



The Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice

'Mirroring the hospitality of God'

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Sunday 18th August 2024

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There is no online sermon this week.

- 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

Monday 19th

- 11:15am Kingsdown Crematorium
Funeral – Valerie Hawkins RIP

Tuesday 20th

- 10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew
Funeral – Robin Pope RIP

Community Cycle of Prayer

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

Midweek Online Services During August

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

Bourton, St James

Please note that there are no services during August.

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



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

£5.00 per person (payable on the door)

In aid of St Thomas' Church

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 25th August

- 10:30am Shrivenham, St Andrew & [Facebook](#)
Benefice Holy Communion
led by Rev'd Canon Charles Chadwick

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. So far we have only received about 200 so there is still a way to go!

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.

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.

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.

In aid of St Mary's Church and Longcot Village Trust

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.

In aid of St Mary's Church

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

The Torriano Ensemble Autumn Concert

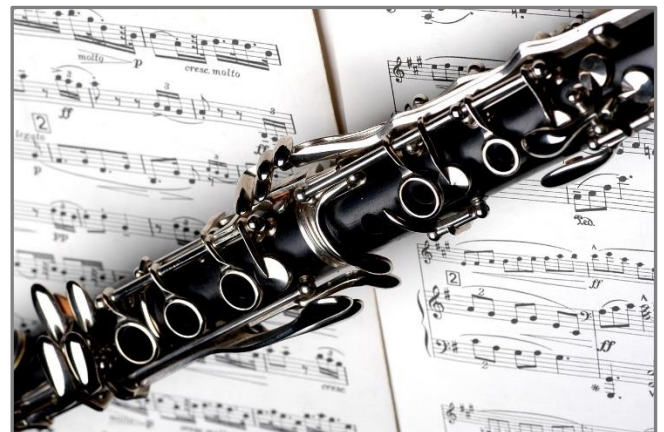


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COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to
hear than we to pray
and to give more than either
we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the
abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of
which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good
things which we are not
worthy to ask
but through the merits and
mediation
of 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 **Proverbs 9:1-6**

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals,
she has mixed her wine, she
has also set her table. She has
sent out her servant-girls, she
calls from the highest places in
the town, "You that are simple,
turn in here!" To those without
sense she says, "Come, eat
of my bread and drink of the
wine I have mixed. Lay aside
immaturity, and live, and walk
in the way of insight."

Or **1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14**

PSALM Psalm 34:9-14

R *The Lord is near to the
brokenhearted.*

or

R *The Lord ransoms the life of
his servants.*

Fear the Lord, you that are his
saints,
for those who fear him lack
nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer
hunger,
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good. **R**
Come, children, and listen to
me;
I will teach you the fear of the
Lord.

Who among you loves life
and desires long life to enjoy
prosperity? **R**

Keep your tongue from
evil-speaking
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters, be
careful then how you live,
not as unwise people but as
wise, making the most of the
time, because the days are
evil. So do not be foolish, but
understand what the will of the
Lord is. Do not get drunk with
wine, for that is debauchery;
but be filled with the Spirit, as
you sing psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs among
yourselves, singing and making
melody to the Lord in your
hearts, giving thanks to God
the Father at all times and for
everything in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

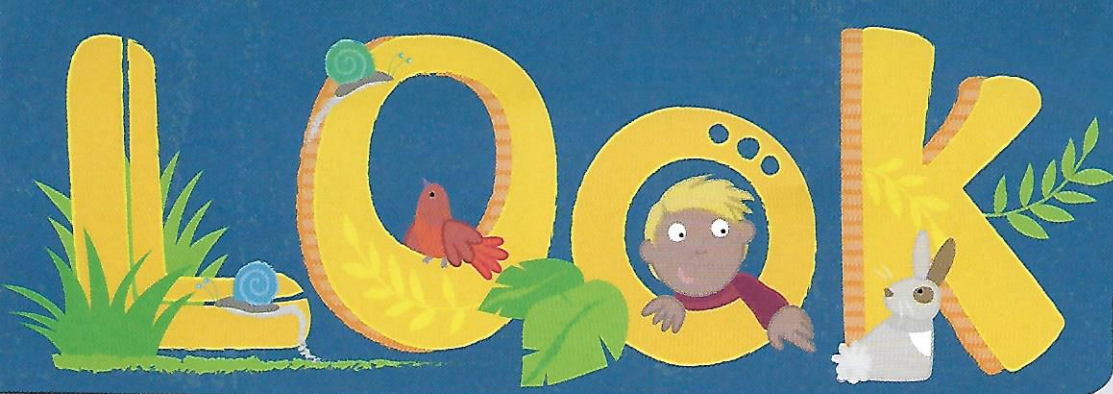
GOSPEL John 6:51-58

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

Jesus said to the crowd: "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." The Jews then
disputed among themselves,
saying, "How can this man give
us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus
said to them, "Very truly, I tell
you, unless you eat the flesh of
the Son of Man and drink his
blood, you have no life in you.
Those who eat my flesh and
drink my blood have eternal
life, and I will raise them up
on the last day; for my flesh
is true food and my blood is
true drink. Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood abide
in me, and I in them. Just as
the living Father sent me, and
I live because of the Father,
so whoever eats me will live
because of me. This is the
bread that came down from
heaven, not like that which
your ancestors ate, and they
died. But the one who eats this
bread will live for ever."

POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set
aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made
whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this
broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our
Lord.



Sunday 18 August 2024
 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 John 6:51-58

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

A recipe for life

To follow Jesus you need to

B _ _ _ _ in Jesus

Be k _ _ _

L _ _ _ other people

S _ _ _ God's love

Share

Love

kind

Believe

Our food is good for our bodies. Jesus shows us how to love others so that our spirits grow strong. Jesus is the living bread who feeds us and helps us grow strong and happy.

Maze

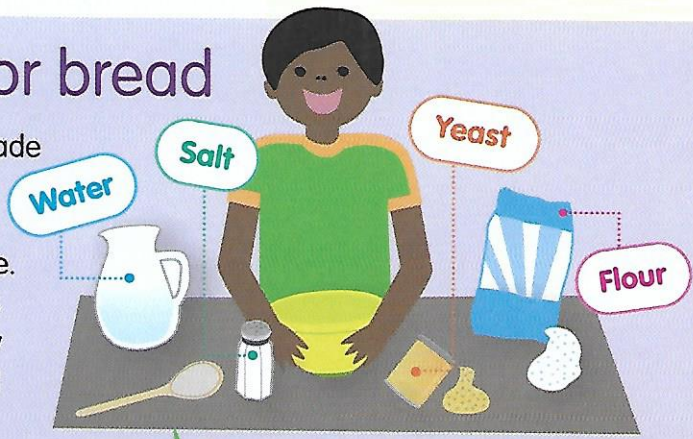
Here are two children who do not know about Jesus. Help them find their way to the Jesus who is waiting to make friends with them.

JESUS MAKES US STRONG!



Recipe for bread

Have you ever made bread? This boy is making bread. He needs a recipe. Look at the things on the table. They will help you to fill in this recipe.



To make bread you need:

500g F _ _ _ _

12g Dried Y _ _ _ _

300ml Warm W _ _ _ _

2tsp S _ _ _

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us the food we need to be strong and healthy and for showing us how to live happily. Amen.

Sandwich Sudoku

Can you complete the grid so that every row, column and mini grid each has one sandwich ingredient?

Answers: Flour, yeast, water, salt. Believe, kind, love, share.