



# The Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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**Sunday 25th June 2023**

**Third Sunday after Trinity**



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

## **Sunday 25th June**

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

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Holy Communion (BCP)

9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Holy Communion

10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew  
Morning Prayer

11:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion

## **Monday**

10:30am Kingsdown Crematorium  
Cremation – Jeff Buckingham RIP

## **Tuesday**

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

## **Wednesday**

All Day Shrevenham, St Andrew  
iSingPop with Shrevenham Primary School

9:00am Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Morning Prayer

9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group  
Shrevenham 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  
6:00pm Shrevenham, St Andrew

ASK Evening Prayer

6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

## **Friday**

9:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Matins

## **Saturday 1st July**

10:00am Bourton, St James  
Family Service

1:30pm Shrevenham, St Andrew  
Baptism – Evelyn and Sophia Legg

## **Sunday 2nd July**

7:45am Shrevenham, St Andrew  
Holy Communion (BCP)

9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Matins

9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion (BCP)  
for the Feast of St Thomas

9:30am Longcot, St Mary  
Morning Prayer

10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew  
Family Service

11:00am Ashbury, St Mary  
Morning Prayer

3:00pm Longcot Methodist Chapel  
Final service before the chapel closes

**Please note that Compline and Benediction  
has been cancelled**

## **Can you Help?**

We need cakes and raffle prizes for the recorder concert and open gardens. Also help to move chairs after the concert. Please contact Pip about cakes and David or Julian about prizes and help.

## **Shrevenham 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 Shrevenham 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 Berrycroft in Ashbury, and Gealer Grove and Longcot Road in Shrevenham.

## **Condolences**

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Cyril New and Christine Joyce Burden.  
Please keep them in your prayers.

## **Richard Fergusson**

Richard thanks everyone for their prayers, cards and good wishes and hopes to be back with us again soon.

### Congratulations



Our congratulations to Amy Skelt & Frederico de Sousa who were married in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham on Saturday 17th June.

### 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](http://wantageparish.com)

### Congratulations



Congratulations to Tom Lloyd, Olivia Peal and Mark Woodhouse who were confirmed by the Bishop of Dorchester, the Rt Rev'd Gavin Collins in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham on Sunday 18th June.

### More photos from Bishop Gavin's Visit





## 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 Mary's Church



## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son  
into our hearts whereby we call you  
Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom  
to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children  
of God;  
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 Jeremiah 20:7-13

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

Jeremiah cried out: O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

## PSALM

**Psalm 69:8-11. (12-17). 18-20**

**R** *In your great mercy, answer me, O God.*

Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.  
I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children. **R**

Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has  
fallen upon me.

I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach. **R**

[I put on sack-cloth also,  
and became a byword among them.  
Those who sit at the gate murmur  
against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about  
me.

But as for me, this is my prayer to you,  
at the time you have set, O Lord: **R**

"In your great mercy, O God,  
answer me with your unfailing help.  
Save me from the mire; do not let me  
sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate  
me  
and out of the deep waters.  
Let not the torrent of waters wash over  
me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up;  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon  
me.] **R**

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.  
Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in  
distress.

Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me." **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 6:1b-11

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

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves

dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## GOSPEL Matthew 10:24-39

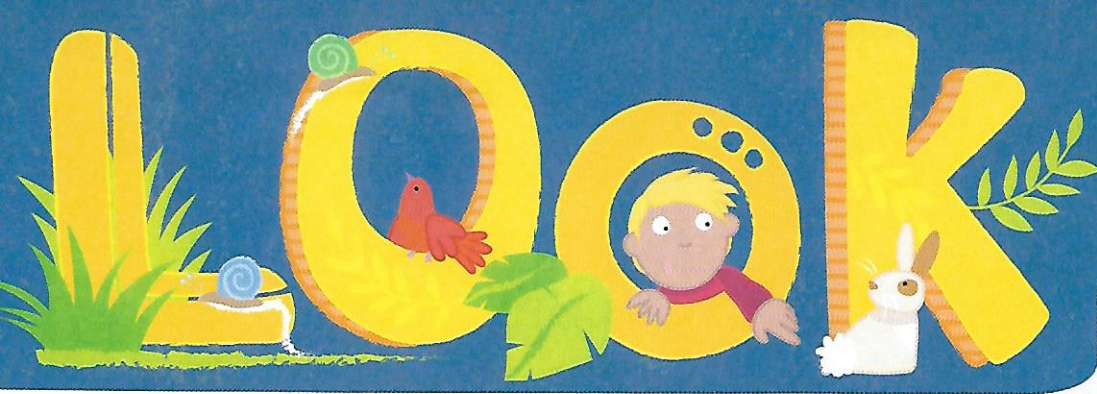
*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

## POST COMMUNION

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.





Sunday 25 June 2023  
 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Matthew 10:26-33

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**GOSPEL TODAY**

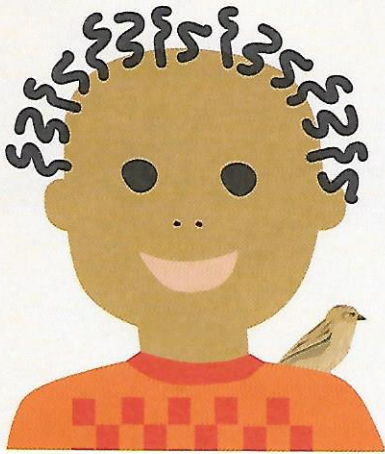
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 BE AFRAID!**



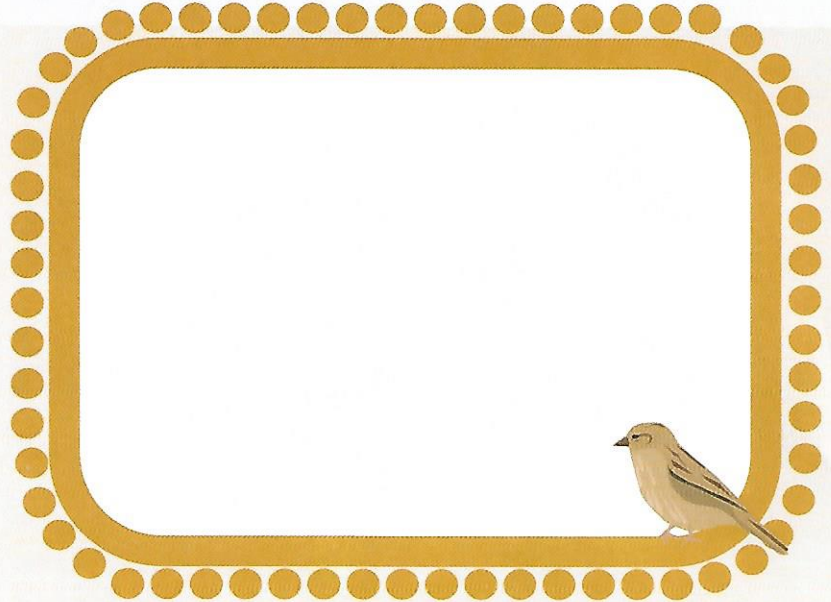
Jesus tells us that God loves us so much we do not need to be afraid. God loves the sparrows, but we are even more important than hundreds of sparrows. God loves us so much he knows everything about us - even the number of hairs on our head!

### How many hairs?

Can you count how many hairs this boy has on his head?

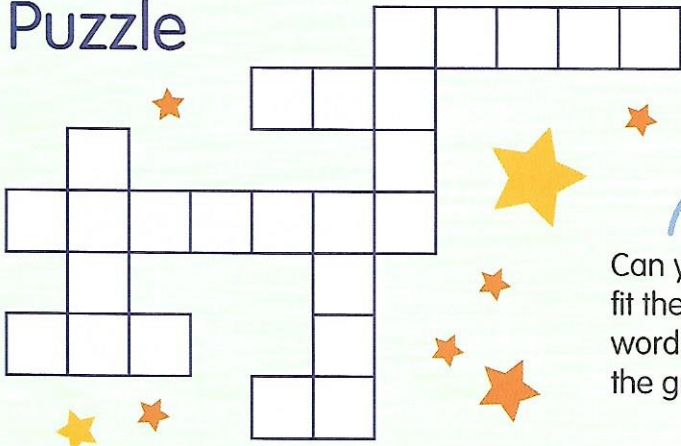


Guess how many hairs are on your head. Do you love anyone enough to try to count the hairs on their head? Give it a go!



Draw yourself and your hairstyle here.

### Puzzle



Can you fit these words into the grid?

**EVEN  
 THE  
 HAIRS  
 ON  
 YOUR  
 HEAD  
 ARE  
 COUNTED**

### How many sparrows?

How many sparrows can you find hidden on this page?



### A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, sometimes I am afraid and do not know what to do. Please help me to remember you love me and are always supporting me. Help me to find people to help and find a way round my worries. Amen.

### My supporter

The Gospel today tells us that Jesus is on our side.

Do not be afraid



Write your name on Jesus' banner, to show he supports you.

