



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 27th August 2023

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

**The service times listed below were correct at the time of publication (25th August).
Our website will be updated daily to reflect any changes.**

Sunday 27th August

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

10:30am Watchfield, St Thomas & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion (BCP)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
ASK Evening Prayer

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

Friday 1st September

3:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Wedding
Alison Grimshaw and Robert Wilmer

Saturday

10:00am Bourton, St James
Family Service

12 noon Shrivenham, St Andrew
Wedding
Hannah Walsh and Maxim Tankaria

Sunday 3rd September

7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion (BCP)

9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Holy Communion (BCP)

9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Morning Prayer

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

10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Family Service

11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Morning Prayer

5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline and Benediction

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work
in Kingstone Winslow near Ashbury,
and Mortree Court in Shrivenham.

New Methodist Minister

Rev'd Joseph Ribeiro, and his wife Martha, will be
welcomed at a special service led by the Methodist
District Chairman from Bristol on Thursday 31st August
at 6pm in Shrivenham Methodist Church. Everyone is
invited to join in this village welcome and stay for
refreshments after the service.

Fernham, St John

The final phase of restoration following the fire should
be finished by the end of August. The roof repairs have
been completed and internal repainting is underway.

Condolences

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

Songs and Stories Restarts on Wednesday 6th September



Action songs, nursery rhymes and stories for
pre-school children and their carers.

Every Wednesday (term-time only) at 9:15am (doors
open 8:45am) in Shrivenham Methodist Church.

Baby and Toddler Group Restarts on Thursday 14th September



The group meets in St Andrew's Church Shrivenham
every Thursday (term-time only) from 9 - 10:45am.

All parents and carers with pre-school children are
welcome, but please remember that you are at all
times responsible for the children you bring along.

Only £1.50 per adult which includes refreshments,
and snacks and craft activities for the children.

Please contact Hazel Morris on 07931 225 530
for more information.

RIDE + STRIDE for Churches 2023

**OHCT Sponsored "Ride & Stride"
Saturday 9th September**

The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust has been supporting Oxfordshire Churches since 1964 but it can only do it with your help. A key source of income is the annual sponsored "Ride & Stride" where participants are sponsored for walking or cycling round a number of churches. The churches are open, with refreshments and welcome so it is a convivial day.

Half your sponsorship is given directly to your own church and half goes to OHCT. Grants have recently been awarded to several of the Benefice churches and we expect to apply for more in the future.

To find out more about taking part, please contact Tony Crabtree
01793 784064 tony.crabtree@talktalk.net
or your own local coordinator.



The Shrivenham and Longcot ringers and friends will be walking and cycling around a number of churches between Asthall and Burford, and ringing some of the bells on the way. The circuit can be either 5 miles or 7½ miles with eight or nine churches, and a pub or picnic lunch.

If you would like to join them on the day or sponsor them, please contact Tony using the details above.

Wednesday Study Groups

Explore the
letter to the
Romans



The
Romans
Course



The morning and evening study groups will restart on Wednesday 13th September at 10:30am via Zoom and 7:00pm at St Andrew's Vicarage. They will be looking at the Bible Society's Romans Course.

For more information about the Zoom session, please contact David Ahern 01793 783521
davidmahern@gmail.com

For more information about the evening group, please contact Norma Fergusson
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Enjoy a Cream Tea

Saturday
25th September

2pm till 4pm

Watchfield Village Hall

£5.00 per person
(payable on door)



Raffle, Cake Stall, Bring and Buy

In aid of St. Thomas' Church Watchfield

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear
than we to pray
and to give more than either we
desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of
your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which
we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 Isaiah 51:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue
righteousness, you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were
hewn, and to the quarry from which
you were dug. Look to Abraham your
father and to Sarah who bore you; for
he was but one when I called him, but
I blessed him and made him many.
For the LORD will comfort Zion; he
will comfort all her waste places, and
will make her wilderness like Eden, her
desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
Listen to me, my people, and give
heed to me, my nation; for a teaching
will go out from me, and my justice for
a light to the peoples. I will bring near
my deliverance swiftly, my salvation
has gone out and my arms will rule
the peoples; the coastlands wait for
me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up
your eyes to the heavens, and look at
the earth beneath; for the heavens will
vanish like smoke, the earth will wear
out like a garment, and those who live
on it will die like gnats; but my salvation
will be for ever, and my deliverance will
never be ended.

Or **Exodus 1:8 – 2:10**

PSALM Psalm 138

R O Lord, your love endures for ever;
*[do not abandon the works of your
hands].*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with
my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
I will bow down towards your holy
temple
and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
For you have glorified your name
and your word above all things. **R**

When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
All the kings of the earth will praise
you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of
your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
Though the Lord be high, he cares for
the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar. **R**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand
against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
The Lord will make good his purpose
for me;
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your
hands. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 12:1-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers
and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living
sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship. Do not
be conformed to this world, but be
transformed by the renewing of your
minds, so that you may discern what
is the will of God – what is good and
acceptable and perfect. For by the
grace given to me I say to everyone
among you not to think of yourself
more highly than you ought to think,
but to think with sober judgement,

each according to the measure of faith
that God has assigned. For as in one
body we have many members, and
not all the members have the same
function, so we, who are many, are
one body in Christ, and individually
we are members one of another.
We have gifts that differ according
to the grace given to us: prophecy,
in proportion to faith; ministry, in
ministering; the teacher, in teaching;
the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver,
in generosity; the leader, in diligence;
the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

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

Now when Jesus came into the district
of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his
disciples, "Who do people say that
the Son of Man is?" And they said,
"Some say John the Baptist, but
others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah
or one of the prophets." He said to
them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter answered, "You are the
Messiah, the Son of the living God."
And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are
you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and
blood has not revealed this to you,
but my Father in heaven. And I tell
you, you are Peter, and on this rock
I will build my church, and the gates
of Hades will not prevail against it. I
will give you the keys of the kingdom
of heaven, and whatever you bind on
earth will be bound in heaven, and
whatever you loose on earth will be
loosed in heaven." Then he sternly
ordered the disciples not to tell
anyone that he was the Messiah.

POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our
sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in
Christ
may bring that healing to this broken
world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sunday 27 August 2023
 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Matthew 16:13-20

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

ASK!

Jesus chooses Peter to lead his followers forward as their Church begins to grow.

Open the doors

Peter has 7 keys for 7 doors.
 But which key opens which door?

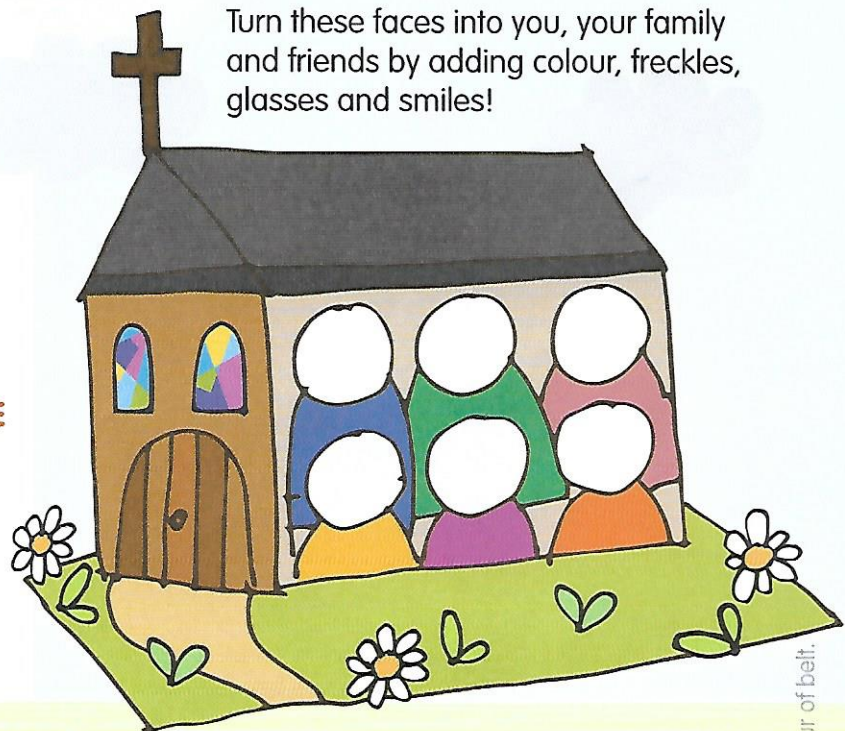
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- JOY
- LOVE
- PEACE
- HEALING
- COURAGE
- FAITH
- HOPE

We are the Church!

We are all part of Jesus' Church. Fill in the faces of your Church family.

Turn these faces into you, your family and friends by adding colour, freckles, glasses and smiles!



Thinking about Jesus

People think of Jesus in lots of different ways. Choose the ones you like best from the list to tell Jesus about who you think he is. Or make up your own...

Jesus I think you are

God's Son

Lord of the whole universe

a miracle worker

very kind

my friend

loving

someone who understands

A PRAYER TO SAY

I know, Jesus, that I am not always perfect, but just like St Peter, I love you. Help me to follow his example and keep on trying to do what is right. I know you will always help me. Amen.

Spot the difference

Here are two pictures of Jesus' friend, Peter. Can you find the five differences in these pictures?

