



The Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 18th February 2024 First Sunday of Lent

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We are sharing Bishop Steven's weekly 'Come and See' films as our sermons during Lent. Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#).

- 7:45am Shrevenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00am Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun
Matins
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary
Morning Prayer
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas.
Matins
- 10:00am Bourton, St James & [Facebook](#)
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew
Holy Communion
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary
Celtic Morning Prayer

Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:45pm Watchfield, St Thomas
Funeral – Coral Dickinson RIP

Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Back Room, Shrevenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 11:00am Stainswick Lane Cemetery, Shrevenham
Interment of Ashes – Steve Honey RIP
- 7:00pm Lay Worship Leaders' Meeting
St Andrew's Vicarage

Thursday

- 8:45am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's
- 7:45pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Compline for Lent

Friday

- 9:00am Ashbury, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Matins
- 3:15pm Bourton, St James
Pinewood School Service

Sunday 25th February

- 10:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

Come and See – The Way of Love A course for Lent and for Life

TWO WAYS

Where are you going?



We all face choices about the direction of our lives.

Are you choosing what's best?

Come and See this Lent.

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COME
AND
SEE

It's easy to see ourselves as a tiny, insignificant part of this vast, inexplicable universe - here by chance, alone (as far as we know) among millions of galaxies and stars. But there's another way to see the world and your place in it. Bishop Steven explores the two great commandments in a Lent course open to anyone looking to explore faith. Come and see for yourself at oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for all who live and work in Wixes Piece in Ashbury, and Charlbury Road in Shrevenham.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Jacqueline Naylor-Leyland (Joanna Lambert's mother). Please keep them in your prayers.

Lent Studies – The Atonement of Jesus

Shrevenham Methodist Church
Thursday afternoons from 3:30 – 5pm starting on
22nd February led by Rev'd Joseph Ribeiro.
All welcome.

Lent Knitalong 2024



This year's Lent Knitalong group is making a shawl which can double up as a triangular lap blanket if you're not a shawl person!

The knitting pattern and accompanying reflections will be emailed weekly on a Friday – contact Norma if you would like to receive them.

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There is also a dedicated Facebook group '[Victoria Methodist Bristol Knitalongs](#)' which you are very welcome to join!

Coffee Morning in St Andrew's Church

Friday 23rd February from 10am to noon
Feel free to bring your book, your knitting or stitching or just enjoy a chat with friends.

Tea-time Fellowship

St Mary's Church, Longcot
Friday 23rd February 2:30pm

Everyone is welcome to join us as we enjoy a chat over afternoon tea. There is no charge but contributions to our chosen charity are always welcome.

Raffle Prizes – Can You Help?

The St Andrew's Restoration Group has two fundraising concerts coming up – an organ recital on 9th March and a variety concert on 20th April. If you are able to donate a raffle prize, please contact [David Watson](#).

Organ Recital

Saturday 9th March at 5.30pm
St Andrew's Church Shrivenham



St Andrew's Church Organ © Maureen Iles

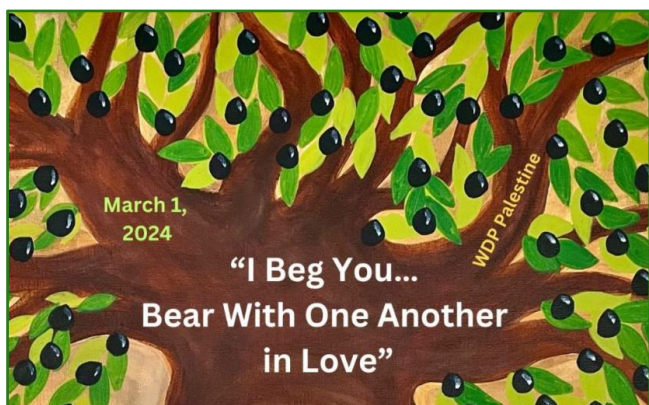
A varied programme of English organ music played by Thomas Neal
Director of Music at New College School, Oxford
and former Organist at
St Augustine's Abbey, Ramsgate.

Tickets £10 (Under 16s free) on sale soon

Bar, Tea and Coffee, Raffle

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project

World Day of Prayer Service



Shrivenham Methodist Church
Friday 1st March at 2pm

This year's service has been prepared by the Christian woman of Palestine and the theme is "I beg you, bear with one another in love."

These services are prepared more than two years in advance, so there is no human hand in the timing.

God, however, works in mysterious ways!

All are welcome to the service and, even if you can't come, please pray for peace in this troubled land.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty
days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet
without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from the book of Genesis.
God said to Noah and to his
sons with him, "As for me, I am
establishing my covenant with you
and your descendants after you, and
with every living creature that is with
you, the birds, the domestic animals,
and every animal of the earth with
you, as many as came out of the ark.
I establish my covenant with you,
that never again shall all flesh be
cut off by the waters of a flood, and
never again shall there be a flood to
destroy the earth." God said, "This is
the sign of the covenant that I make
between me and you and every
living creature that is with you, for
all future generations: I have set my
bow in the clouds, and it shall be a
sign of the covenant between me
and the earth. When I bring clouds
over the earth and the bow is seen
in the clouds, I will remember my
covenant that is between me and
you and every living creature of all
flesh; and the waters shall never
again become a flood to destroy
all flesh. When the bow is in the
clouds, I will see it and remember
the everlasting covenant between
God and every living creature of
all flesh that is on the earth." God
said to Noah, "This is the sign of
the covenant that I have established
between me and all flesh that is on
the earth."

PSALM Psalm 25:1-9

R *Your paths, O Lord, are love and
faithfulness [to those who keep
your covenant].*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to
shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed
in their schemes. **R**

Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long. **R**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion
and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth
and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness,
O Lord. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his
way.
He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are love and
faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and
his testimonies.
For your name's sake, O Lord,
forgive my sin, for it is great. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:18-end

A reading from the first letter of Peter.
Christ also suffered for sins once for
all, the righteous for the unrighteous,
in order to bring you to God. He was
put to death in the flesh, but made
alive in the spirit, in which also he
went and made a proclamation to
the spirits in prison, who in former
times did not obey, when God
waited patiently in the days of Noah,
during the building of the ark, in

which a few, that is, eight persons,
were saved through water. And
baptism, which this prefigured, now
saves you – not as a removal of dirt
from the body, but as an appeal to
God for a good conscience, through
the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who has gone into heaven and is at
the right hand of God, with angels,
authorities, and powers made
subject to him.

GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from
Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised
by John in the Jordan. And just as he
was coming up out of the water, he
saw the heavens torn apart and the
Spirit descending like a dove on him.
And a voice came from heaven, "You
are my Son, the Beloved; with you
I am well pleased." And the Spirit
immediately drove him out into the
wilderness. He was in the wilderness
forty days, tempted by Satan; and
he was with the wild beasts; and the
angels waited on him. Now after
John was arrested, Jesus came to
Galilee, proclaiming the good news
of God, and saying, "The time is
fulfilled, and the kingdom of God
has come near; repent, and believe
in the good news."

POST COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living
bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him
who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your
mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



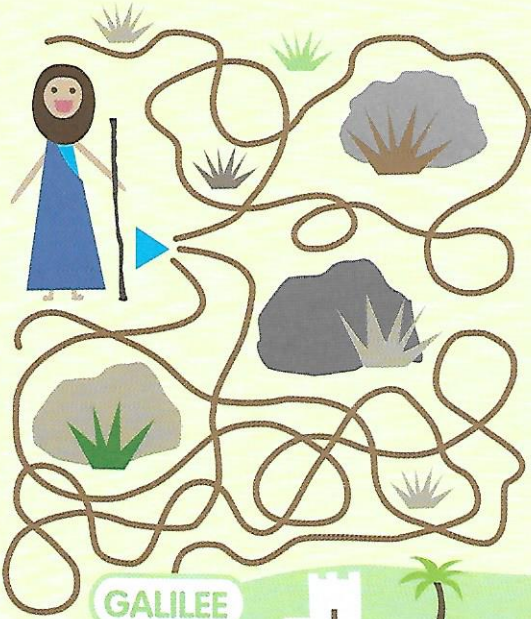
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1st Sunday of Lent
Mark 1:12-15

In the GOSPEL TODAY

TIME TO THINK!

Maze

After being in the desert Jesus went into Galilee. He went to tell everyone the Good News from God. Help Jesus find his way to Galilee.



Jesus goes into the desert by himself for forty days. He is tempted by the devil but the angels look after him. After this time, Jesus goes into Galilee to tell everyone the Good News that God loves them. Jesus tells people to turn back to God and believe in him.

Jesus says...

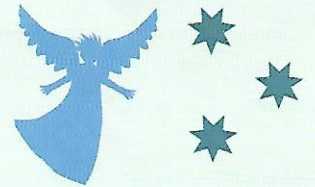
Fill in the missing vowels (a, e, i, o, u) then put the words in the right order to find an important message from Jesus.

G _ _ d _ nd N _ ws
R _ p _ nt th _ b _ l _ _ v _



How many angels?

Angels helped Jesus. How many angels can you find on this page? []



My Lenten promise

Are you doing anything special this Lent? Write, or draw about, your Lenten promise here.

In Lent I promise to...

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. Help me to keep my Lenten promise. Help me to make your kingdom real by sharing your love with the people I meet. Amen.