



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 6th November 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 Matins
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#) Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary Holy Communion by Extension
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew. Family Service
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary. Morning Prayer
- 3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel. United Service
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#) Compline and Benediction

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 7:00pm Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton PCC

Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#) Morning Prayer
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 6:00pm Longcot with Fernham PCC
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 10:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#) Holy Communion
- 6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 10:00am Royal British Legion Coffee Morning St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

Saturday

- 9:00am Children's Clothes Exchange St Andrew's Church Shrivenham
- 10:00am Café Inspire in Shrivenham School Hall

Third Sunday Before Advent

Remembrance Sunday 13th November

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas Remembrance Service
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#) Remembrance Service and Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
- 10:45am Longcot, St Mary Remembrance Service and Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
- 10:50am Ashbury War Memorial Act of Remembrance
- 11:00am Compton Beauchamp War Memorial Act of Remembrance
- 12 noon Bourton War Memorial Act of Remembrance
- 3:00pm Fernham Garden of Remembrance and War Memorial. Act of Remembrance

St Mary's Church Longcot has reverted to winter opening hours and will be open on Sundays and Wednesdays until dusk.

Royal British Legion Coffee Morning

St Andrews Church Shrivenham
Friday 11th November
from 10am to noon.

A chance to support the Royal British Legion, get your poppy and enjoy cake and a cuppa!
All welcome.



This event will now take place at St Mary's Church Longcot

Unusual things you didn't know about WORLD WAR 2

A fundraising presentation by historian Tom Arnold with cheese and wine

includes how Britain stopped Japan from acquiring an atomic bomb, the submarine that sank a train and the greatest loss of life at sea ever.

Fernham Village Hall
High Steet, Fernham
SN7 7NX

7.30 pm
18 November

There is no entrance fee but donations to this fascinating presentation and refreshments would be very welcome to help raise funds for Fernham Village Hall and St John's Church.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Church Lane in Ashbury, and Sywell Road in Shrivenham.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Eileen Church and Jackie Chambers.
Please keep them in your prayers.



Operation Christmas Child

We are once again supporting Operation Christmas Child by collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts for children. Our Benefice collection points are St Mary's Ashbury and St Andrew's Shrivenham, where you can also pick up a 'How to Pack

Your Shoebox' leaflet which gives guidance on what can and can't be included.

Bring your shoebox to the Shoebox Sunday service in St Mary's at 11.00am on Sunday 20th November, or drop it off in either church any time before that date.

More information from
Maggie Simons 01793 710801
or the Samaritan's Purse website,
where you can also purchase a pre-packed shoebox.
www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

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



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 from 'Shrivenham Ladies Choir' and the male ensemble 'After Eight Glee Club'.

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

In aid of Church Funds

St Andrew's Annual Brass Cleaning Morning

Saturday 26th November at 9am.

Helpers would be appreciated. Coffee provided!

St John's Church Fernham

As most of you probably know by now, there was a fire in St John's Church Fernham on the morning of Saturday 29th October. Six fire appliances attended and many people in the village offered help – we are most grateful to all of them, but especially to Neil Sutherland and Tom Arnold who coped so wonderfully, in the most difficult of circumstances, with everything which had to be done. The building has been secured but we do ask people to stay away from the scene – dislodged roof tiles are still a hazard and entering the building unnecessarily will only exacerbate the mess and potentially affect the next phase of recovery. Fortunately, no-one was hurt and, while there is damage to the roof, the interior is better than we might have expected, but of course there is damage from water and smoke. A lot of work needs to be done before we can hold services and events inside again. St John's has a special place in the village as it also serves as the village hall and home to the pre-school. The sense of shock, too, will take time to heal.

We ask for your prayers for St John, its congregation, for the village and all who use the building:

Loving God, we bring before you our shock and sadness at the damage to St John's, but also our thankfulness that things were not so much worse and our gratitude for the help we received. At times like this we remember that it is people, not stones, which build a church and we will continue to do your work, not just in the village but in the Benefice. Give us the strength to face what must be done and bless us as we go forward in your name. Amen



COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the king of all:
govern the hearts and minds of
those in authority,
and bring the families of the
nations,
divided and torn apart by the
ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle
rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Job 19:23-27a

A reading from the book of Job.

Job said to his companions: "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

PSALM Psalm 17:1-9

R Show me, O Lord, your loving-kindness.

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer,
which does not come from lying
lips.

Let my vindication come forth from
your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
Weigh my heart, summon me by
night,
melt me down; you will find no
impurity in me. **R**

I give no offence with my mouth as
others do;
I have heeded the words of your
lips.
My footsteps hold fast to the ways
of your law;
in your paths my feet shall not
stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will
answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear
my words. **R**

Show me your marvellous
loving-kindness,
O Saviour of those who take refuge
at your right hand
from those who rise up against
them.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of
your wings,
From the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who
surround me. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5. 13-end

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who

loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

GOSPEL Luke 20:27-38

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

POST COMMUNION

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed
the kingdom
and restored the broken to
wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the
anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and
nations;
through our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ.

LOOK

Sunday 6 November 2022
 Luke 20:27-38
 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the GOSPEL TODAY

Live life!

God is with these children who are enjoying life. Can you draw Jesus playing with them?

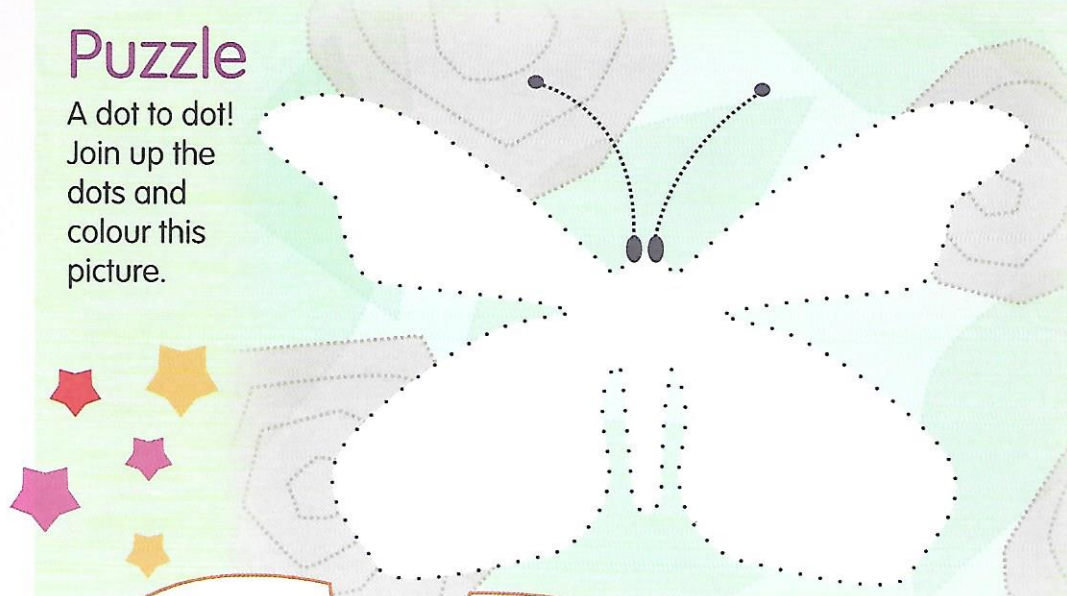
Draw a circle around the children who are doing something you enjoy.



Jesus tells us not to worry about what heaven will be like. We can be sure we will be with everyone we love. We just need to trust God and know that God loves us. We are children of God and God is with us every day, helping us to enjoy life!

Puzzle

A dot to dot!
 Join up the dots and colour this picture.



T-shirt design

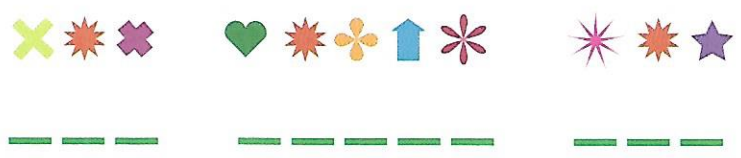
Design a t-shirt that shows you enjoying life with God.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, it's good to be alive! Help me to make the most of every day. Help me to trust you and not worry about things that don't matter. Thank you for loving me so much. Amen.

A coded message

Crack the code to see



d = purple star e = blue arrow g = green cross l = green heart o = red star s = orange flower u = purple star v = orange flower y = pink star