



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 18th June 2023

Second Sunday after Trinity



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

Sunday 18th June

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

- 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

Tuesday

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

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](#)

Saturday

- 3:30pm Ashbury, St Mary
Wedding – Elizabeth Anne Hughes
and Jeffrey Tremain

Sunday 25th June

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

Shrivenham Open Gardens

Sunday 9th July
from 2pm till 5pm

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



Refreshments will be available in St Andrew's Church during the afternoon.

Map and list of gardens £5.00 available from Shrivenham Post Office in advance, or the church and open gardens on the day.

No charge for accompanied children.

In aid of St Andrew's Church Restoration Project

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Ashbury Hill in Ashbury, and Friar's Close in Shrivenham.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Elizabeth Kate Rosser (née Spence) and her sister Suzanne Barton, both formerly of Ashbury Manor. Please keep them in your prayers.

A Sustainable Church Flowers Festival

29th June – 2nd July

Ss Peter & Paul, and Holy Trinity, Wantage

A three-day festival designed to encourage, inspire, educate and bring hope for the future.

Tickets and more information: wantageparish.com

Ready for Another Year as Churchwardens



Julian Stevens (Shrivenham), Ruth Holman (Watchfield), Joanna Lambert (Compton Beauchamp) and Sarah Howell (Bourton) were sworn in as Churchwardens at the Visitation service held at St Giles Church in Standlake on Tuesday 13th 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



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 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 Mary's Church

COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are
nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most
excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all
virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted
dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus
Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Exodus 19:2-8a

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

PSALM Psalm 100

R *We are the people and the sheep of his pasture.*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with
a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his
pasture. **R**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his
name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is
everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age
to age. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL

(Short or long reading)

Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 (9-23)

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

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the

following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

POST COMMUNION

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the
supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sunday 18 June 2023
 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

WORKING FOR JESUS!

Labourers for the harvest

These people are all working for God. Match the person with their label:



James is a kind and hardworking nurse.



Father David looks after the people in his parish.



Simon works hard to look after his children.



Miss Price cares for all the children in her class.



Mary helps the children meet Jesus in Children's Liturgy.



Sister Emma is helping poor people in the city.

Jesus feels sorry for the people who have come to listen to him. They are like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus asks his special friends to help him spread the Good News about God's kingdom. Jesus wants everyone to know that God loves them – as quickly as possible!

Maze

These sheep have no shepherd. They have got very lost. Can you help the shepherd gather them together in the pen?



Word search

Can you find these words?

E	F	M	M	E	T	X
C	R	O	W	D	S	Z
I	I	D	P	W	E	J
T	E	G	L	O	V	E
S	N	N	E	R	R	S
U	D	I	H	K	A	U
J	S	K	U	S	H	S

- CROWDS
- FRIENDS
- HARVEST
- HELP
- JESUS
- JUSTICE
- KINGDOM
- LOVE
- ME
- US
- WORK

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you ask your friends to help you spread the message about God's kingdom of love and justice. Help me to work for you too. Help me to build God's kingdom by what I say and what I do. Amen.

Harvest time

Which farmer will bring in the harvest quicker? The one working alone or the one with helpers?

