



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 11th August 2024

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There is no online sermon this week.

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

Midweek Online Services During August

There will be no Tuesday or Thursday online morning services during August.

Wednesday 14th

- 9:00am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Morning Prayer

Community Cycle of Prayer

Please pray this week for all who live and work in Ashdown Estate in Ashbury, and Manor Close and Manor Lane in Shrivenham.

Bourton, St James

Please note that there are no services during August.

More Bottles Please!

The Bottle Tombola at Shrivenham Village Fete at the end of August is one of the major fund-raising events for St Andrew's Church General Fund.

We need about 400 bottles to make this a success but have only received about 50 so far.

David Watson will collect from you if required, otherwise please deliver to the porch at 7 Claypits Lane Shrivenham. No cans or other containers please.

01793 783405 or davelizwatson@tiscali.co.uk

We are also looking for people to help on the day.

Benefice Vacancy Interview Day

Thank you to everyone who came to the service and was involved in any way with the day. The process for appointing a new incumbent takes time and a further announcement will be made as soon as we are able to do so.

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 18th August

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

Welcome

Welcome to Tobias Adrian Steven Noquet who was baptised on Sunday 4th August at St Andrew's Church Shrivenham.

Saturday 7th September from 2 – 4pm Watchfield Village Hall



Cream teas, raffle, cake stall, bring & buy stall.

£5.00 per person (payable on the door)

In aid of St Thomas' Church

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



**OHCT Sponsored "Ride & Stride"
Saturday 14th September**

This annual event raises much needed funds for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and our local churches, most of which have received generous grants from OHCT towards projects including bell restorations and the installation of kitchen and toilet facilities.

Participants are sponsored to walk or cycle around a number of churches and can nominate their own church to receive 50% of all the money they raise.

To find out more about taking part, please contact Tony Crabtree
01793 784064 tony.crabtree@talktalk.net
or your own local coordinator.

Wednesday Study Groups Summer Break

The morning and evening study groups are taking a break and will restart on 11th September.

Songs & Stories and Baby & Toddler Group

The groups that meet on Wednesday and Thursday mornings are taking a break until after the school summer holidays.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of the late Edna Day. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Friday 27th September at 6pm
St Mary's Church, Longcot**

Tom Arnold will be giving a talk on the Titanic and will draw upon the links with both Longcot and Uffington.

More details to follow.

**Saturday September 28th at 7pm
St Mary's Church, Ashbury**

Avebury Vocal Ensemble Autumn Concert

A varied programme with pieces from Gabriel Fauré, Gustav Holst and Thomas Wilbye as well as more modern and seasonal pieces by Wood, Kosma, Brown, and Andersson and Ulvaeus of Abba fame.

Tickets £12, available on the door or online via the Avebury Vocal Ensemble website at www.aveburyvocal.org.

Wine and soft drinks will be available before the concert and during the interval.

**Saturday 12th October at 6pm
St Mary's Church, Longcot**

The Torriano Ensemble Autumn Concert

More details to follow.

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 **1 Kings 19:4-8**

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Or **2 Samuel 18:5-9. 15. 31-33**

PSALM Psalm 34:1-8

R *Turn from evil and do good.*

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice. **R**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror. **R**

Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed. I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles. **R**

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him! **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL John 6:35. 41-51

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



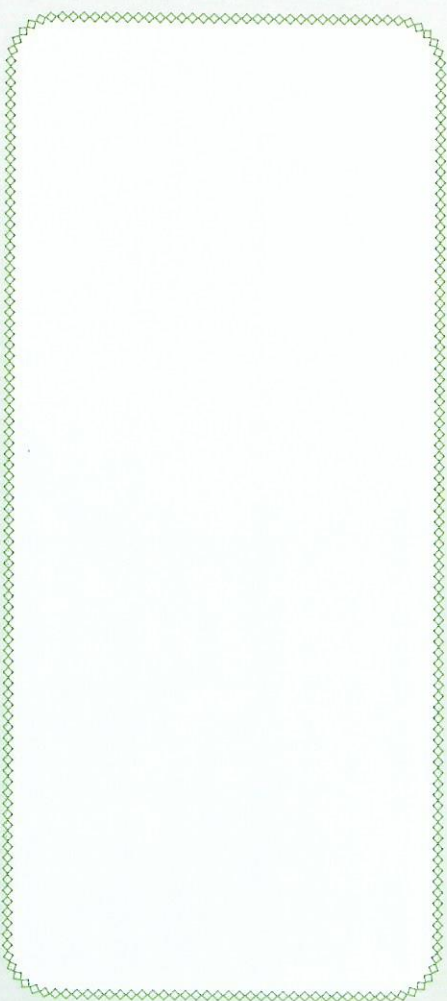
Sunday 11 August 2024
 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 John 6:24-35

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Holy Communion

In church the priest uses a special kind of bread for Holy Communion. It is called a host.

Draw the priest with the host.



Jesus is the living bread, sent from heaven by God the Father. If we follow Jesus, we will have life forever with God!

Word search

LIVING BREAD!

JESUS the **BREAD** of **LIFE** makes us **STRONG, LOVING** and **KIND**.

Can you find the coloured words in the word search?

L	O	V	I	N	G
I	X	G	J	M	Q
F	B	R	E	A	D
E	W	L	S	B	N
P	Y	X	U	T	I
K	R	Y	S	B	K
S	T	R	O	N	G

Match the loaves

Draw a line between the loaves of bread which match.



Make a sandwich

Unmuddle the letters and fill the sandwich with the name of who we should put at the centre of our lives.

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A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for showing me how to live. Help me to be loving and kind, just like you. Amen.