



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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**Sunday 11th June 2023**

**First Sunday after Trinity**



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

## Sunday 11th June

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

- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Holy Communion

## Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 12 noon Longcot, St Mary  
Burial – Graham Harvey

## 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](#)
- 11:30am Bourton, St James  
Ashes Interment – Doris Church RIP
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Worship and Praise

## Saturday

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast  
Prince of Wales, Shrivenham
- 12 noon Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Wedding – Amy Skelt & Frederico de Sousa

## Sunday 18th June

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew  
Benefice Confirmation Service  
with Baptism and Holy Communion,  
led by the Rt Revd Gavin Collins,  
Bishop of Dorchester Holy Communion

## Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Brian Foster. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Shrivenham Open Gardens

Sunday 9th July from 2pm till 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

## A Productive Weekend in Bourton



Before

Thank you to everyone who helped in the churchyard or with the cleaning inside St James last weekend. What a difference!



After

## Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Wixes Piece in Ashbury, and Farleigh Road and Forrest Close in Shrivenham.

## Welcome

Welcome to Rosie Marie Ann Bagdi Taylor and Florence Louise Curtis who were baptised in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham on Sunday 4th June.

## Mini Music Festival

Do join us for three lovely concerts at the beginning of July.



### Wayland Recorder Orchestra

Conducted by Helen Hooker



Sunday 2nd July at 3pm in Shrivenham School Hall

Join us for a 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) from Shrivenham Post Office or online at [shrivenham-church.eventbrite.co.uk](http://shrivenham-church.eventbrite.co.uk)



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



Sunday 2nd July at 6.00pm in 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 (under 18s free)

In aid of church funds



### Faringdon Singers – Dreams of the Countryside

Sunday 9th July at 7pm in St Mary's Church Longcot

The programme includes works by Vaughan Williams, Holst and Saint-Saëns.

Musical Director: Clare Woodall, Accompanist: Terence Carter

Donations in aid of St Marv's Church

## COLLECT

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their  
trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of  
our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your  
commandments  
we may please you both in will and  
deed;  
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 Hosea 5:15 – 6:6

*A reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.*

I will return again to my place until they  
acknowledge their guilt and seek my  
face. In their distress they will beg my  
favour: Come, let us return to the Lord;  
for it is he who has torn, and he will  
heal us; he has struck down, and he will  
bind us up. After two days he will revive  
us; on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him. Let us  
know, let us press on to know the Lord;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers, like  
the spring rains that water the earth.  
What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your  
love is like a morning cloud, like the  
dew that goes away early. Therefore I  
have hewn them by the prophets, I have  
killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgement goes forth as the  
light. For I desire steadfast love and not  
sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather  
than burnt-offerings.

## PSALM Psalm 50:7-15

**R** *The Lord will show his salvation to the upright.*

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
"O Israel, I will bear witness against  
you;  
for I am God, your God.  
I do not accuse you because of your  
sacrifices;  
your offerings are always before me. **R**

I will take no bull-calf from your stalls,  
nor he-goats out of your pens;  
For the beasts of the forest are mine,  
the herds in their thousands upon the  
hills.

I know every bird in the sky,  
and the creatures of the fields are in my  
sight. **R**

If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine and all that  
is in it.

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?  
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows to the Most  
High.  
Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you and you shall honour  
me." **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 4.13-end

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

The promise that Abraham would inherit  
the world did not come to Abraham or  
to his descendants through the law but  
through the righteousness of faith. If it is  
the adherents of the law who are to be  
the heirs, faith is null and the promise  
is void. For the law brings wrath; but  
where there is no law, neither is there  
violation. For this reason it depends on  
faith, in order that the promise may rest  
on grace and be guaranteed to all his  
descendants, not only to the adherents  
of the law but also to those who share  
the faith of Abraham (for he is the  
father of all of us, as it is written, "I have  
made you the father of many nations")  
– Abraham believed in the presence  
of the God who gives life to the dead  
and calls into existence the things that  
do not exist. Hoping against hope, he  
believed that he would become "the  
father of many nations," according to  
what was said, "So numerous shall your  
descendants be." He did not weaken in  
faith when he considered his own body,  
which was already as good as dead (for  
he was about a hundred years old), or  
when he considered the barrenness of  
Sarah's womb. No distrust made him  
waver concerning the promise of God,  
but he grew strong in his faith as he  
gave glory to God, being fully convinced  
that God was able to do what he had  
promised. Therefore his faith "was  
reckoned to him as righteousness." Now  
the words, "it was reckoned to him,"  
were written not for his sake alone, but  
for ours also. It will be reckoned to us  
who believe in God who raised Jesus our  
Lord from the dead, who was handed  
over to death for our trespasses and was  
raised for our justification.

## GOSPEL Matthew 9:9-13. 18-26

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a  
man called Matthew sitting at the tax  
booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."  
And he got up and followed him. And  
as he sat at dinner in the house, many  
tax-collectors and sinners came and  
were sitting with him and his disciples.  
When the Pharisees saw this, they said  
to his disciples, "Why does your teacher  
eat with tax-collectors and sinners?" But  
when he heard this, he said, "Those who  
are well have no need of a physician, but  
those who are sick. Go and learn what  
this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'  
For I have come to call not the righteous  
but sinners." While he was saying these  
things to them, suddenly a leader of the  
synagogue came in and knelt before  
him, saying, "My daughter has just  
died; but come and lay your hand on  
her, and she will live." And Jesus got  
up and followed him, with his disciples.  
Then suddenly a woman who had been  
suffering from haemorrhages for twelve  
years came up behind him and touched  
the fringe of his cloak, for she said to  
herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be  
made well." Jesus turned, and seeing  
her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your  
faith has made you well." And instantly  
the woman was made well. When Jesus  
came to the leader's house and saw the  
flute-players and the crowd making a  
commotion, he said, "Go away; for the  
girl is not dead but sleeping." And they  
laughed at him. But when the crowd had  
been put outside, he went in and took  
her by the hand, and the girl got up.  
And the report of this spread throughout  
that district.

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in  
faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.



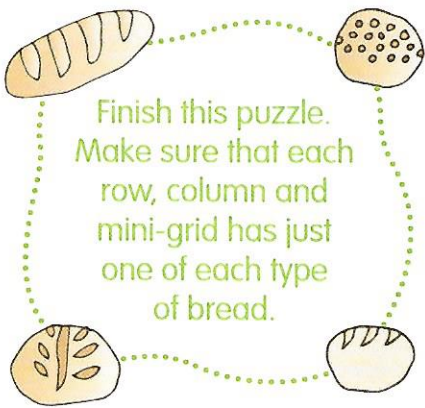
Sunday 11 June 2023  
 John 6:51-58  
 The Most Holy Body and  
 Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

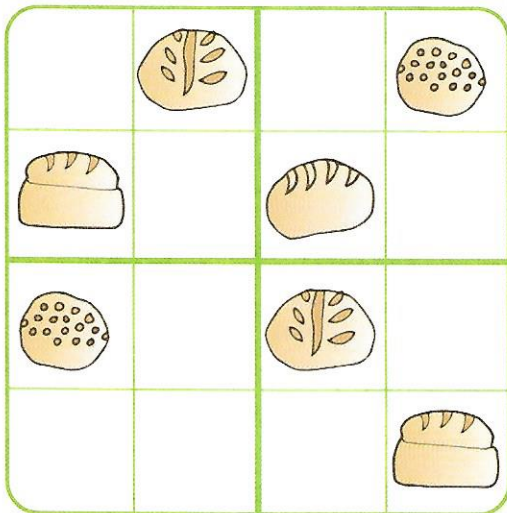
**BREAD OF LIFE**

**Bread sudoku**

There are many different types of bread.



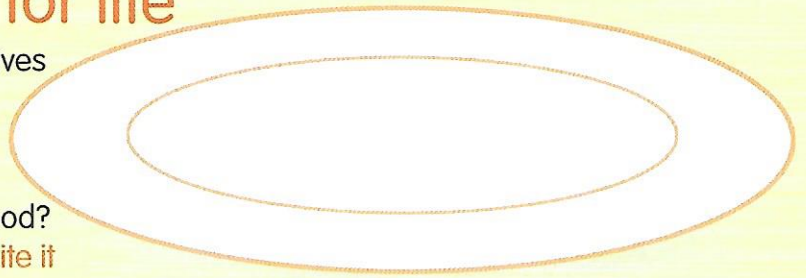
Finish this puzzle. Make sure that each row, column and mini-grid has just one of each type of bread.



Jesus tells us that he is the bread of life. God the Father wants to look after us – so he gave us Jesus. Jesus gave himself to us in bread and wine, so that he will always be with us.

**Food for life**

Our food gives us energy. What is your favourite food?



Draw or write it onto the plate.

We need energy to follow Jesus and live like he did.

Fit in the missing vowels to find out what will give us this energy.

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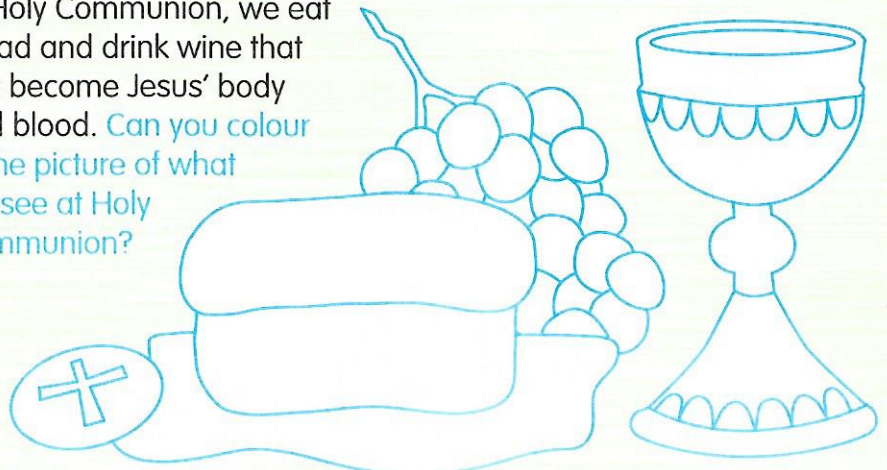
**Word search**

- BREAD
- BODY
- FOOD
- BLOOD
- DRINK
- LIFE

B	R	E	A	D
O	F	O	O	D
D	R	I	N	K
Y	L	I	F	E
B	L	O	O	D

**Holy Communion**

At Holy Communion, we eat bread and drink wine that has become Jesus' body and blood. Can you colour in the picture of what we see at Holy Communion?



Answers: Holy Communion

**A PRAYER TO SAY**

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me so much that you gave your life for me. I can give up my time and energy to help other people. Help me to share your love and life today. Amen.