



# The Shrevenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 3rd March 2024 Third 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  
Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:30am Watchfield, St Thomas  
Holy Communion (BCP) by Extension
- 9:30am Longcot, St Mary & [Facebook](#)  
Holy Communion
- 10:15am Shrevenham, St Andrew  
Family Service
- 11:00am Ashbury, St Mary.  
Morning Prayer
- 5:30pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
Vespers and Benediction

### Tuesday

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

### 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
- 2:00pm Shrevenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)  
ASK Holy Communion
- 6:30pm All PCCs – Section 11 Meeting  
St Andrew's Church, Shrevenham
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
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 Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 2:00pm Shrevenham, St Andrew  
Memorial Service – Ron Johnson RIP  
Bourton, St James. Pinewood Service

### Saturday

- 10:00am Shrevenham Primary School Hall  
Café Inspire
- 11:00am Compton Beauchamp PCC Meeting  
St Andrew's Vicarage

### Mothering Sunday 10th March

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

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

TWO TABLETS

## Loving God and your neighbour



What does it mean to love the Lord our God  
with all our heart, soul, mind and strength?

And what does it mean to love  
our neighbour as ourselves?

**Come and See this Lent.**

[oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see](http://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see)

COME  
AND  
SEE

Life must be about more than mere existence.  
But where is the manual for what it means to live a good  
life? The two great commandments cut to the heart of  
what it means to be human.

'The Way of Love' takes a closer look at what Jesus  
called the two most important commandments: you shall  
love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and  
mind and strength, and you shall love your neighbour as  
yourself. [oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see](http://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see)

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in  
Berrycroft in Ashbury, and Chestnut Gardens and  
Recreation Ground in Shrevenham.

### Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends  
of the late Darren Maskell and Judy Williams.  
Please keep them in your prayers.

### Benefice Vacancy

The Diocese has announced the timetable for finding Norma's replacement. A number of meetings will take place during March with a view to advertising the post at the beginning of April. Any suitable candidates will be interviewed on Thursday 16th May. If we're successful, the post will be filled in Summer or early Autumn.

### Church Electoral Rolls

Church electoral rolls will be revised before the annual parish meetings. Please let your parish Electoral Roll Officer know if your contact details have changed since last year. If you would like to join the electoral roll, please contact your church's PCC Secretary or Churchwarden, or pick up an application form in church.

### Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy Stall

Ashbury Village Hall  
Saturday 9th March  
from 10am – noon

All ages are very welcome to join us for a coffee/tea, cake and chat. Bring along any unwanted gifts or items you would like to donate to our Bring & Buy table.

All proceeds will go towards conserving the stained glass windows in St Mary's Church



### Organ Recital

given by Thomas Neal  
Director of Music at New College School, Oxford  
and former Organist at St Augustine's Abbey, Ramsgate



St Andrew's Church Organ © Maureen Iles

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

A programme exploring English and French organ music from the Renaissance to the present day, including works by Tomkins, Elgar, Howells, Couperin, Vierne, and Franck.

**Tickets £10 (Under 16s free)**

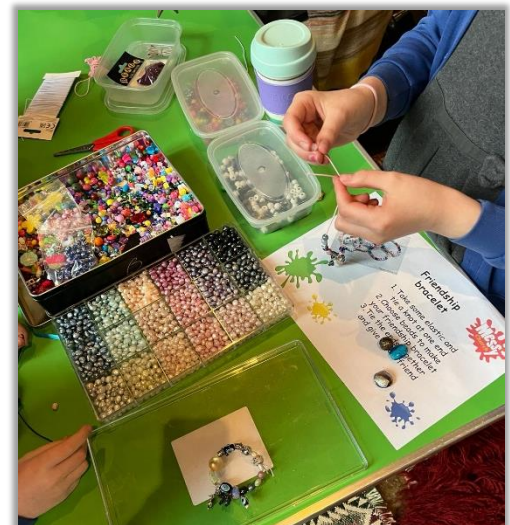
from Shrivenham Post Office  
[restoration-project.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and on the door

Bar, Tea and Coffee, Raffle

**In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project**

### Messy Church

Messy Church met in St. Andrew's on Thursday 29th February. The theme was the ten commandments, linking them to the two greatest commandments that Jesus gave us. We used loo rolls to make models of Moses receiving the commandments, and handprints with the ten commandments stuck on their fingers. We made friendship bracelets to give to our friends – 'love your neighbour as yourself' means be kind and friendly to everyone. We sorted the ten commandments and stuck them inside a heart to show that the greatest commandments cover all the ten commandments and finally we made a model to display in church of the stone tablets that Moses received with the commandments on.



## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was  
crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the  
way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life  
and peace;  
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 Exodus 20:1-17

*A reading from the book of Exodus.*

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

## PSALM Psalm 19

**R** *You, Lord, have the words of eternal life.*

or

**R** *The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart.*

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.  
One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to  
another.

Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,  
Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the  
world. **R**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his  
chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of  
the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R**

The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.  
The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb. **R**

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.  
Who can tell how often he offends?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.  
Above all, keep your servant from  
presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offence. **R**

Let the words of my mouth and the  
meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

The message about the cross is  
foolishness to those who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved it is the  
power of God. For it is written, "I will  
destroy the wisdom of the wise, and  
the discernment of the discerning I will

thwart." Where is the one who is wise?  
Where is the scribe? Where is the debater  
of this age? Has not God made foolish  
the wisdom of the world? For since,  
in the wisdom of God, the world did  
not know God through wisdom, God  
decided, through the foolishness of our  
proclamation, to save those who believe.  
For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire  
wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified,  
a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness  
to Gentiles, but to those who are the  
called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the  
power of God and the wisdom of God.  
For God's foolishness is wiser than human  
wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger  
than human strength.

## GOSPEL John 2:13-22

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." They then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

## POST COMMUNION

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the  
temptations of the world, the flesh and  
the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow  
you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



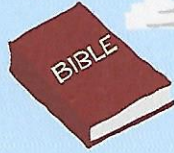
In the **GOSPEL TODAY**

## Standing up for God!

Jesus goes to the Temple, a very special and holy place, to worship God and pray. He is very cross to see it being used as market. Jesus does not want God's house to be turned into a shopping centre.



- In church I sing
- I listen to stories about Jesus
- I say prayers
- Babies and adults are baptised here



Draw lines matching the actions to the pictures.

## My home is a special place

Draw the place where you live in this garden. Then draw the people and things that make your home special.



## In church we find...

**ALTAR, GOD, PEW, CANDLE, BREAD, WINE, BIBLE**

Can you find these words in the word search?

Z	Q	K	C	B	M
A	L	T	A	R	B
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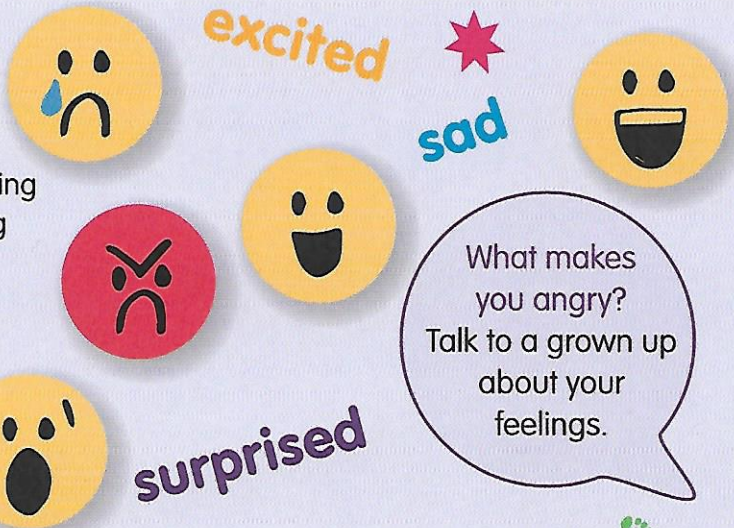
## A PRAYER TO SAY

You were cross, Jesus, when you saw people mistreating God's house. Help me to respect and look after the people and places which I know are special. Amen.

## Feelings

Jesus was angry because the traders were stealing and not respecting God's house.

excited  
sad  
happy  
angry  
surprised



What makes you angry?  
 Talk to a grown up about your feelings.