



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 15th October 2023 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

- 7:45am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Taizé Service
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Matins
- 10:00am Bourton, St James
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Please join the 9:30am service at Longcot

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

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 Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's

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

6:00pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

Friday

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

6:30pm Shrivenham Cricket Pavilion
Worship and Praise - Good News Evening

Saturday

8:30am Men's Breakfast
Prince of Wales, Shrivenham

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work
Wixes Piece in Ashbury, and Sandhill in Shrivenham.

Sunday 22nd October

- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Holy Communion
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10:15am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Morning Prayer
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Worship and Praise - Good News Evening

Friday 20th October

6.30 pm

Shrivenham Cricket Pavilion, Recreation Ground
Offering our local community a welcome break from
the endless supply of difficult news and gloomy
forecasts of all sorts. Good news is still available!



Instead of the monthly Worship and Praise at
St Andrew's Church, we are using this lovely new
addition to the village as our venue for October.
All welcome - do come and join us!

There will be new people to meet, live music
from John and Julie Steventon, singing, fun
and refreshments.

Those who have moved into the village in the
last few years are *especially* welcome.

Car parking at the Memorial Hall
or Martens Road Car Park

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 21st October at 8:30am
The Prince of Wales, Shrivenham

For catering purposes, please let David Ahern know
by Thursday 19th if you plan to attend.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Claire Livingstone and Mark Mutlow
who were married at St Thomas' Church Watchfield
on Saturday 7th October.

Welcome

Welcome to
Atalanta Margaret Alice Scott
who was baptised on
Saturday 30th September
at St Swithun's Church
Compton Beauchamp.



Thank you from St Andrew's



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Harvest Fayre whether it was helping with the preparations beforehand, running stalls or coming along for soup, cakes and a browse on the day.

How lovely it was to hear the visiting bell ringers too!

We raised £1060 for general church funds.

Happy Birthday



Ron Johnson celebrated his 102nd birthday on Monday 9th October and thanks everyone who sent birthday wishes and cards.

The Torriano Ensemble – Autumn Concert

Sunday 19th November at 6pm
St. Mary's Church, Longcot

An evening of music for flute, clarinet, horn, bassoon and string quintet, featuring two much-loved masterpieces from the classical period, Mozart's charming and uplifting Flute Quartet in D major K. 285 and the magnificent Octet by Schubert.

Arrangements of three of Gershwin's most popular songs, 'Embraceable You', 'The Man I Love' and 'I've Got Rhythm', provide a contrast of style and mood.

Admission free with a retiring collection in aid of Longcot Village Trust and St Mary's Church.

The bar will be open from 5.30pm for drinks before the concert and also at the interval.

Reservations should be made in advance by email to victorialmedcalf@gmail.com

Sonare in Concert

My Soul, There Is a Country

Saturday 11th November at 7:30pm
St Andrew's Church Shrivenham

Sonare are a renowned London-based choral quartet. They will treat us to a joyous celebration of British choral music. The programme features unmissable favourites alongside underappreciated gems, with fascinating musical history commentary from the singers themselves.

Tickets £12 will be on sale locally in due course or buy online now for a 10% discount through www.sonarechoir.com

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project

St Andrew's Annual Brass Cleaning Morning

Saturday 25th November at 9:30am.

Helpers would be appreciated. Coffee provided!

Harvest Displays in St Mary's Church Ashbury



COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Either **Isaiah 25:1-9**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Or **Exodus 32:1-14**

PSALM Psalm 23

R *I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

POST COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

LOOK

Sunday 15 October 2023
 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Matthew 22:1-14

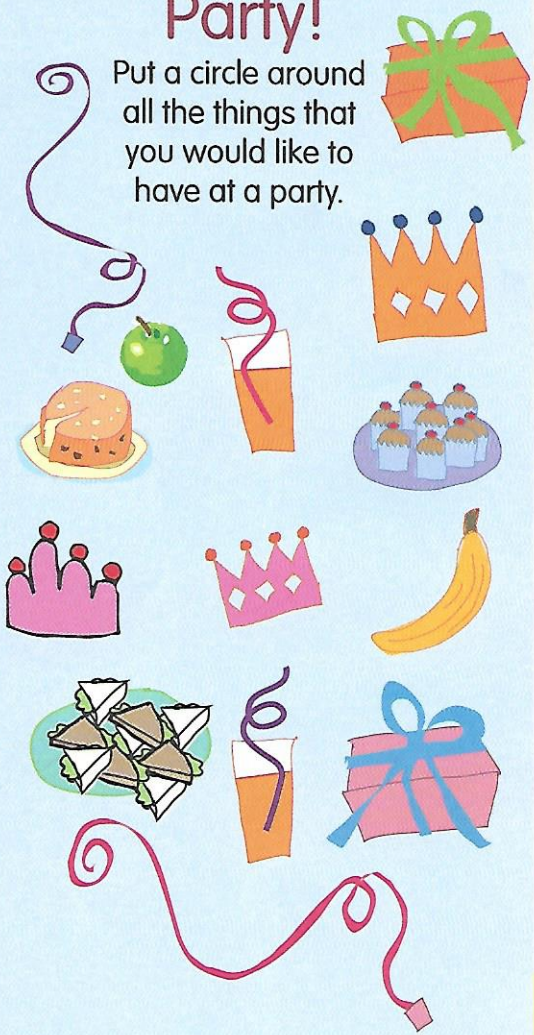
In the GOSPEL TODAY

COME TO THE PARTY!

The invited guests don't come to the wedding, even though everything is prepared and ready for them. Instead, the king invites people from the streets to celebrate his son's marriage. In the same way, God is inviting us all to enjoy with him!

Party!

Put a circle around all the things that you would like to have at a party.



Parties need people!

Even if we have all these great things, without people we can't have a party on the left.



God invites

to join the party in heaven!

Dear God,
 Thank you for your invitation.

will/will not be at your party in heaven.

Decorate this invitation and fill in your name. Then tell God you will be coming!

A PRAYER TO SAY

Lord Jesus, thank you for inviting me to be happy with you. Help me to always say "yes" to you and grow more like you every day. Amen.

Wedding party maze



Help all the guests find their way to the wedding party.