



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 14th April 2024

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Rev'd Patrick Mabhunu is giving today's online sermon.
Watch on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or our [website](#).

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer
- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group
Back Room, Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group
St Andrew's Vicarage
- 7:00pm Shrivenham, Watchfield & Bourton APCM
St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham

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

Friday

- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 5:30pm Shrivenham, St Andrew
Worship and Praise

Saturday 20th April

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast
The Barrington Arms, Shrivenham

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in
High Street in Ashbury, and Common Close
in Shrivenham.

Wednesday Study Groups

Both groups restart on 17th April and will be looking at
St John's gospel. If you would like to join either group,
please contact Rev'd Fergusson for more information.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 20th April at 8:30am
The Barrington Arms, Shrivenham
For catering purposes, please let David Ahern know
by Wednesday 17th if you plan to attend.
01793 783521 davidmahern@gmail.com

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 21st April

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

Annual Parish Meetings

Shrivenham, W & B Wednesday 17th April 7pm
Ashbury Wednesday 24th April 7pm

Our New Incumbent

The advert for our new Incumbent has been published in
the Church Times and on the Diocese website.

If you would like to look at our Benefice Profile it can be
found on the home page of the Benefice [website](#).

A prayer for this time of transition

Faithful and loving God, we hold our Benefice
before you in this time of transition.

Be with us in our waiting, in our expectation
and in our preparation.

Be with our new incumbent as he or she also waits,
expects and prepares.

Bring us together in love for you and for this Benefice,
and be our light for the way ahead.

In Jesus' name, Amen

A Variety Concert in Celebration of St George's Day

St Andrew's Church Shrivenham
Saturday 20th April at 7:30pm

Songs, SADS sketches, handbells, choir,
Nota Bene (recorder ensemble) and more.

Tickets £10 (Under 16s £5)

On sale at Shrivenham Post Office
restoration-project.eventbrite.com and on the door

Bar and Raffle

In aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project

Shrivenham Bereavement Café

Last Tuesday of each month at 1pm

We have been meeting regularly in Shrivenham for several years now, to provide a space for anyone who has been bereaved. It is a small, informal group and is a safe and confidential place to share our stories if we so wish, and to support each other.

Norma has been a co-host of the cafés and will be very much missed when she retires. We both feel it is very important to continue providing this service, particularly in view of the positive feedback we have from all our participants. I have had offers of help from several people, so we shall continue to hold the cafés as before.

For the moment they will take place at 5 Martens Road, Shrivenham on the dates below.

Tuesday 30th April at 1pm

Tuesday 21st May at 1pm (unable to do the 28th)

Tuesday 25th June at 1pm

Rose-Anne is an experienced bereavement worker. Do feel free to contact her if you have questions or want to know more. All are welcome and there is no charge.

01793 784017 roseanne.o@outlook.com

Car Boot Items Wanted! Can You Help?

We are looking to raise funds towards our running costs at St Swithun's Church, Compton Beauchamp.

Suitable items would be bric-a-brac, crockery, DVDs, books, toys, clothing in good condition etc.

Please note all items are freely given on the understanding that all unsold items will be given to other charities as we do not have the facilities to store.

If you have any items that you are willing to donate, please contact [Louise Slater](mailto:Louise.Slater@stswithuns.org) or [Joanna Lambert](mailto:Joanna.Lambert@stswithuns.org).

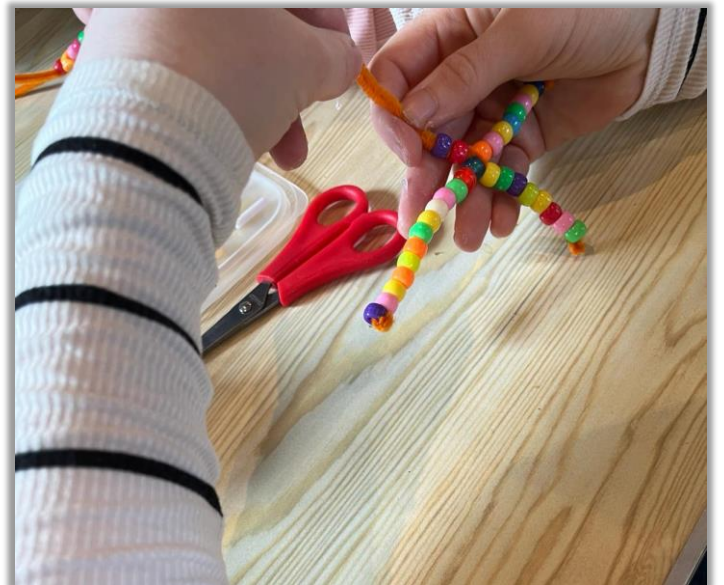
Thank you



Feeding the donkey after the Palm Sunday Procession

Messy Church Easter Garden Drop-In at St Andrew's Church





COLLECT

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened
the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his
presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in
righteousness and truth;
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

*The reading from Acts must be read
as either the First or Second Reading.*

Either **Acts 3:12-19**

*A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles.*

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Or **Zephaniah 3:14-end**

PSALM Psalm 4

R *Lift up the light of your
countenance upon us, O Lord.*

Answer me when I call, O God,
defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-
pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
"You mortals, how long will you
dishonour my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?" **R**

Know that the Lord does wonders for
the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear
me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon
your bed. **R**

Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.
Many are saying,
"O that we might see better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance
upon us, O Lord. **R**

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and
oil increase.
I lie down in peace; at once I fall
asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in
safety. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **1 John 3:1-7**

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given
us, that we should be called children
of God; and that is what we are. The
reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him. Beloved,
we are God's children now; what we
will be has not yet been revealed.
What we do know is this: when he is
revealed, we will be like him, for we
will see him as he is. And all who have
this hope in him purify themselves,
just as he is pure. Everyone who
commits sin is guilty of lawlessness;
sin is lawlessness. You know that he
was revealed to take away sins, and
in him there is no sin. No one who
abides in him sins; no one who sins
has either seen him or known him.
Little children, let no one deceive you.

Everyone who does what is right is
righteous, just as he is righteous.

Or **Acts 3:12-19**

GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

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

While the eleven and their
companions were talking about
what they had heard, Jesus himself
stood among them and said to them,
"Peace be with you." They were
startled and terrified, and thought that
they were seeing a ghost. He said to
them, "Why are you frightened, and
why do doubts arise in your hearts?
Look at my hands and my feet; see
that it is I myself. Touch me and see;
for a ghost does not have flesh and
bones as you see that I have." And
when he had said this, he showed
them his hands and his feet. While
in their joy they were disbelieving
and still wondering, he said to them,
"Have you anything here to eat?"
They gave him a piece of broiled
fish, and he took it and ate in their
presence. Then he said to them,
"These are my words that I spoke to
you while I was still with you – that
everything written about me in the
law of Moses, the prophets, and the
psalms must be fulfilled." Then he
opened their minds to understand
the scriptures, and he said to them,
"Thus it is written, that the Messiah
is to suffer and to rise from the dead
on the third day, and that repentance
and forgiveness of sins is to be
proclaimed in his name to all nations,
beginning from Jerusalem. You are
witnesses of these things."

POST COMMUNION

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his
disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his
redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.



Sunday 14 April 2024
 Luke 24:35-48
 3rd Sunday of Easter

In the **GOSPEL TODAY**

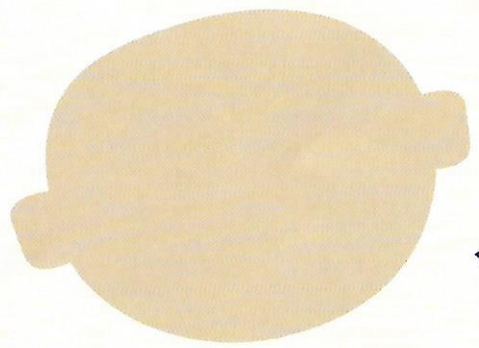
WE BELIEVE!

The disciples are frightened when Jesus appears. Jesus shows them his hands and feet, lets them touch him and eats with them. Now they know that there is nothing to be worried about - it really is Jesus!

I can bring peace

We can bring peace to the world today. *Make this face into you by drawing things like hair, glasses, freckles and a big smile!*
 Circle the things you can do which will spread peace.
 Cross out anything left.

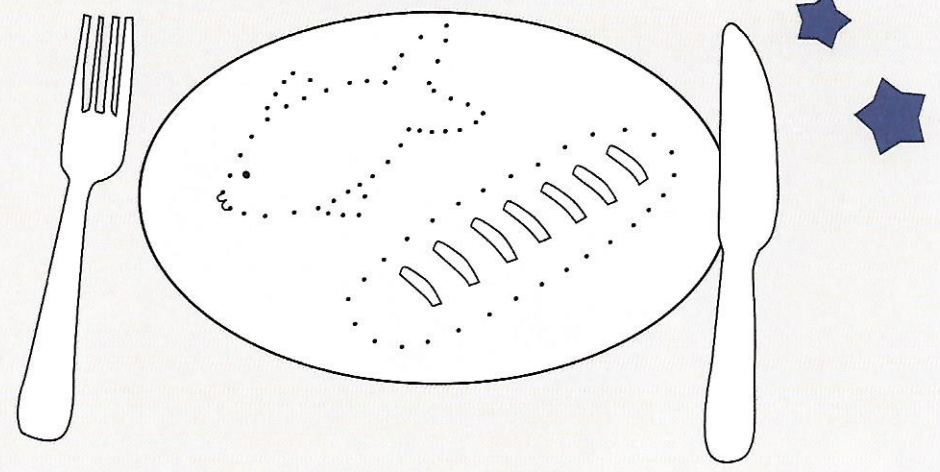
- make friends
- shout back
- say sorry
- snatch toys



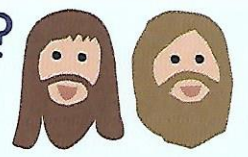
We Believe

Dot to dot

Jesus' friends knew it was really him when he had a meal with them. Find out what Jesus ate by joining up the dots.



How did the disciples feel?



Write down every other letter in the spiral to find the correct answer. When the disciples realised it was Jesus they were full of

A PRAYER TO SAY

I am so happy that you are here with me, Jesus. Help me to be a good witness to you. Help me to show by the way I love other people that you are alive. Amen.

Ways to Witness

Just like Jesus' first friends, we are all witnesses. A witness gives evidence about something they have seen or know about. We can show by what we say and do that Jesus is alive. Find some of the qualities that will make us witnesses for Jesus.

P	E	A	C	E
R	E	J	A	L
A	P	O	R	O
Y	O	Y	E	V
S	H	A	R	E

- LOVE
- SHARE
- HOPE
- PEACE
- JOY
- PRAY
- CARE