



# The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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## Sunday 23rd June 2024 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

### Tuesday

- 9:00am Morning Prayer. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 1:00pm Bereavement Café  
5 Martens Road, Shrivenham

### Wednesday

- 9:15am Song and Stories Toddler Group  
Back Room, Shrivenham Methodist Church
- 10:30am Wednesday Study Group via Zoom
- 7:00pm Wednesday Study Group  
12 Chapelwick Close, Shrivenham

### Thursday

- 8:45am Baby & Toddler Group in St Andrew's
- 9:00am Matins. Live on [Facebook](#)
- 6:00pm Shrivenham, St Andrew  
ASK Evening Prayer
- 6:30pm Benefice Choir Practice in St Andrew's

### Friday

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

### Sunday 30th June

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

### St Andrew's Church Fete Saturday 22nd June

In and around the Church from 2pm to 4pm.  
Tower tours, art exhibition, plant sale, craft & gift stalls,  
refreshments, cakes, raffle and more.



Derelys Campbell has kindly given us this picture for a 100 Square Grid. If you are unable to attend the fete but would like to reserve a square, please ring or text Penny Hockley on 07758 398 397.

**In aid of Church Funds**

### Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Alec Chambers and Rob Boyd.  
Please keep them in your prayers.

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Alec on Tuesday 16th July at 12 noon in St Andrew's.

### Shrivenham Open Gardens

Sunday 14th July from 2pm until 5pm

We're looking for gardens for this annual fundraising event in aid of St Andrew's Restoration Project.

Your garden does not have to be in pristine condition!  
Please contact Julian Stevens on 01793 782065 if you would like your garden to be included.

### Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Wixes Piece in Ashbury, and Friar's Close in Shrivenham.



### **A prayer for this time of transition**

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

Be with us in our waiting, in our expectation and in our preparation as we seek our new Incumbent.

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



### **The Bottle Tombola at Shrivvenham Village Fete**

A number of people have said that they could help with the tombola but are not able to take on managing it all.

Please can those who have shown an interest in helping contact David Watson on 01793 783405  
davelizwatson@tiscali.co.uk.

Many hands make light work, so between us we should be able to ensure that this major

fundraising event for St Andrew's Church still goes ahead. Margaret Hern will be on hand to offer guidance so that everything runs as smoothly as usual.

## **Rainbow Concert**

**in aid of St Mary's Church**

**Saturday 22nd June**

**St Mary's Church**

**7pm - 9pm**

**Featuring**

**The Scratch Choir, The Sing a Bulls, Ashbury Primary School Choir, and The Rose and Crooners!**

**Tickets available from the Rose and Crown, or from Maggie Simons - £2 each**

*'I can sing a rainbow, sing a rainbow, sing a rainbow too...'*

## **Midsummer Breeze**

An evening of wind chamber music in the delightful surroundings of St Andrews

**7.30pm, Friday June 28th  
St Andrew's Church  
Shrivvenham  
SN6 8AQ**

**Interval bar**

**Tickets £10/£5  
restoration-project.eventbrite.com**

**In aid of the St. Andrew's Church restoration fund**



## COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong,  
nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

Either **Job 38:1-11**

*A reading from the book of Job.*

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements – surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? – when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?'"

Or **1 Samuel 17:[1a. 4-11. 19-23] 32-49**

## PSALM Psalm 107:1-3. 23-32

**R** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
and his mercy endures for ever.  
Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands;  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south. **R**

Some went down to the sea in ships  
and plied their trade in deep waters;  
They beheld the works of the Lord  
and his wonders in the deep.  
Then he spoke and a stormy wind  
arose,  
which tossed high the waves of the sea. **R**

They mounted up to the heavens  
and fell back to the depths;  
their hearts melted because of their peril.  
They reeled and staggered like drunkards  
and were at their wits' end.  
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress. **R**

He stilled the storm to a whisper  
and quieted the waves of the sea.  
Then were they glad because of the calm,  
and he brought them  
to the harbour they were bound for. **R**

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy  
and the wonders he does for his children.  
Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people  
and praise him in the council of the elders. **R**

## SECOND READING

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

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

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots,

labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return – I speak as to children – open wide your hearts also.

## GOSPEL Mark 4:35-end

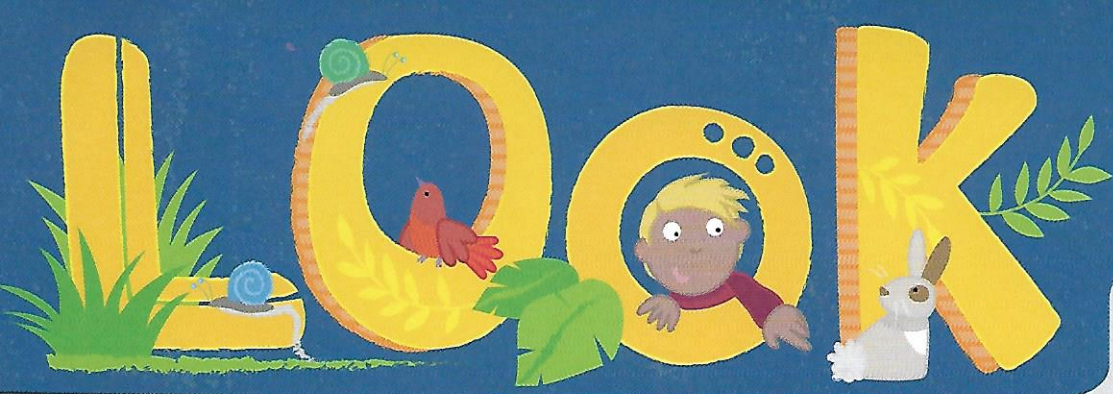
*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.





Sunday 23 June 2024  
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mark 4:35-41

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

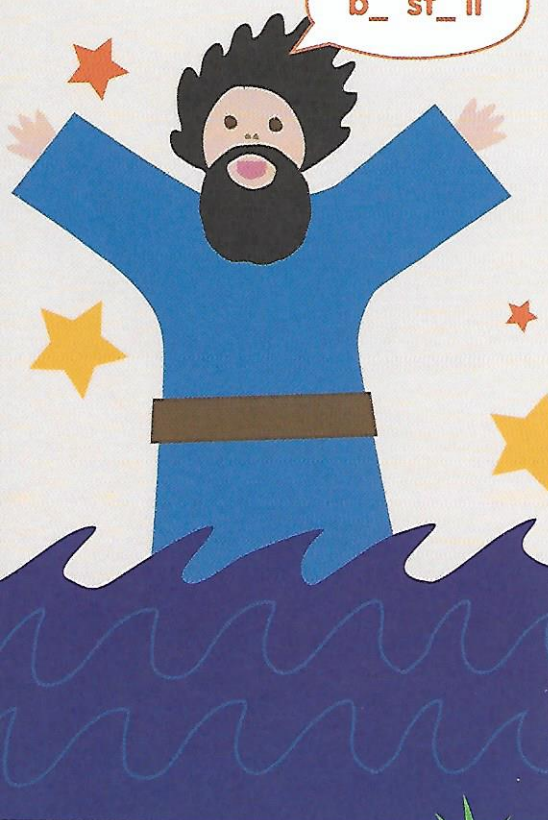
### BE CALM!

## What did Jesus say?

Fill in the missing vowels (a, e, i, o or u) to see what Jesus is saying to the wind and waves.

b\_ c\_ lm

b\_ st\_ ll



Jesus and his friends are caught in a storm on the lake. The disciples are scared they are going to sink. Jesus tells the wind and waves to be calm – and they are! Everyone is safe again and amazed at Jesus' power.

## Stormy weather

Katie is going out in a storm. Draw rings around each of the things she will need. What would the weather be like if she needed the other things?



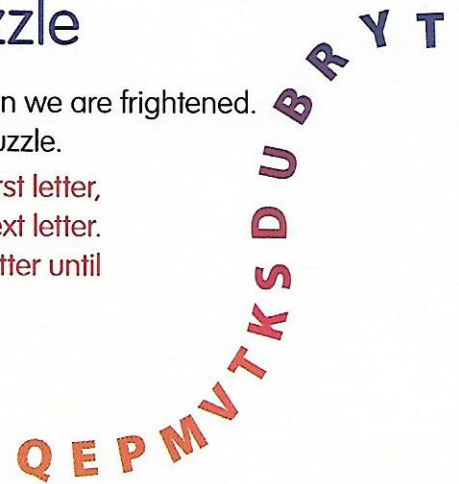
## Message in a puzzle

Jesus can bring us peace, even when we are frightened. Find Jesus' message to you in the puzzle.

Starting at the top, write down the first letter, miss a letter, then write down the next letter. Keep on writing down every other letter until you have 7 letters.

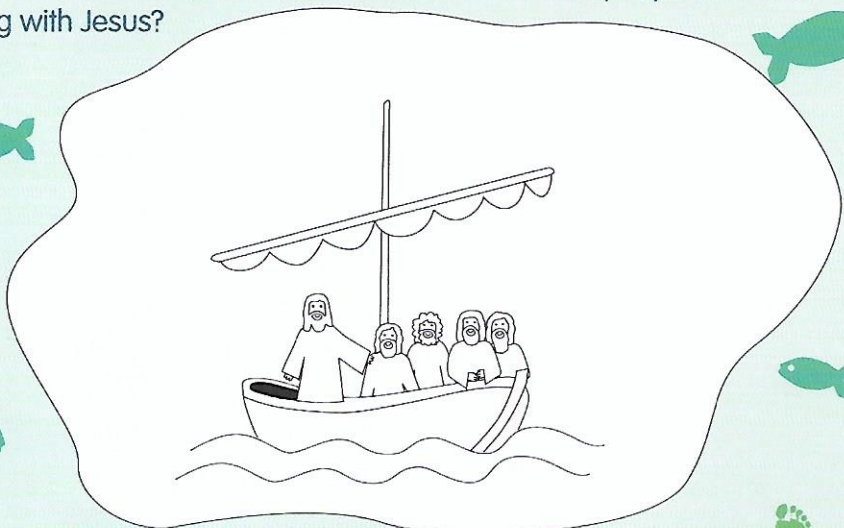
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Which two words have you written?



## Going fishing

Colour in the picture of Jesus in the boat with his disciples, sailing across the sea. Can you draw in three more boats of people who are sailing with Jesus?



## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, please help me to remember that you are always with me, even when I am afraid. Amen.