



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 13th August 2023

## Tenth Sunday after Trinity

**The service times listed below were correct at the time of publication (11th August).  
Our website will be updated daily to reflect any changes.**

### Sunday 13th August

Padre Phil Craven is giving today's online sermon.  
Watch on Facebook, YouTube or our website.

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

### Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion  
led by the Rt Rev'd Gavin Collins,  
Bishop of Dorchester

### Saturday

- 11:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun  
Ashes Interment - Alastair McIntosh RIP

### Sunday 20th August

- 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  
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### **Associate Vicar/House for Duty Vacancy**

We're pleased to be able to let you know that we have two applicants for this post and that interviews will be held on Wednesday 16th August.

The day will begin with a service of Holy Communion in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham at 9am, led by the Rt Rev'd Gavin Collins, Bishop of Dorchester  
Coffee will be served after the service.

Everyone is welcome!

Please keep the candidates and the members of the selection panel in your prayers.

### **Community Cycle of Prayer**

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Idstone Road in Ashbury, and Martens Close in Shrivenham.

### **Midweek Online Services During August**

There will be no 9am online services on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during August.

### **Bourton, St James**

Please note that there are no services during August.

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

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings are taking a break until after the school summer holidays.

### **Wednesday Study Groups Summer Break**

The morning and evening study groups are taking a break during the summer and will restart in September.

### **Fernham, St John**

Scaffolding has been erected around the church and work on the final phase of restoration following the fire is underway. It will be finished by the end of August.

### **Bottles Please!**

The Bottle Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete at the end of August is one of the major fund-raising events for St Andrew's Church Shrivenham.

Margaret Hern will be pleased to receive bottles of any kind, but no cans. She will collect from you if required.

Margaret 01793 782100

## COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble  
servants;  
and that they may obtain their  
petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall  
please you;  
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 1 Kings 19:9-18

*A reading from the first book of Kings.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and

whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Or **Genesis 37:1-4. 12-28**

## PSALM Psalm 85:8-13

**R** Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness shall go before him,  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 10:5-15

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

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on

him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

## GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

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

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

## POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you:

look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will

may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# LOOK

Sunday 13 August 2023  
 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Matthew 14:22-33

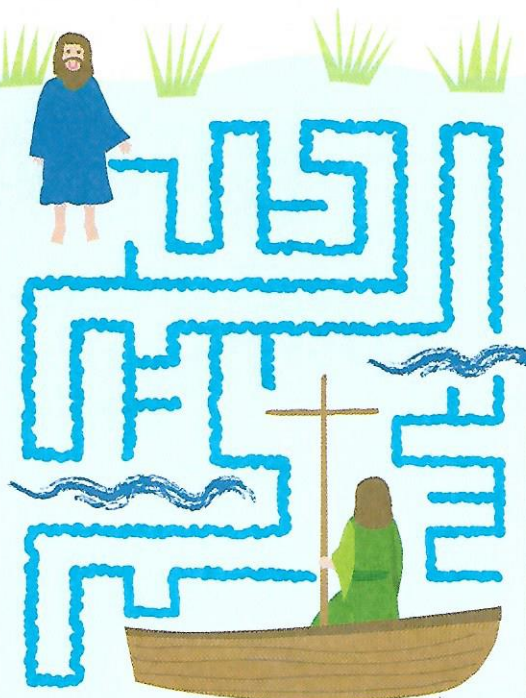
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**GOSPEL TODAY**

## LISTEN!

The disciples are really afraid in their boat on the stormy water. Then Jesus comes to them, walking on the water. Jesus keeps them all safe.

### Maze

Jesus invites Peter to come to him, walking on the water. Can you find the way to Jesus across the water?



### Draw Jesus...

coming to Peter's rescue, then colour in the stormy picture.



### Word puzzle

Oops! The wind has blown some letters out of Jesus' words. Can you find them and put them back?

D \_ n \_ t b \_ \_ fr \_ \_ d!

### A PRAYER TO SAY

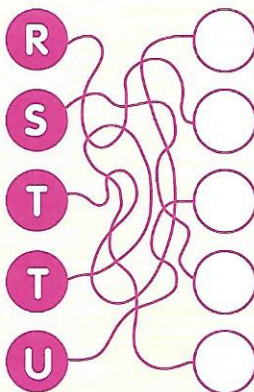
Dear Jesus, you are brave and strong. You are not afraid of (put what makes you scared here)

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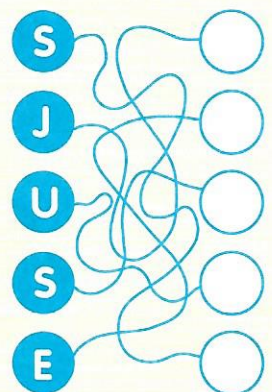
When I am frightened, let me feel you close, keeping me safe. Amen.

### A special message

Follow the trail from the letter in a circle and write that letter in the circle at the end of the line.



Read down the right hand columns to find a special message.



Answers Do not be afraid. Trust Jesus.