



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'



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Sunday 15th January 2023

Second Sunday of Epiphany

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 15th January

Rev'd Norma 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 & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 10:30am Shrivenham Methodist Church
United Covenant Service
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer
- 2:00pm Watchfield, St Thomas.
Baptism

Please note that St Mary's Church Longcot will be hosting Prayer Space for Longcot and Fernham Primary School on Monday and Tuesday this week.

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
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 9:00am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 5:30om Shrivenham, St Andrew
Worship and Praise

Saturday

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast
Prince of Wales, Shrivenham

Sunday 22nd January

- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas.
Holy Communion (BCP) by Extension
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion

Baby and Toddler Group Restarts on Thursday 19th January



The group meets in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham every Thursday (term-time only) from 9 - 10:45am.

All parents and carers with pre-school children are welcome, but please remember that you are at all times responsible for the children you bring along.

Refreshments are provided along with snacks for the children.

The group is run entirely by volunteers, and to help meet the rising cost of snacks, craft materials etc. they will now be charging each family (parent/carers) £1.50 to attend, rather than asking for a donation as in the past.

More information from Jane Hollick on 07779 656 767

Baby and Toddler Group – New Leader Required

One of the two group leaders is leaving in March and the group will have to close unless they can find another leader to assist with the organisation and weekly running of the group.

If you would like to volunteer or find out more about what is involved, please contact Jane Hollick on 07779 656 767.

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Station Road in Ashbury, and Benfield Place and Penny Close in Shrivenham.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 21st January at 8:30am
 The Prince of Wales, Shrivenham

For catering purposes, please let David Ahern know by Wednesday 18th if you plan to attend.

01793 783521 davidmahern@gmail.com

Soup On Saturday

28th January from 12 noon - 2pm
St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

Come along for a mug of soup and a natter.
Sale table and raffle.



If you can you help with making soup,
providing items for the sale table or raffle prizes
please contact Penny Hockley
pennykh48@gmail.com or 01793 783284

In aid of St Andrew's Church.

Community Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for our positive school community.
Thank you for helping us to respect all of the
communities around us.
Thank you for all the kind people in our community
who help us with the tricky things in life.

Sorry that we do not always listen
to others in our community.
Sorry for making judgements and telling on others,
when we have made the same mistakes.
We apologise for not always showing respect
to the communities around us.

Please support us to invite and encourage
more people into our community throughout this year.
Please help us to show kindness
towards everyone in our community.
In the future, please guide us to support other
communities around the world. Amen

Ashbury with Compton Beauchamp CE Primary School

Fernham Village Coffee Morning Thursday 29th December

Fernham villagers held their first event in St John's Church since the fire at the end of October.
How lovely to see the building restored to its former glory and once again a focal point for the whole community.



If you would like to make a text donation to support the work of the
churches in our Benefice, please

Text GIVEfive to 70470 to donate £5

Text GIVETen to 70470 to donate £10

Your standard text message rate applies.

Thank you!

COLLECT

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the
riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 Isaiah 49:1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention,
you peoples from far away! The LORD
called me before I was born, while I was
in my mother's womb he named me. He
made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the
shadow of his hand he hid me; he made
me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid
me away. And he said to me, "You are my
servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have
spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and
my reward with my God." And now the
LORD says, who formed me in the womb
to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to
him, and that Israel might be gathered
to him, for I am honoured in the sight of
the LORD, and my God has become my
strength. The LORD says, "It is too light
a thing that you should be my servant to
raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore
the survivors of Israel; I will give you as
a light to the nations, that my salvation
may reach to the end of the earth."
Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of
Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply
despised, abhorred by the nations, the
slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand
up, princes, and they shall prostrate
themselves, because of the LORD, who is
faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has
chosen you."

PSALM Psalm 40:1-2

R I love to do your will, O God,
[your law is in my heart].

I waited patiently upon the Lord;
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the desolate pit,
out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made
my footing sure. **R**

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
many shall see and stand in awe

and put their trust in the Lord.
Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to
false gods. **R**

Great things are they that you have done,
O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your
plans for us!
there is none who can be compared
with you.
O that I could make them known and
tell them!
but they are more than I can count. **R**

In sacrifice and offering you take no
pleasure
you have given me ears to hear you;
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have
not required,
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
In the roll of the book it is written
concerning me:
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'" **R**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great
congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.
Your righteousness have I not hidden in
my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and
your deliverance;
I have not concealed your love and
faithfulness
from the great congregation. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From Paul, called to be an apostle of
Christ Jesus by the will of God, and
our brother Sosthenes, To the church
of God that is in Corinth, to those who
are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to
be saints, together with all those who in
every place call on the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give
thanks to my God always for you because
of the grace of God that has been given
you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you
have been enriched in him, in speech
and knowledge of every kind – just as the
testimony of Christ has been strengthened
among you – so that you are not lacking
in any spiritual gift as you wait for the
revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will
also strengthen you to the end, so that
you may be blameless on the day of our

Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him
you were called into the fellowship of his
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL John 1:29-42

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

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming
towards him and declared, "Here is the
Lamb of God who takes away the sin of
the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After
me comes a man who ranks ahead of me
because he was before me.' I myself did
not know him; but I came baptizing with
water for this reason, that he might be
revealed to Israel." And John testified,
"I saw the Spirit descending from heaven
like a dove, and it remained on him. I
myself did not know him, but the one who
sent me to baptize with water said to me,
'He on whom you see the Spirit descend
and remain is the one who baptizes with
the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen
and have testified that this is the Son
of God." The next day John again was
standing with two of his disciples, and as
he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed,
"Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The
two disciples heard him say this, and they
followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and
saw them following, he said to them,
"What are you looking for?" They said
to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means
Teacher), "where are you staying?" He
said to them, "Come and see." They
came and saw where he was staying, and
they remained with him that day. It was
about four o'clock in the afternoon. One
of the two who heard John speak and
followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's
brother. He first found his brother Simon
and said to him, "We have found the
Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).
He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked
at him and said, "You are Simon son
of John. You are to be called Cephas"
(which is translated Peter).

POST COMMUNION

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord.

LOOK

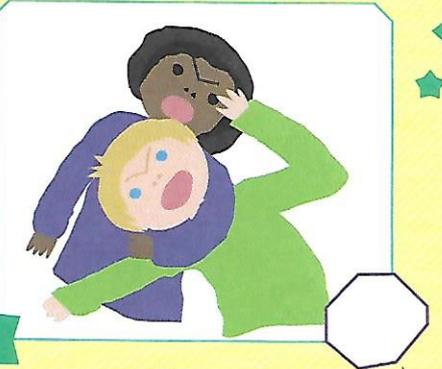
Sunday 15 January 2023
John 1:29-34
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the GOSPEL TODAY

JESUS IS SPECIAL

Have a guess!

Could someone tell by looking at US that we think Jesus is important? When we do what Jesus says we are showing he is important. Put a tick by the children who are showing that Jesus is important.



"Look!" says John the Baptist when he sees Jesus. "It's Jesus, the lamb of God!". John knows Jesus is God's Chosen One because the Holy Spirit came and rested on Jesus when he was being baptised.

Knowing Jesus

We can't see Jesus like John did – but we know he is special. Follow the strings and find out some of the ways we can get to know Jesus.

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(h c h c)

People I ____ (e v o) us

In our p _ a _ _ r _ (s y e r)

Stories in the
B _ _ l _ (e i b)

How can I share what believe?

- I can TELL my friends
- I can LISTEN to their worries
- I can HELP at home
- I can CHAT to Jesus
- I can TALK about the Gospel
- I can SHOW I am a Christian

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Can you find the coloured words in the word search?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to show that I know you and think that you are important. Help me to treat the people I meet with love and kindness. Amen.

Signpost

John pointed the way to Jesus. Write or draw something in this signpost; something you could do, to tell everyone how important Jesus is.

