 10am till 2pm.

St Andrew's Annual Brass Cleaning Morning

Saturday 26th November at 9am.
Helpers would be appreciated. Coffee provided!

Armistice Day Friday 11th November at 11am



We were pleased to welcome a group of pupils from Shrivenham Primary School to lay a wreath at the service at Shrivenham War Memorial. They were a real credit to the school, especially when reading before all those attending. They certainly deserved their cake at the coffee morning in church afterwards!



Remembrance Sunday at Compton Beauchamp War Memorial



Villagers at the Act of Remembrance were joined by members of the Old Berkshire Hunt Pony Club.

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to
the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as
Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the
Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy
and scatter the sheep of my pasture!
says the LORD. Therefore thus
says the LORD, the God of Israel,
concerning the shepherds who
shepherd my people: It is you who
have scattered my flock, and have
driven them away, and you have not
attended to them. So I will attend
to you for your evil doings, says the
LORD. Then I myself will gather the
remnant of my flock out of all the
lands where I have driven them,
and I will bring them back to their
fold, and they shall be fruitful and
multiply. I will raise up shepherds
over them who will shepherd them,
and they shall not fear any longer,
or be dismayed, nor shall any be
missing, says the LORD. The days
are surely coming, says the LORD,
when I will raise up for David a
righteous Branch, and he shall reign
as king and deal wisely, and shall
execute justice and righteousness in
the land. In his days Judah will be
saved and Israel will live in safety.
And this is the name by which he
will be called: "The LORD is our
righteousness."

PSALM Psalm 46

R *The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our
stronghold.*

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble;
Therefore we will not fear, though
the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be
toppled

into the depths of the sea;
Though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble
at its tumult. **R**

There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of
day.

The nations make much ado
and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken and the earth shall
melt away. **R**

Come now and look upon the works
of the Lord,
what awesome things he has done
on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all
the world;

he breaks the bow and shatters the
spear
and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am
God;

I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth." **R**

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: May you be
made strong with all the strength
that comes from his glorious power,
and may you be prepared to endure
everything with patience, while
joyfully giving thanks to the Father,
who has enabled you to share in the
inheritance of the saints in the light.
He has rescued us from the power
of darkness and transferred us into
the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the
forgiveness of sins. He is the image
of the invisible God, the firstborn of
all creation; for in him all things in
heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible, whether
thrones or dominions or rulers
or powers – all things have been
created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things, and
in him all things hold together. He is
the head of the body, the church; he
is the beginning, the firstborn from
the dead, so that he might come

to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell, and through
him God was pleased to reconcile
to himself all things, whether on
earth or in heaven, by making peace
through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL Luke 23:33-43

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

When they came to the place that
is called The Skull, they crucified
Jesus there with the criminals, one
on his right and one on his left. Then
Jesus said, "Father, forgive them;
for they do not know what they are
doing." And they cast lots to divide
his clothing. And the people stood
by, watching; but the leaders scoffed
at him, saying, "He saved others; let
him save himself if he is the Messiah
of God, his chosen one!" The
soldiers also mocked him, coming
up and offering him sour wine, and
saying, "If you are the King of the
Jews, save yourself!" There was
also an inscription over him, "This is
the King of the Jews." One of the
criminals who were hanged there
kept deriding him and saying, "Are
you not the Messiah? Save yourself
and us!" But the other rebuked him,
saying, "Do you not fear God, since
you are under the same sentence
of condemnation? And we indeed
have been condemned justly, for
we are getting what we deserve for
our deeds, but this man has done
nothing wrong." Then he said,
"Jesus, remember me when you
come into your kingdom." Jesus
replied, "Truly I tell you, today you
will be with me in Paradise."

POST COMMUNION

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth
the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously
rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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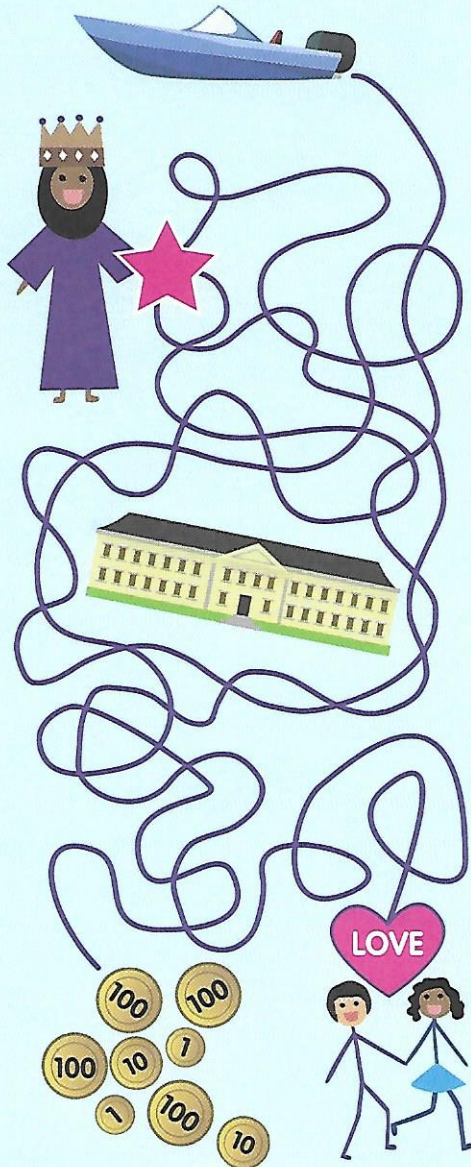
Luke 23:35-43

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Maze

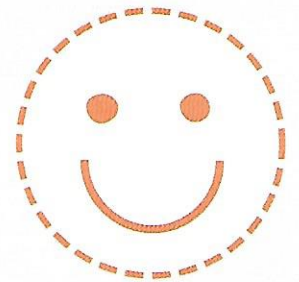
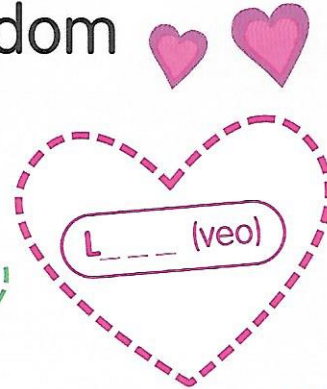
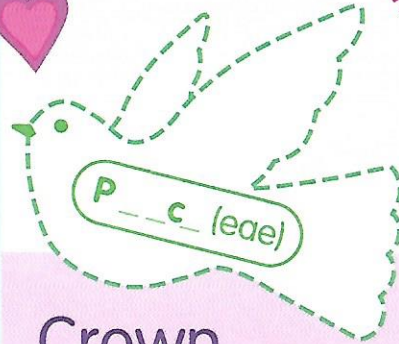
Lead this king to the best treasure of all.



Jesus is a king like no other. Jesus is a king who shows us how to love, by serving other people. Some people do not believe a king would die on a cross. They laugh at Jesus. An unexpected person, a criminal, believes in Jesus. This thief will enjoy life with Jesus.

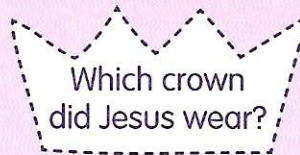
Jesus' kingdom

What is Jesus king of?
Find out by putting the missing letters in the spaces.



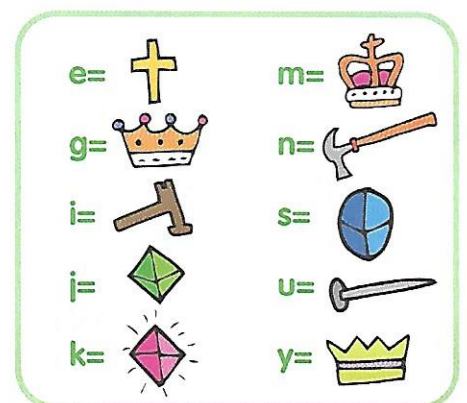
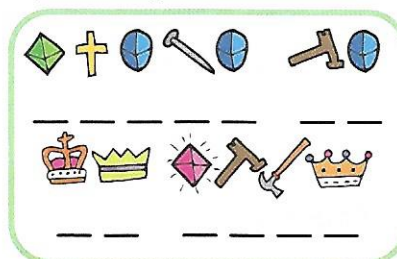
Crown Sudoku

Can you complete the grid so that every row, column and mini grid has one each of the different crowns?



Code

Find the hidden message by cracking the code.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you are the king of love, peace and happiness. Help me to be loving, peaceful and happy too. Amen.

Answers: Code: Jesus is my king. Jesus' kingdom: love, peace, happiness.