



# The Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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**Sunday 28th May 2023**

**Pentecost**



**Please do not come into church if you think you may have symptoms of Covid 19.**

## **Sunday 28th May Pentecost**

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

- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Holy Communion by Extension
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew  
Morning Prayer
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion
- 2:30pm Shrevenham, St Andrew  
Baptism

## **Tuesday**

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:00pm Bereavement Café  
5, Marten's Road, Shrevenham
- 2:30pm Shrevenham Methodist Church  
Thanksgiving – Frank Mullin RIP

## **Wednesday**

- 9:00am Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Morning Prayer
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
St Andrew's Vicarage
- 7:00pm Shrevenham, Watchfield & Bourton PCC  
St Andrew's Church

## **Thursday**

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

## **Friday**

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

## **Saturday**

- 10:00am Bourton, St James  
Family Service

## **Trinity Sunday 4th June**

- 7:45am Shrevenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Holy Communion by Extension
- 10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew  
Family Service with Baptism
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary.  
Morning Prayer
- 2:30pm Shrevenham, St Andrew  
Baptism
- 3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel.  
United Service
- 5:30pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Compline and Benediction

## **The Lectio Course:**

### **How to Hear God by Praying the Bible**

Wednesday Study Group

The Lectio Course is based on Pete Greig's book, "How to Hear God", and explores the ancient practice of Lectio Divina. Each 15-minute video session unpacks a different aspect of Lectio Divina, explaining very practically how to do it. The 5 sessions also feature remarkable guests sharing their experiences and wisdom in this area.

Join us in person at 7pm in St Andrew's Vicarage.  
Contact Richard Fergusson for more information.

[richard.fergusson.llm@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.fergusson.llm@btinternet.com)

Or join us online via Zoom at 10:30am.  
Contact David Ahern for more information.

[davidmahern@gmail.com](mailto:davidmahern@gmail.com)

Don't worry if you missed the first session last week,  
there's still time to join us.

## **Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group**

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings are not meeting this week as it is half-term.

## **Community Cycle of Prayer**

Please pray this week for all who live and work in  
The Malthouses in Ashbury, and Ebbsworth Lane  
and Fuller Close in Shrevenham.

## **Congratulations**

Our congratulations to Charlotte Munns and  
Josh Satchell who were married in St Andrew's  
Shrevenham on Saturday 20th May.

**Wayland Recorder Orchestra**  
Conducted by Helen Hooker



Sunday 2nd July at 3pm  
Shrivenham Primary School Hall

Join us for varied programme of music from the last 450 years including works by Fauré, JS Bach, Orlando Gibbons, Mendelssohn, Holst and modern classics of the recorder repertoire.

Come and hear the full range of recorders from the tiny soprano to the eight-foot subcontrabass and the wonderful playing skills of Helen Hooker in the Concerto in A minor RV 108 by Antonio Vivaldi.

**Tickets £10 (under 16s £5)**  
[shrivenham-church.eventbrite.co.uk](http://shrivenham-church.eventbrite.co.uk)

**In aid of St Andrew's Church Restoration Project**

**Shrivenham Open Gardens**  
Sunday 9th July 2pm – 5pm



There will be at least 10 gardens to explore including 2 that are opening for the first time, and another that hasn't been open for several years now.

More details to follow.

**In aid of St Andrew's Church Restoration Project**

**Learning about Trinity Sunday at  
Messy Church last Thursday**



**Avebury Vocal Ensemble**  
**Summer Concert – English Choral Classics**

Sunday 2nd July at 6.00pm  
St Mary's Church Ashbury

This is a very special opportunity to hear some wonderful English choral classics including Handel's "Zadok the Priest", Parry's "I was Glad" as well as music by WH Harris, Elgar, Sullivan and Byrd.

Conductor: Peter Tims  
Organist: Simon Dinsdale

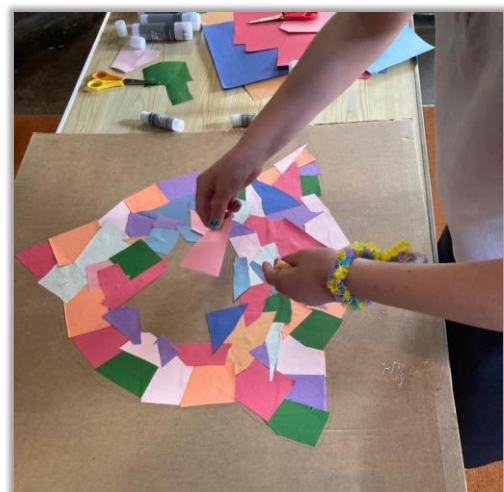
There will be drinks available in the interval.

Tickets £10 in advance from [www.aveburyvocal.org](http://www.aveburyvocal.org)  
or from Maggie Simons (01793 710801)

Also available on the door for £12.00.

Under 18s free.

In aid of church funds



## COLLECT

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your

Holy Spirit:

grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;

through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

*The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.*

Either **Acts 2:1-21**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons

and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Or **Numbers 11:24-30**

**PSALM Psalm 104:25-35. 37**

**R** Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. **R**

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. **R**

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good things. You hide your face and they are terrified; you take away their breath and they die and return to their dust. **R**

You send forth your Spirit and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works. He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. **R**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia! **R**

## SECOND READING

Either **1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

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

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but

the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Or **Acts 2:1-21**

## GOSPEL

Either **John 20:19-23**

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

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Or **John 7:37-39**

## POST COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 28 May 2023

John 20:19-23

Pentecost Sunday



In the GOSPEL TODAY

SHARE GOD'S PEACE

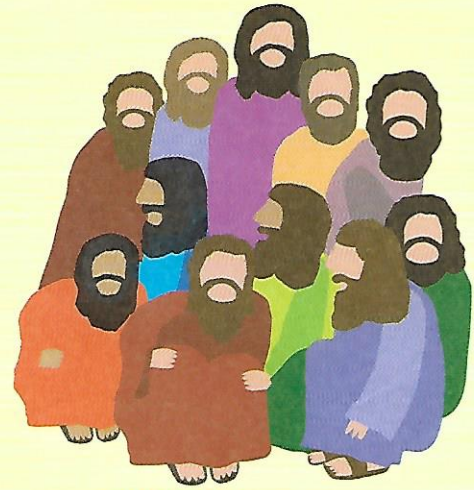
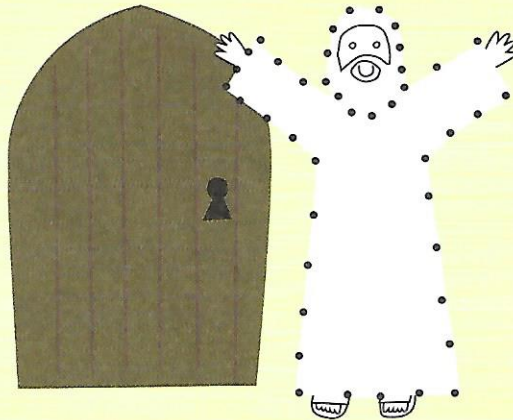
Jesus comes to his frightened disciples. He gives them the gifts of peace and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will help all Jesus' friends as they share his message of love and peace with everyone they meet.

### Who is here?

Join the dots to see Jesus in the locked room with the disciples. Imagine how they must have felt. Draw in their faces to show how they felt.

### Hidden picture

Colour in the shapes with a dot to see our present from Jesus.



### Word search

Can you find these words hidden on the door?

- DISCIPLE PEACE
- HOLY WITH
- SPIRIT YOU
- JOY DOOR
- JESUS FRIGHT

W	F	F	W	I	T	H	R
V	R	Y	O	U	Y	O	J
D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E
O	G	P	J	O	E	Y	S
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S	K	I	H	X	E	F	V
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### A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to spread your peace today. Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to help as I try to speak kindly to everyone I meet. Amen.

### Bringing peace

I can bring peace when I...

- S\_\_p (ot) a b\_\_l\_y (lu)
- Sp\_\_k (ae) k\_\_ly (din)
- L\_\_t\_n(esi) w\_\_l (le)
- M\_k\_(ae) fr\_\_n\_s (eid) again